

## Submission on the Coral Sea Marine Park

I have been involved in the on-ground management of the 2 Coral Sea National Nature Reserves (Coringa-Herald and Lihou Reef) from 1990 to 2006.

I am pleased to see the former NNR areas have both been designated as National Park Zones within the protection area to ensure there can be no mining or mineral exploration within this Zone. This will be MOST important for the long-term sustainability of the Islands fish stocks and to allow for re-stocking of adjacent areas that are subject to commercial fishing activities.

As the Islets within the former Reserves are most important as turtle nesting sites, as seabird nesting sites and have some of the last healthy stands of *Pisonia grandis* trees, I would very much recommend that these Islets be made Pink(?) - only allowing access for Scientific and Research Purposes within these National Park Zones.

I would also urge that the Commonwealth take steps to make sure that any commercial fishing activity within the entire Marine Reserve is only allowed when vessels are equipped with the auto satellite location gear, foreign vessels included, to ensure compliance.

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