

Mermaid Reef National Nature Reserve

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New Moorings

Moorings have been installed at Mermaid Reef to reduce the impact of anchoring in Mermaid lagoon. All visitors are required to use moorings and not anchor. The existing anchoring area inside the lagoon should only be used in emergencies. Due to their remote and exposed location, travel to Mermaid and the Rowley Shoals is not advised during the cyclone season (approximately December to March).

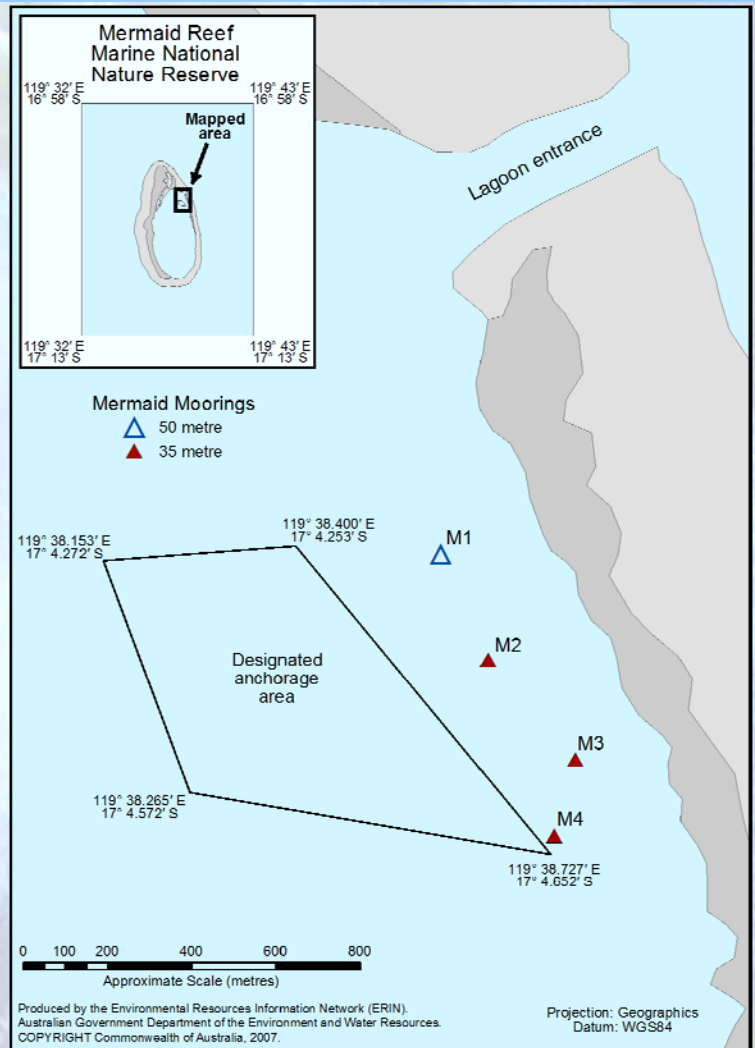
Please note: No vessel should be left anchored or moored at Mermaid unattended.

ALL VISITORS MUST BOOK A MOORING
Contact WA DEC (08 9195 5500)

Guide to Moorings (see adjacent map):

Mooring	Location	Swing Circle
M1	119° 38.587' E, 17° 4.264' S	50m (larger vessels)
M2	119° 38.647' E, 17° 4.400' S	30m
M3	119° 38.759' E, 17° 4.529' S	30m
M4	119° 38.732' E, 17° 4.627' S	30m

Note: All moorings are yellow with a DEWHA tag. Please read the tag on arrival for more information.



Management Plan Update

The management plan for Mermaid Reef expired on 16 May 2007. A draft management plan will be released for public comment in 2008. Until the new plan takes effect, the reserve will be managed in a manner consistent with its strict nature reserve classification, under Approvals issued by the Director of National Parks. For more information on Activity Management see 'Interim Management Arrangements' overleaf or contact the Mermaid Reef Reserve Manager.

For More Information Contact:

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