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# **EPBC Act Protected Matters Report**

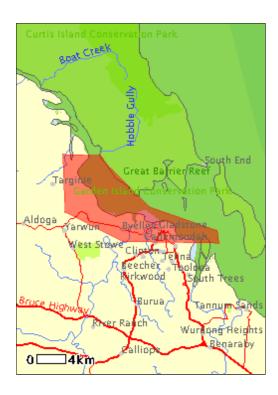
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This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Information on the coverage of this report and qualifications on data supporting this report are contained in the <u>caveat</u> at the end of the report.

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The Australian Natural Resources Atlas at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/atlas">http://www.environment.gov.au/atlas</a> may provide further environmental information relevant to your selected area. Information about the EPBC Act including significance guidelines, forms and application process details can be found at

http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/index.html



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**Acknowledgments** 

# **Summary**

#### **Matters of National Environmental Significance**

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the Administrative Guidelines on Significance - see <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/guidelines/index.html">http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/assessmentsapprovals/guidelines/index.html</a>.

World Heritage Properties: 1
National Heritage Places: 1

Wetlands of International Significance: None

(Ramsar Sites)

**Commonwealth Marine Areas:** None

Threatened Ecological Communities: 3
Threatened Species: 28
Migratory Species: 33

# Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place and the heritage values of a place on the Register of the National Estate. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html">http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html</a>.

Please note that the current dataset on Commonwealth land is not complete. Further information on Commonwealth land would need to be obtained from relevant sources including Commonwealth agencies, local agencies, and land tenure maps.

A permit may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species. Information on EPBC Act permit requirements and application forms can be found at <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/index.html">http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/index.html</a>.

**Commonwealth Lands:** 1

**Commonwealth Heritage Places:** None

Places on the RNE:

**<u>Listed Marine Species:</u>** 72

Whales and Other Cetaceans: 11

Critical Habitats: None

Commonwealth Reserves: None

#### **Extra Information**

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have nominated.

**State and Territory Reserves:** 3

**Other Commonwealth Reserves:** None

**Regional Forest Agreements:** 1

#### **Details**

### **Matters of National Environmental Significance**

World Heritage Properties [ Dataset Information ]

**Great Barrier Reef QLD** 

National Heritage Places [ <u>Dataset Information</u> ]

**Great Barrier Reef QLD** 

Threatened Ecological Communities
[ Dataset Information ] Status Type of Presence

Littoral Rainforest and Coastal Vine Critically Community likely to occur

Thickets of Eastern Australia Endangered within area

Semi-evergreen vine thickets of the Endangered Community likely to occur

Brigalow Belt (North and South) and within area Nandewar Bioregions

Weeping Myall Woodlands Endangered Community may occur within

area

Threatened Species [ Dataset

<u>Information</u> ]	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Geophaps scripta scripta Squatter Pigeon (southern)	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Pterodroma neglecta neglecta Kermadec Petrel (western)	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Turnix melanogaster Black-breasted Button-quail	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Mammals		
<u>Chalinolobus dwyeri</u> Large-eared Pied Bat, Large Pied Bat	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dasyurus hallucatus Northern Quoll	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Xeromys myoides Water Mouse, False Water Rat	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Reptiles		
<u>Caretta caretta</u> Loggerhead Turtle	Endangered	Breeding known to occur within area
<u>Chelonia mydas</u> Green Turtle	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leathery Turtle, Leatherback Turtle	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Egernia rugosa Yakka Skink	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Pacific Ridley, Olive Ridley	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle	Vulnerable	Breeding known to occur within area
Paradelma orientalis	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat

Brigalow Scaly-foot		likely to occur within area
Sharks		
Pristis zijsron Green Sawfish, Dindagubba, Narrowsnout Sawfish	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Plants		
Atalaya collina	Endangered	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Bosistoa selwynii</u> Heart-leaved Bosistoa	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Bosistoa transversa Three-leaved Bosistoa	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Bulbophyllum globuliforme</u> Miniature Moss-orchid	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Cupaniopsis shirleyana</u> Wedge-leaf Tuckeroo	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<u>Parsonsia larcomensis</u>	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
<i>Quassia bidwillii</i> Quassia	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Taeniophyllum muelleri Minute Orchid, Ribbon-root Orchid	Vulnerable	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Species [ <u>Dataset</u> <u>Information</u> ]	Status	Type of Presence
<b>Migratory Terrestrial Species</b>		
Birds		
<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i> White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch	Migratory	Breeding may occur within area
Monarcha trivirgatus	Migratory	Breeding likely to occur within

