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Navigating to protect world heritage – the Great Barrier Reef experience

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Tourism presenting the Reef's outstanding values

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Tourism – one of many uses



- Offers a range of nature-based experiences
- About 1.9 million visits a year to eight per cent of the Reef
- Contributes about \$5.2 billion to national economy
- Employs about 64,000 full time positions.

The Reef - it's worth protecting

Outstanding example of earth's evolutionary history...



Outstanding example of on-going ecological/ biological processes...



Exceptional natural beauty and aesthetics...



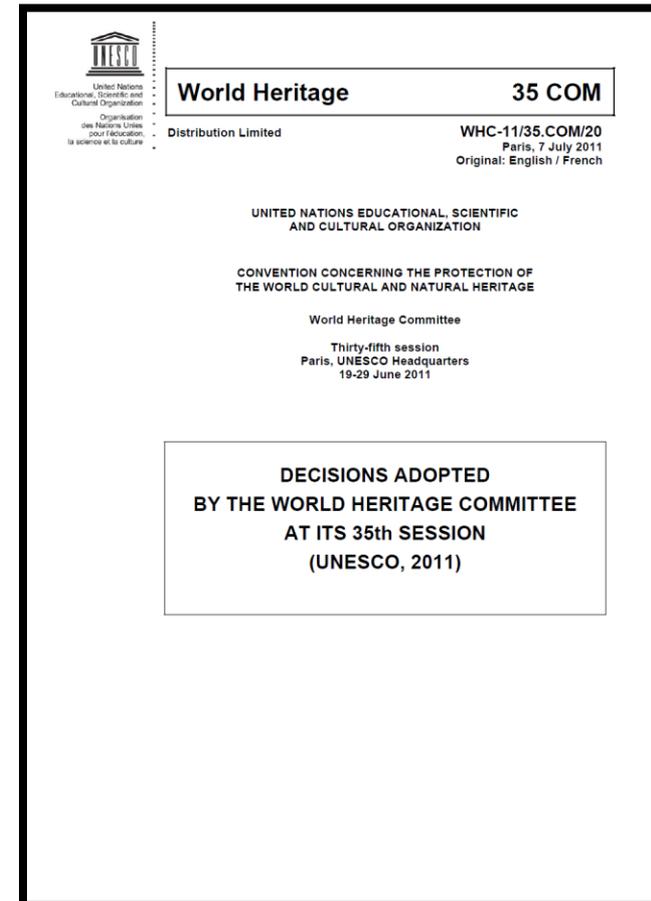
Significant natural habitats for biological diversity, threatened species



