# **Solitary Islands Marine Park &** Solitary Islands Marine Reserve (Commonwealth Waters) **Zoning Summary**

# Summary of activities permitted in the **Solitary Islands Marine Park**

(For full details of activities permitted in zones and zone boundary locations please refer to the Marine Parks Regulation 1999)

Activity	Sanctuary	Habitat Protection	General Use
Recreational Fishing*			
Line fishing	×	<b>√</b> (a)	1
Trapping	×	1	1
Spearfishing	×	<b>√</b> (b)	1
Netting	×	<b>√</b> (c)	1
Boating & Watercraft			
Recreational boating	✓	1	1
Personal watercraft	<b>√</b> (d)	<b>√</b> (d)	1
Scuba Diving & Snorkeling			
Recreational	✓	1	1
Collecting			
Scientific/educational	Р	Р	Р
Recreational: bait, shellfish etc*	×	<b>√</b> (e)	1
For private aquariums*	×	Р	Р
For commercial aquariums	×	X	×
Competitions			
Line fishing/Spearfishing	×	Р	Р
Surfing/Sailing	Р	Р	Р
Miscellaneous			
Anchoring	×	1	1
Aquaculture*	×	X	1
Organised research (other than for personal interest)	Р	Р	Р
Commercial tourist activities	Р	Р	Р
Commercial Fishing*			
Prawn trawling	X	X	1
Beach hauling	×	<b>X</b> (f)	1
Purse seine netting	×	X	×
Setline/dropline	×	X	×
Longlining (surface & demersal)	×	X	×
Estuary mesh netting	×	X	×
Line fishing	×	<b>√</b> (a)	1
Hand gathering (pipis & beachworms)	×	1	1
Spanner crab netting	×	1	1
Crab trapping	×	<b>√</b> (g)	1
Lobster trapping	×	1	1
Fish trapping (maximum of 10 traps)	×	<b>√</b> (g)	✓
Lift netting for bait	×	1	1

### **Plover Island** 29<sup>°</sup> 40.295′ S Sandon River Special Purpose Zone **Candole Creek** This zone is for the SANDON management of oyster aquaculture 29<sup>°</sup> 41.631′ S 20.470 22.156 Sandon River Sanctuary Zone Sandon River 29<sup>°</sup> 42.925′ S 29° 42.925′ S This sanctuary zone incoporates 3 sections of the river system 153° 22.603' E including: - the whole of the tidal waters of Toumbaal Creek, including all its 29° 43.601′ S creeks, bays and tributaries upstream from the main channel of the 153° 21.851' E Sandon River; - the tidal waters of the Sandon River arm, including all its creeks, bays and tributaries upstream from the junction of Candole Creek and the Sandon River arm; and - the tidal waters incorporating the mud and sand flats around the Yuraygir National Park 29° 44.781′ S islands known as Murray's and Cooper's Islands. 153° 21.179' E 29° 45.657' S 29<sup>°</sup> 45.657′ S 153° 21.589' E **MINNIE WATER** Wooli Wooli River Sanctuary Zone 29<sup>°</sup> 47.153′ S 29° 47.153′ S The sanctuary zone includes the 153° 21.602' E tidal waters of the northern arm of the Wooli Wooli River and central basin, upstream of the "forks", including all its creeks, bays and tributaries. 29° 48.383′ S 29<sup>°</sup> 48.383′ S 153° 21.109' E **DIGGERS CAMP** 29<sup>°</sup> 48.929′ S **Prohibition on Commercial and Recreational Crab Trapping** Crab trapping is not permitted in the tidal waters of the upper reaches of the **The Forks** Wooli Wooli River from a point at 1 km down stream of the "forks". **Jones Point and Jones Beach Sanctuary Zone** WOOLI Wooli Wooli River Special **Purpose Zone** 29<sup>°</sup> 53.305′ S **Jones Point**

**Toumbaal Creek** 

## Pimpernel Rock (submerged)

29° 41.873' S, 153° 23.865' E

The Pimpernel Rock sanctuary zone extends in radius of 500 meters around the centre of the rock. It provides full protection for the pinnacle reef habitat and its associated marine species, including the critically endangered grey nurse shark. No fishing is allowed within the zone. Vessels can transit through the sanctuary zone but only those undertaking authorised activities are allowed to stop within the zone. Activities that require authorisations include scuba diving and scientific research and monitoring.

#### Northern Section Sanctuary Zones

The northern section of the sanctuary zones incorporates an offshore area, beginning approximately two kilometres east of Rocky Point, then due north for approximately 5 kilometres. The northern boundary extends from approximately 1 kilometre seaward of Sandon Beach, due east to the marine park boundary. The eastern boundary follows the marine park boundary at approximately 5.5 kilometres offshore. The southern boundary is in line with Rocky Point and extends to the marine park boundary.