Spectacled Monarch		area
Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail	Migratory	Breeding may occur within area
<b>Migratory Wetland Species</b>		
Birds		
Ardea alba Great Egret, White Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Nettapus coromandelianus albipennis Australian Cotton Pygmy-goose	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Numenius minutus Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis s. lat. Painted Snipe	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Migratory Marine Birds		
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ardea alba Great Egret, White Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sterna albifrons Little Tern	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<b>Migratory Marine Species</b>		
Mammals		
Balaenoptera edeni		
Bryde's Whale	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Bryde's Whale <u>Dugong dugon</u> Dugong	Migratory Migratory	
<u>Dugong dugon</u>		occur within area Species or species habitat

Orcaella brevirostris Irrawaddy Dolphin	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sousa chinensis Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
<u>Caretta caretta</u> Loggerhead Turtle	Migratory	Breeding known to occur within area
<u>Chelonia mydas</u> Green Turtle	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Crocodylus porosus</u> Estuarine Crocodile, Salt-water Crocodile	Migratory	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leathery Turtle, Leatherback Turtle	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata Hawksbill Turtle	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lepidochelys olivacea Pacific Ridley, Olive Ridley	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle	Migratory	Breeding known to occur within area
Sharks		
Rhincodon typus Whale Shark	Migratory	Species or species habitat may occur within area

# Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species [ <u>Dataset</u> <u>Information</u> ]	Status	Type of Presence
Birds		
Anseranas semipalmata Magpie Goose	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Ardea alba	Listed -	Species or species habitat may

Great Egret, White Egret	overfly marine area	occur within area
Ardea ibis Cattle Egret	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Gallinago hardwickii Latham's Snipe, Japanese Snipe	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Haliaeetus leucogaster White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Hirundapus caudacutus White-throated Needletail	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Macronectes giganteus Southern Giant-Petrel	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Monarcha melanopsis Black-faced Monarch	Listed - overfly marine area	Breeding may occur within area
Monarcha trivirgatus Spectacled Monarch	Listed - overfly marine area	Breeding likely to occur within area
Myiagra cyanoleuca Satin Flycatcher	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Nettapus coromandelianus albipennis Australian Cotton Pygmy-goose	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Numenius minutus Little Curlew, Little Whimbrel	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Rhipidura rufifrons Rufous Fantail	Listed - overfly marine area	Breeding may occur within area
Rostratula benghalensis s. lat. Painted Snipe	Listed - overfly marine area	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sterna albifrons Little Tern	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Mammals		
Dugong dugon Dugong	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Ray-finned fishes		
Acentronura tentaculata Hairy Pygmy Pipehorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Campichthys tryoni</u> Tryon's Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Choeroichthys brachysoma</u> Pacific Short-bodied Pipefish, Short-bodied Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Corythoichthys amplexus</u> Fijian Banded Pipefish, Brown-banded Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Corythoichthys flavofasciatus</u> Yellow-banded Pipefish, Network Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys haematopterus Reef-top Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Corythoichthys intestinalis</u> Australian Messmate Pipefish, Banded Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys ocellatus Orange-spotted Pipefish, Ocellated Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Corythoichthys paxtoni Paxton's Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area

Corythoichthys schultzi Schultz's Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Doryrhamphus excisus Indian Blue-stripe Pipefish, Blue-stripe Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Festucalex cinctus Girdled Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Filicampus tigris Tiger Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus dunckeri Red-hair Pipefish, Duncker's Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus grayi Mud Pipefish, Gray's Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus nitidus Glittering Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Halicampus spinirostris Spiny-snout Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys cyanospilos Blue-speckled Pipefish, Blue-spotted Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Hippichthys heptagonus</u> Madura Pipefish, Reticulated Freshwater Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippichthys penicillus Beady Pipefish, Steep-nosed Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus bargibanti Pygmy Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus kuda Spotted Seahorse, Yellow Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus planifrons Flat-face Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Hippocampus zebra Zebra Seahorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Lissocampus runa Javelin Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Micrognathus andersonii Anderson's Pipefish, Shortnose Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Micrognathus brevirostris Thorn-tailed Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Nannocampus pictus	Listed	Species or species habitat may

Painted Pipefish, Reef Pipefish		occur within area
Solegnathus hardwickii Pipehorse	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solenostomus cyanopterus Blue-finned Ghost Pipefish, Robust Ghost Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Solenostomus paradoxus Harlequin Ghost Pipefish, Ornate Ghost Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Syngnathoides biaculeatus Double-ended Pipehorse, Alligator Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Trachyrhamphus bicoarctatus Bend Stick Pipefish, Short-tailed Pipefish	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Reptiles		
Acalyptophis peronii Horned Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus duboisii Dubois' Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus eydouxii Spine-tailed Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Aipysurus laevis Olive Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Astrotia stokesii Stokes' Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Caretta caretta Loggerhead Turtle	Listed	Breeding known to occur within area
<u>Chelonia mydas</u> Green Turtle	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Crocodylus porosus</u> Estuarine Crocodile, Salt-water Crocodile	Listed	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Dermochelys coriacea Leathery Turtle, Leatherback Turtle	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Disteira kingii Spectacled Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Disteira major Olive-headed Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Emydocephalus annulatus Turtle-headed Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Eretmochelys imbricata	Listed	Species or species habitat may