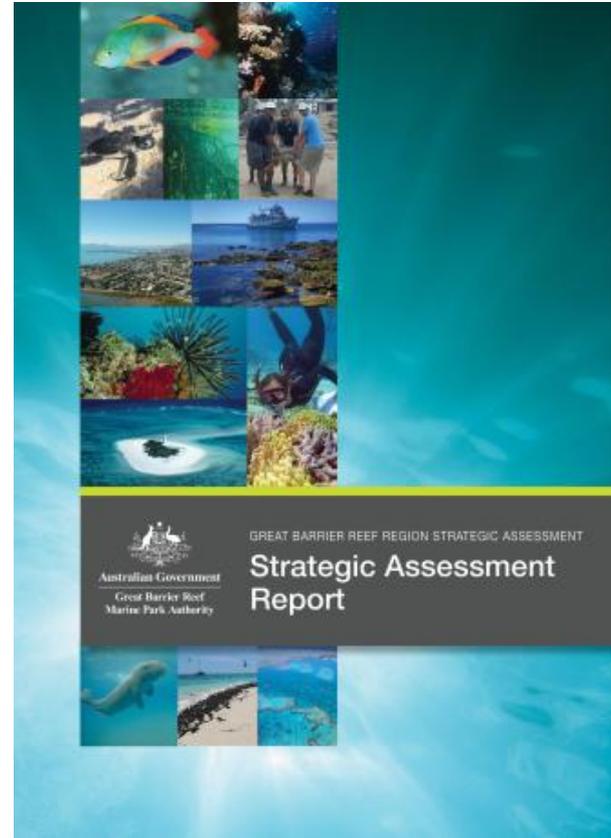
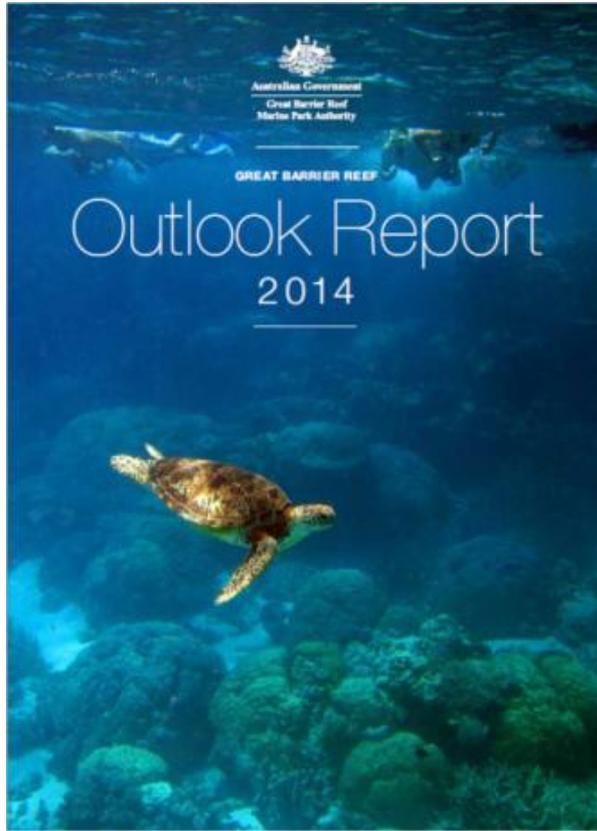
World Heritage in danger?

In 2011, the World Heritage Committee:

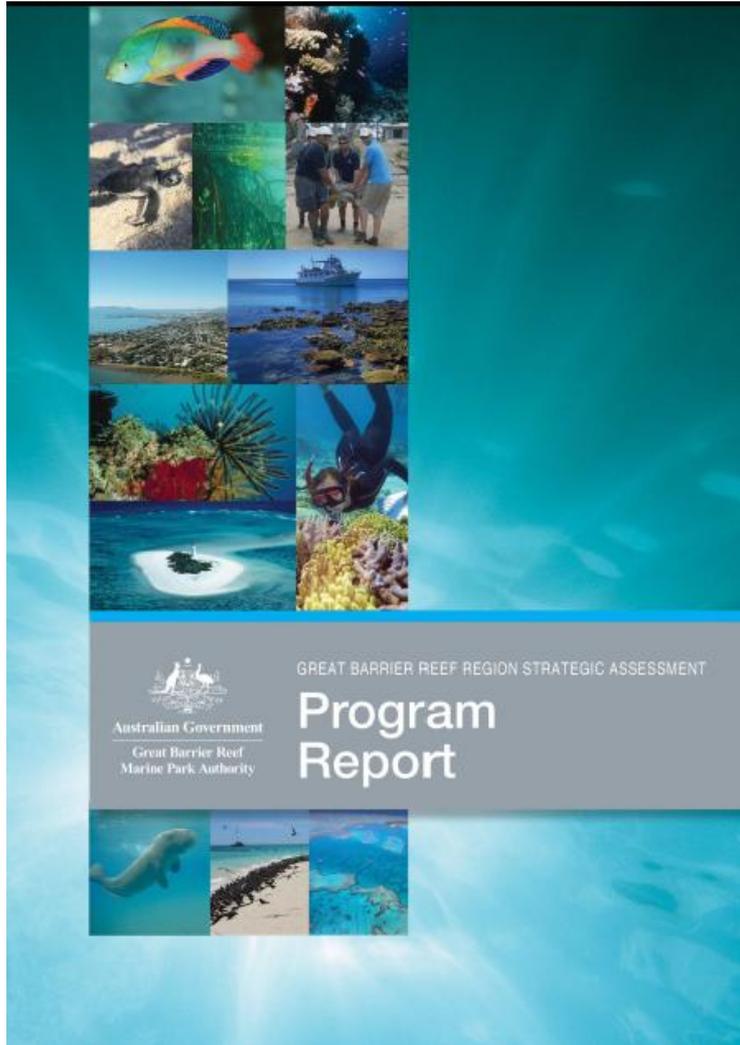
- Was concerned about the approval of Liquefied Natural Gas processing and port facilities at Curtis Island
- Urged a comprehensive strategic assessment and development of a plan to protect the Reef's Outstanding Universal Value.



