



**A GUIDE TO THE PROTECTED ZONES DECLARED UNDER THE UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT**

This guide is provided to inform uses of the Australian marine environment of the locations and requirements of individual protected zones declared under the *Underwater Cultural heritage Act 2018* (the Act). Conduct that is prohibited in protected zones is in addition to the general protection for underwater cultural heritage that is provided under the Act, which prohibits conduct that:

- (a) directly or indirectly physically disturbs or otherwise damages the protected underwater cultural heritage, including its surrounding natural environment; or
- (b) causes the removal of the protected underwater cultural heritage from waters or from its archaeological context i.e. moving artefacts from their original locations or positions on a site.

It is an offence under the Act to undertake prohibited conduct unless that conduct is authorised by a permit issued under the Act.

Name and year	Origin	Where located	Declaration criteria	Prohibited conduct that will require a permit	Position	Zone size
<i>Aarhus</i> (1894)	Germany	<u>Queensland</u> Smith Rock off Cape Moreton.	(e)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	26° 59' 42" S 153° 28' 42" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
<i>SS Alert</i> (1893)	Australia	<u>Victoria</u> West of Cape Schanck, Bass Strait.	(b), (c)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels; and (iv) Fishing including trawling, netting, dredging and pot or trap fishing.	38° 29' 13" S 144° 45' 02" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
<i>Catalina A24-24</i> (1943)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> 100 km Northeast of Townsville.	(b), (e), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels; and (iv) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	19° 50' 16" S 148° 19' 01" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
<i>Catalina A24-25</i> (1943)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> 15 km East of Frankland Islands.	(b), (e), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels; and (iv) Release or deposit of objects or materials	17° 12' 54" S 146° 12' 25" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
<i>Cato</i> (1803)	United Kingdom	<u>Coral Sea</u> Porpoise Cay on Wreck Reef.	(a), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	22° 11' 38" S 155° 21' 21" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares

AHS <i>Centaur</i> (1943)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> Northeast of point Lookout.	(a), (b)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities within 200 metres of the sea bed; and (iii) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	27° 16' 58" S 153° 59' 13" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
<i>Clonmel</i> (1841)	Australia	<u>Victoria</u> Clonmel Sands at the entrance to Port Albert.	(b)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	38° 44' 38" S 146° 40' 39" E	50 metre radius 0.79 hectares
SMS <i>Emden</i> (1914)	Germany	<u>Cocos Keeling Islands</u> South side of North Keeling Island.	(a), (c)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	11° 50' 40" S 96° 49' 13" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
<i>SS Federal</i> (1901)	Australia	<u>Victoria</u> Bass Strait off Cape Everard.	(c)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels; and (iv) Fishing including trawling, netting, dredging and pot or trap fishing.	38° 07' 20" S 148° 43' 51" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
<i>SS Florence D</i> (1942)	Philippines	<u>Northern Territory</u> Northwest of Bathurst Island.	(d), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	11° 13' 06" S 130° 05' 27" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
<i>Foam</i> (1893)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> Myrmidon Reef, Great Barrier Reef.	(b), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	18° 16' 12" S 147° 22' 58" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
<i>SS Glenelg</i> (1900)	Australia	<u>Victoria</u> Bass Strait near Lakes Entrance.	(b)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities; (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels; and (iv) Fishing including trawling, netting, dredging and pot or trap fishing.	38°33' 09" S 147°12' 27" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
<i>Gothenburg</i> (1875)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> Old Reef at the entrance to Flinders Channel.	(e)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	19° 21' 59" S 148° 03' 25" E	200 metre radius 12.6 hectares
<i>I-124</i> (Submarine) (1942)	Japan	<u>Northern Territory</u> South of Yinanapi Point, Bathurst Island.	(a), (b), (d)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities; (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels; and (iv) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	12° 07' 12" S 130° 06' 23" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
HSK <i>Kormoran</i> (1941)	Germany	<u>Western Australia</u> 290 km West of Dirk Hartog Island.	(a), (b), (d), (f)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities within 200 metres of the sea bed; and (iii) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	26° 05' 58" S 111° 04' 22" E	3200 metre radius 3217 hectares

