

A special place

CAIRNS NORTH QUEENSLAND GUIDE BOOK
WINTER TOURS 1933

Green Island

The North Queensland Naturalist Club is organising guides to conduct parties to Green Island.

It might be pointed out that, owing to past ravages, collecting in the vicinity of Green Island except for bonafide scientific purposes is not permitted.

Source: Cairns North Queensland Guide Book, Winter Tours, 1933

Director of Forests, Brisbane
5th February, 1937

Sir,

The island and reef requires the most rigid protection, otherwise thousands of pounds worth of damage would result if strict control was not enforced.

Thousands of people visit here each year, and quite a number of them come here with the avowed intention of stripping the island and reef of it's natural wealth...

M T Keating
Superintendent, Green Island
Source: EPA Archives

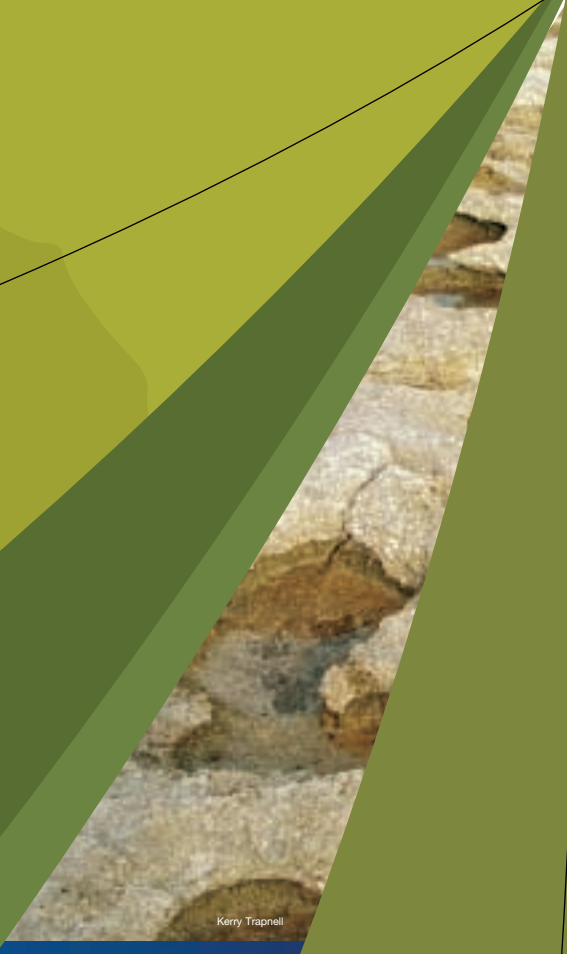
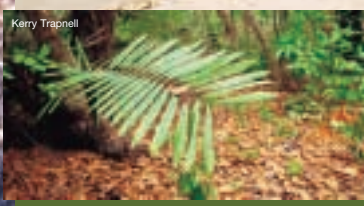
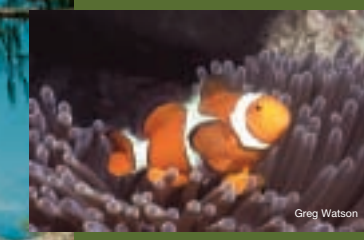
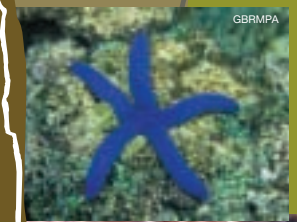
North Queensland Annual 1965

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Green Island is a National Park – giving complete protection to all bird life, marine life, and corals.

This fact makes every visitor a custodian of nature's treasures, and it is noticeable that only a few betray this trust, and consequently this fantastic adventureland of marine wonder is kept intact for the coming generations of visitors.

Source: North Queensland Annual, 1965



"REEF FISH CONCERN"
Cairns Post 1976

"Warning against spearing"
Cairns Post 1979

"Rangers now on duty at Green Island"
Cairns Post 1974

1937 First island national park in Queensland

1937 First protected marine area in Queensland (1 mile radius of Island, Fish and Oysters Act)

1974 Marine National Park (1.6km beyond outer edge of reef)

1981 Included in listing of Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area

1991 Recreation Management Area