The southern section of the sanctuary zone incorporates an area from the mean high water mark including Minnie Water Back Beach (area adjacent to Yuraygir National Park), then seaward to the outer boundary of the marine park.

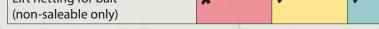
The sanctuary zone extends from the mean high water mark to 200 metres offshore,

from the southern break wall of the Wooli Wooli River and includes Jones Beach, south to the southern side of Jones Point.

#### North West Rock and North Solitary Island Sanctuary Zones

The North West Rock sanctuary zone extends from the mean high water mark to 100 metres around North West Rock.

The North Solitary Island sanctuary zone extends from the mean high water mark at the eastern side of Anemone Bay, to 50 metres north and then due west, including the western side of the island to approximately 200 metres offshore. The southern boundary extends from the most westerly point of the island, due west for 200 metres.



(a) Wire traces for bottom fishing are prohibited within 500 metres of North and South Solitary Islands (grey nurse shark key habitat areas). Wire traces are permitted for trolling purposes, but only whilst a vessel is underway.

(b) Not permitted in estuaries.

- (c) Recreational nets permitted for the taking of prawns and crabs in the habitat protection zone are the scoop, landing, scissor (push) or hoop (lift) nets.
- (d) Not permitted in estuaries, except when transiting the lower reaches of the Sandon, Corindi and Wooli Rivers at slow speeds from the lowest boat ramp, to exit the river.
- (e) No collecting at Diggers Camp rock platform or Moonee Beach.
- (f) Beach hauling is permitted in designated areas on the following beaches within daylight hours and weekdays only: Park Beach, Sandy Beach, Woolgoolga Front Beach, Arrawarra Beach and Station Creek Beach (southern end).
- (g) Prohibitions apply to specific areas (see map).
- \* Requires fishing licence/permit.
- P Permit required from Marine Parks Authority.
- Note: All other relevant legislation continues to apply in addition to the Solitary Islands Marine Park zoning plan.

# Summary of activities permitted in the Solitary Islands Marine Reserve (Commonwealth waters)

Activity	Sanctuary	Habitat Protection	General Use	
Commercial Activites				
Demersal trawling <sup>1</sup>	X	X	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Purse seining <sup>1</sup>	×	×	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Handlining, droplining, demersal setlining, lobster and fish trapping, and spanner crab netting <sup>1</sup>	×	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Charter fishing <sup>1,2</sup>	×	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Nature watching <sup>2</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Scuba diving <sup>2</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Collecting	×	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Recreational Activities				
Fishing (including spear fishing)	×	1	1	
Scuba diving	🖌 Permit	1	1	
Boating	✓Transiting only	1	1	
Collecting	X	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	
Scientific research and monitoring	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	✓ Approval <sup>3</sup>	

Notes:

- As a minimum requirement, management of all fishing activities authorised in the Reserve will be consistent with the legal lengths, catch limits, permitted gear, and other regulations that apply to marine recreational and commercial fishing under the NSW Fisheries Management Regulations 1995.
- Authorisations to be consistent with NSW Marine Parks Authority policy on commercial tourist activity permits.
- Approval to carry out the activity indicated approval is required. For further information contact the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities as detailed on the back page of this user guide.

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# Station Creek Sanctuary Zone

The sanctuary zone incorporates all waters in Station Creek, including all its creeks, bays and tributaries upstream of the zone markers. The zone markers are located approximately 300m upstream of the landing at the Station Creek Rest Area.

**CORINDI BEACH** 

153° 12.683' F

30<sup>°</sup> 09.496′ S

153<sup>°</sup> 13.210′ E

**Bare Bluff** 

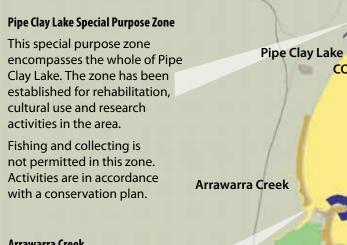
30<sup>°</sup> 09.304′ S

153<sup>°</sup> 13.556′ E

30<sup>°</sup> 09.641′ S

## **Corindi River Sanctuary Zones**

- The downstream sanctuary zone is defined by a line of sight generally from the southern most trees on Station Creek Beach to the southern most tip of the large island located opposite the boat ramp.
- It then follows a line of sight from the northern tip of the large island to the eastern most point of the small island situated to the north.
- It then extends from the western tip of the small island in a generally western direction until it meets the mainland. The northern boundary of the sanctuary zone is formed by the northern bank of the Corindi River. The sanctuary zone includes all the creeks, bays and inlets incorporated within these boundaries.
- The upstream sanctuary zone includes the tidal waters and lands of Saltwater Creek and Mullet Creek including all the creeks, bays and tributaries from the mean high water mark, upstream of the main channel of the Corindi River.