USS <i>Lexington</i> (1942)	United States	<u>Coral Sea</u> 1000 km Northeast of Cairns.	(a), (b), (d), (f)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities within 200 metres of the sea bed; and (iii) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	15° 12' 00" S 155° 27' 00" E	2000 metre radius 1257 hectares
<i>Llewellyn</i> (1919)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> 35 km East of Mackay near Bailey Islet.	(e)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	21° 00' 13" S 149° 30' 21" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
<i>M-24</i> (Submarine) (1942)	Japan	<u>New South Wales</u> 6km Northeast of Mona Vale.	(a), (b), (d)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels; and (iv) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	33° 40' 21" S 151° 22' 58" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
<i>SS Macumba</i> (1943)	Australia	<u>Northern Territory</u> 60 km off the Arnhem Land coast.	(b), (d), (f)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	11° 22' 33" S 134° 36' 33" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
HMCS <i>Mermaid</i> (1829)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> 30 km East of Deeral on Flora Reef.	(a)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	17° 12' 04" S 146° 17' 18" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
USS <i>Neosho</i> (1942)	United States	<u>Coral Sea</u> 1000 km Northeast of Cairns.	(a), (b), (d), (f)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities within 200 metres of the sea bed; and (iii) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	15° 35' 00" S 155° 36' 00" E	2000 metre radius 1257 hectares
HMS <i>Pandora</i> (1791)	United Kingdom	<u>Queensland</u> Pandora Entrance, Great Barrier Reef.	(a), (b), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	11° 22' 19" S 143° 59' 16" E	500 metre radius 78.5 hectares
HMS <i>Porpoise</i> (1803)	United Kingdom	<u>Coral Sea</u> Porpoise Cay on Wreck Reef.	(a), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; and (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	22° 11' 38" S 155° 21' 21" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
<i>Sanyo Maru</i> (1937)	Japan	<u>Northern Territory</u> 40 km North of Boucaut Bay.	(b), (f)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	11° 41' 30" S 134° 36' 40" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
USS <i>Simms</i> (1942)	United States	<u>Coral Sea</u> 1000km Northeast of Cairns.	(a), (b), (d), (f)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities within 200 metres of the sea bed; and (iii) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	16° 02' 00" S 157° 57' 00" E	2000 metre radius 1257 hectares
HMAS <i>Sydney II</i> (1941)	Australia	<u>Western Australia</u> 290 km West of Dirk Hartog Island.	(a), (b), (d), (f)	(i) Allowing a vessel to become stationary; (ii) Underwater activities within 200 metres of the sea bed; and (iii) Release or deposit of objects or materials.	26° 14' 39" S 111° 12' 48" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares
<i>SS Yongala</i> (1911)	Australia	<u>Queensland</u> 20km East of	(b), (d), (e)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and	19° 18' 16" S 147° 37' 19" E	800 metre radius 201 hectares

		Russell Island.		(iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.		
Zuytdorp (1712)	Netherlands	<u>Western Australia</u> Off Zuytdorp Reserve, North of Kalbarri.	(a), (b), (f)	(i) Entry of persons or vessels; (ii) Underwater activities; and (iii) Anchoring or mooring vessels.	27° 11' 10" S 113° 56' 11" E	500 metres radius 78.5 hectares

**Criteria for declaring a protected zone under the *Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018***

- (a) The need to protect underwater cultural heritage that is of particular national or international significance, is rare or is subject to an international treaty or agreement;
- (b) The need to limit access to environmentally, socially or archaeologically sensitive underwater cultural heritage;
- (c) The need to protect underwater cultural heritage that is under threat of interference, damage, destruction or removal;
- (d) Any danger posed to the public by the underwater cultural heritage;
- (e) The need to improve management of underwater cultural heritage and its surrounding environment which may be subject to impacts from visitation or development activity;
- (f) The need to ensure effective monitoring of underwater cultural heritage in remote locations;
- (g) Any other matter the Minister considers relevant.

**Conduct that may be specified as prohibited within protected zones (prohibited conduct)**

- (a) Entry of persons or vessels;
- (b) Allowing a vessel to become stationary;
- (c) Fishing including trawling, netting, dredging and pot or trap fishing;
- (d) Underwater activities;
- (e) Underwater activities other than line fishing, spear fishing, pot or trap fishing and hand collection of seafood;
- (f) Underwater activities within [specify distance] metres of the sea bed;
- (g) Anchoring or mooring vessels;
- (h) Release or deposit of objects or materials.