Hawksbill Turtle		occur within area
Hydrophis elegans Elegant Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<i>Lapemis hardwickii</i> Spine-bellied Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Laticauda colubrina a sea krait	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Laticauda laticaudata</u> a sea krait	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Lepidochelys olivacea</u> Pacific Ridley, Olive Ridley	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Natator depressus Flatback Turtle	Listed	Breeding known to occur within area
<u>Pelamis platurus</u> Yellow-bellied Seasnake	Listed	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Whales and Other Cetaceans [ <u>Dataset</u> <u>Information</u> ]	Status	Type of Presence
Balaenoptera acutorostrata Minke Whale	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Balaenoptera edeni Bryde's Whale	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Delphinus delphis</u> Common Dolphin	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<u>Grampus griseus</u> Risso's Dolphin, Grampus	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Megaptera novaeangliae Humpback Whale	Cetacean	Breeding known to occur within area
Orcaella brevirostris Irrawaddy Dolphin	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Orcinus orca Killer Whale, Orca	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Sousa chinensis Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphin	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Stenella attenuata Spotted Dolphin, Pantropical Spotted Dolphin	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may occur within area
Tursiops aduncus Indian Ocean Bottlenose Dolphin, Spotted Bottlenose Dolphin	Cetacean	Species or species habitat likely to occur within area
Tursiops truncatus s. str.	Cetacean	Species or species habitat may

Bottlenose Dolphin

occur within area

Commonwealth Lands [ Dataset Information ]

Defence

Places on the RNE [ Dataset Information ]

Note that not all Indigenous sites may be listed.

#### **Natural**

Balaclava Island and The Narrows QLD

Curtis Island (part) QLD

Garden Island Environmental Park QLD

**Great Barrier Reef Region QLD** 

#### **Extra Information**

State and Territory Reserves [ Dataset Information ]

Garden Island Conservation Park, QLD

Mackay/Capricorn Marine Park, QLD

Rodds Bay Dugong Protection Area, QLD

Regional Forest Agreements [ Dataset Information ]

Note that all RFA areas including those still under consideration have been included.

South East Queensland RFA, Queensland

#### Caveat

The information presented in this report has been provided by a range of data sources as <u>acknowledged</u> at the end of the report.

This report is designed to assist in identifying the locations of places which may be relevant in determining obligations under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. It holds mapped locations of World Heritage and Register of National Estate properties, Wetlands of International Importance, Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves, listed threatened, migratory and marine species and listed threatened ecological communities. Mapping of Commonwealth land is not complete at this stage. Maps have been collated from a range of sources at various resolutions.

Not all species listed under the EPBC Act have been mapped (see below) and therefore a report is a general guide only. Where available data supports mapping, the type of presence that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. People using this information in making a referral may need to consider the qualifications below and may need to seek and consider other information sources.

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are derived from recovery plans, State vegetation maps, remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

For species where the distributions are well known, maps are digitised from sources such as recovery plans and detailed habitat studies. Where appropriate, core breeding, foraging and roosting areas are indicated under "type of presence". For species whose distributions are less well known, point locations are collated from government wildlife authorities, museums, and non-government organisations; bioclimatic distribution models are generated and these validated by experts. In some cases, the distribution maps are based solely on expert knowledge.

Only selected species covered by the <u>migratory</u> and <u>marine</u> provisions of the Act have been mapped.

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in reports produced from this database:

- threatened species listed as <u>extinct or considered as vagrants</u>
- some species and ecological communities that have only recently been listed
- some terrestrial species that overfly the Commonwealth marine area
- migratory species that are very <u>widespread</u>, <u>vagrant</u>, <u>or only occur in small</u> numbers.

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- non-threatened seabirds which have only been mapped for recorded breeding sites;
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent.

Such breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

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- Environmental Protection Agency, Queensland
- Birds Australia
- Australian Bird and Bat Banding Scheme
- Australian National Wildlife Collection
- Natural history museums of Australia
- Queensland Herbarium
- National Herbarium of NSW
- Royal Botanic Gardens and National Herbarium of Victoria
- Tasmanian Herbarium
- State Herbarium of South Australia
- Northern Territory Herbarium
- Western Australian Herbarium
- Australian National Herbarium, Atherton and Canberra
- University of New England
- Other groups and individuals

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