Arrawarra Creek Crab trapping is not allowed in the Arrawarra Creek system.





SANDY BEACH

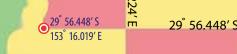
**Hearnes Lake** 

29<sup>°</sup> 54.523′S **Barcoongere Rocks** 

29° 58.385' S

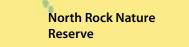
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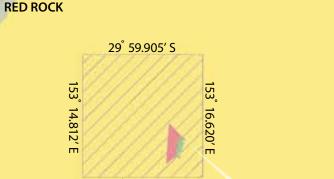
Shingle Break













30<sup>°</sup> 01.491′ S



The sanctuary zone extends from the mean high water mark to 200 metres around the northern, eastern and southern parts of the Point.

#### South West Solitary Island Sanctuary Zone

The sanctuary zone extends from the mean high water mark to 500 metres

North West Solitary Island Sanctuary Zone

the mean high water mark to include

approximately 200 metres, between a

line of sight to Red Rock Headland (in a

north westerly direction) and Arrawarra

The sanctuary zone extends from

the western side of the island to

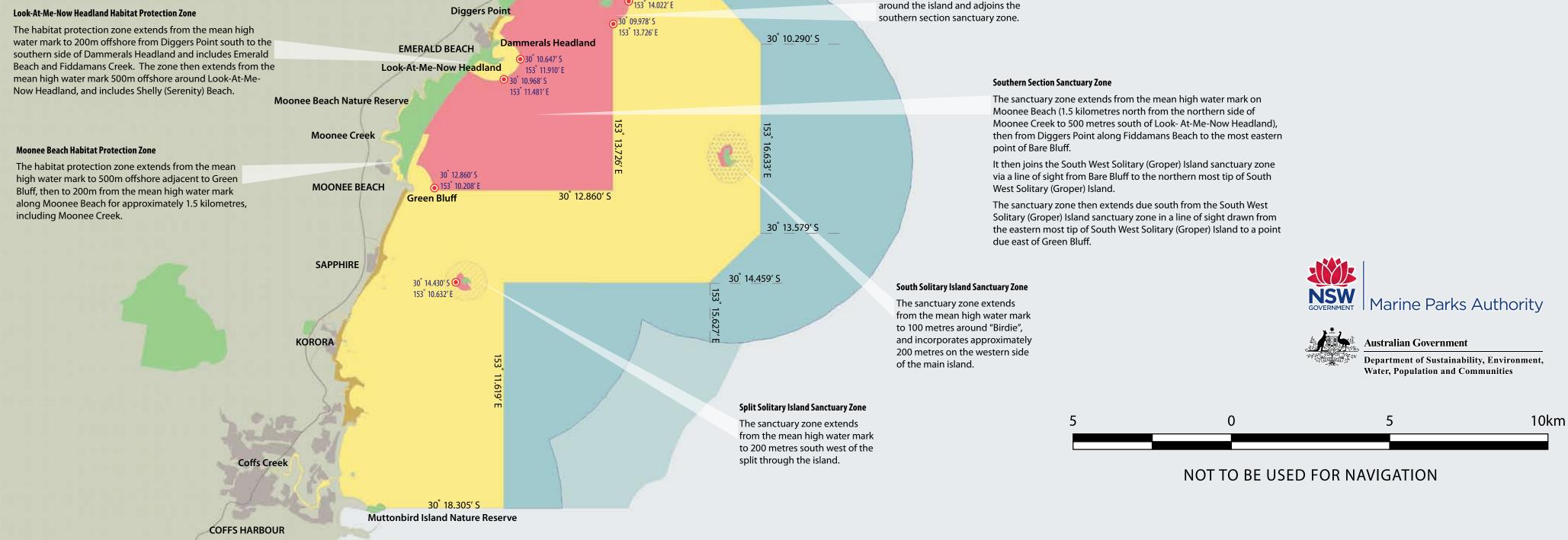
## **Central Section Sanctuary Zone**

The central section sanctuary zone consists of two boxes. The northern box of the sanctuary zone commences approximately 1.5 kilometres south of Jones Point, south to a point in line with the northern end of Pebbly Beach and incorporates an area of inshore reef known as Bargoongeree Rocks to approximately 2 kilometres offshore. It excludes approximately 1 kilometre of rocky foreshore north of Pebbly Beach out to 500 metres.

The south eastern box of the central section sanctuary zone extends east from a point approximately 2 kilometres offshore from the northern end of Pebbly Beach, south to a point in line with North Rock, then seaward to approximately 5 kilometres offshore.



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30<sup>°</sup> 09.372′ S

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