



POINT SAMSON REEF

A SPECIAL PLACE REQUIRING PROTECTION

Point Samson Reef is a popular tourist destination requiring special protection. Human behaviour is the greatest risk to the reef's ecosystem. With more people visiting the reef it means greater pressure on the marine creatures living there.

In the Point Samson Reef area, recreational fishers may:

- take finfish using a rod, reel and line or a handline; and
- take bony fish (but not sharks, skates and rays) by means of a pointed instrument (speargun, gidgee, etc.).

All other recreational and commercial fishing activities are prohibited in the reef-protection zone which extends from the point north of Sam's Creek, south to the old Point Samson Jetty. The prohibition is effective from the high tide mark seaward to include the reef platform as indicated in the map overleaf. Please refer to the map for exact coordinates of the fishing prohibition area.

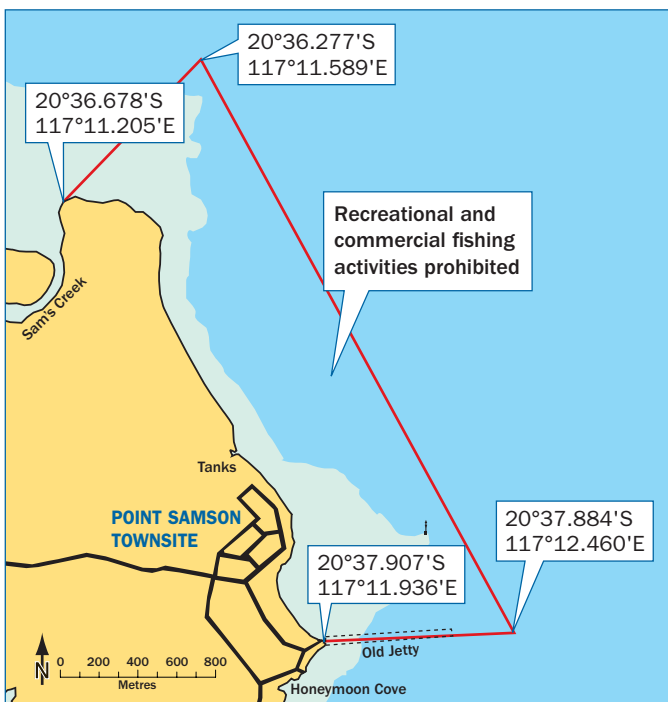
Breaking the rules

Fisheries and Marine Officers regularly patrol Point Samson Reef. People found breaking the rules could face:

- a general penalty of up to \$5,000 for a first offence (with second and subsequent offences attracting much larger penalties); and
- an additional penalty equal to 10 times the prescribed value of the fish that are the subject of the offence.

How you can protect Point Samson Reef

Abide by the rules and show your respect – by not taking or attempting to take fish or collect marine animals (including live and dead shells) in any way other than the two exceptions already listed.



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