Getting the facts



Navigating to protect the Great Barrier Reef



- GBRMPA's program report — our 25-year plan for reef management
- *A healthy Great Barrier Reef for future generations*



Navigating to protect the Great Barrier Reef



The Australian and Queensland Government's 35 year plan:

To ensure the Great Barrier Reef continues to improve on its Outstanding Universal Value every decade between now and 2050 to be a natural wonder for each successive generation to come

Navigating for sustainable tourism



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- Contemporary tourism management
- Crown-of-thorns starfish
- High standard tourism
- Climate change action
- Monitoring through Eye on the Reef.

Contemporary tourism management



- Amending Plans of Management
- Developing a Tourism Management Strategy
- Updating existing tourism policies
- Improving the permits system.

Managing crown-of-thorns starfish

- Partnership with the Association of Marine Park Tourism Operators (AMPTO)
 - Nearly 370,000 starfish culled
 - Coral cover on 107 reefs protected.
- Assistance from other marine operators who have control permits for the locations they visit regularly.





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High standard tourism

- Shared vision
Healthy reef equals a healthy industry
- Benefits the Reef, visitors, and operators
- Voluntary program based on incentives.

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The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority encourages high standard tourism in the Great Barrier Reef

To find out more...



VISITORS BENEFIT
world-class experiences of this big, beautiful, diverse Reef

THE REEF BENEFITS
ecologically sustainable operations protect the Reef

OPERATORS BENEFIT
a healthy tourism industry relies on a healthy Reef

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Climate action

- Contingency planning for operators and for the managing agencies
- Providing tools for action
- Highlight tourism leaders who are taking action.

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Electricity	
Renewable energy	
Green power	
Diesel generator	1,444t
Bio Diesel Generator	
Petrol Generator	
Mixed Waste	
Food Waste	
Garden Waste	
Commercial Waste	
Recycled Paper & Cardboard	
Recycled Glass, Plastic Metals	

Electricity

Non-renewable kWh used last year

dollar

Add up your electricity bills for the past year. If you share the building with other users, input figures which directly relate to your business only. If the electricity bills are looked after by the landlord or body corporate, ask them how much power you were billed for in the last year. This may involve calculating how much your business used according to the floor space you occupy

Tips:

1. You can reduce CO2 usage by generating using renewable energy



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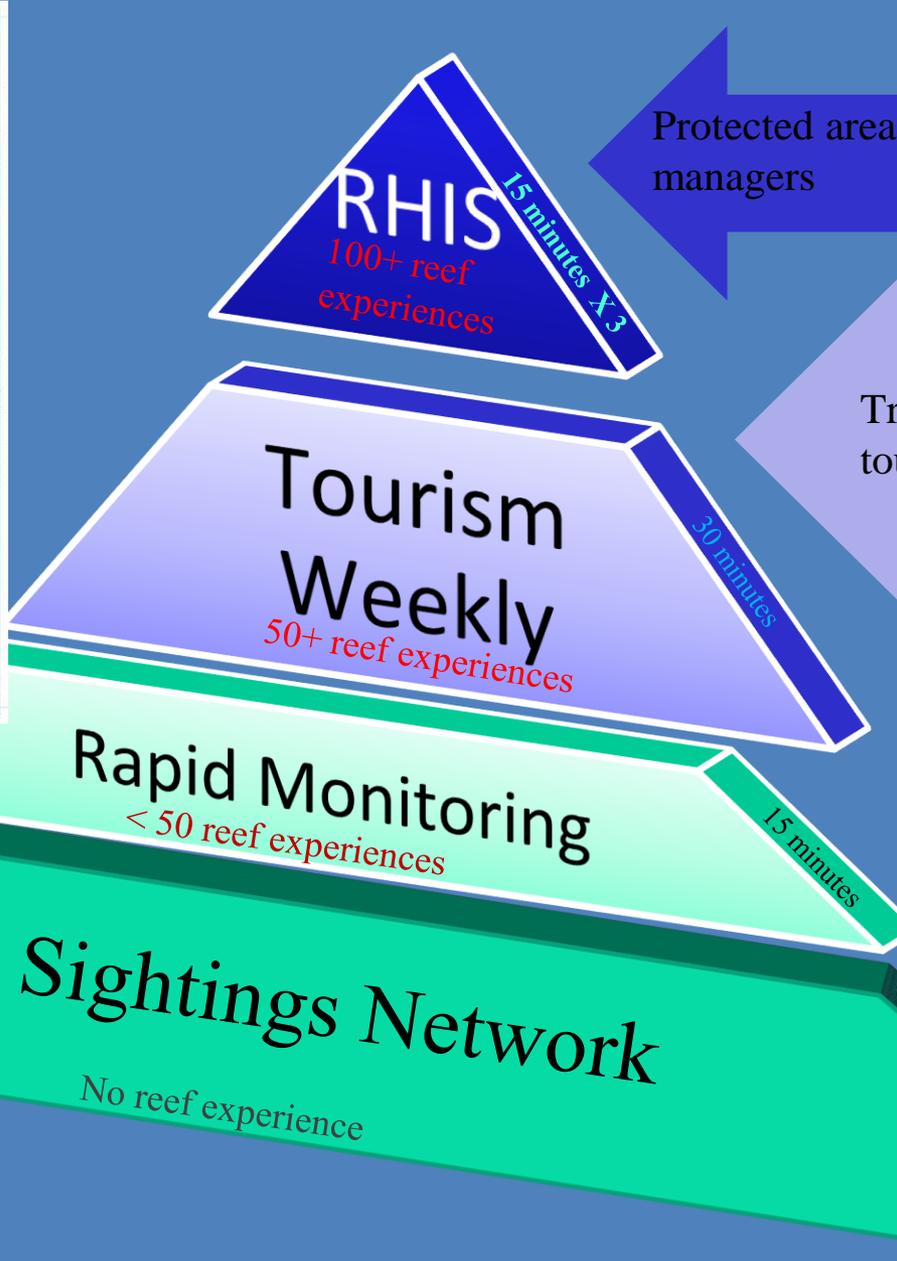
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Protected area managers

Great Reef Health and Impact Point Surveys

Point	Health	Impact	Notes
1	Good	Low	
2	Fair	Medium	
3	Poor	High	

Trained tourism crew

Eye on the Reef - Weekly Monitoring

Date	Time	Location	Observer	Species	Count	Notes
2023-01-01	08:00	Point 1	John	Sea Turtle	1	
2023-01-01	08:15	Point 2	Jane	Coral	5	



Anyone

World Heritage Commission 2015

- Final decision sees the Great Barrier Reef retain its world heritage listing.
- In its decisions, the Committee has requested that the Australian Government undertake a range of measures to ensure that the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is not compromised including the delivery of the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan.



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