

# Erosion Prone Area – Torres Strait Islands Region Local Government Area

## Erosion Prone Area Definition

1. Erosion prone areas are deemed to exist over all tidal water to the extent of Queensland Coastal Waters and on all land adjacent to tidal water.
  2. Erosion prone areas include areas subject to inundation by the highest astronomical tides (HAT) by the year 2100 or at risk from sea erosion.
  3. On land adjacent to tidal water the landward boundary of the erosion prone area shall be defined by whichever of the following methods gives the greater erosion prone area width:
    - a. a line measured 40 metres landward of the plan position of the present day HAT level except where approved revetments exist in which case the line is measured 10 metres landward of the upper seaward edge of the revetment, irrespective of the presence of outcropping bedrock; or
    - b. a line located by the linear distance shown on Table 1 and measured, unless specified otherwise, inland from:
      - i. the seaward toe of the frontal dune (the seaward toe of the frontal dune is normally approximated by the seaward limit of terrestrial vegetation or, where this cannot be determined, the level of present day HAT; or
      - ii. a straight line drawn across the mouth of a waterway between the alignment of the seaward toe of the frontal dune on either side of the mouth
    - c. the plan position of the level of HAT plus 0.8 m.
- Except:
- i. where the linear distance specified in 3b is less than 40 metres, in which case section 3a. does not apply and the erosion prone area width will be the greater of 3b and 3c; or
  - ii. where outcropping bedrock is present and no approved revetments exist, in which case the line is defined as being coincident with the most seaward bedrock outcrop at the plan position of HAT plus 0.8m; or
  - iii. in approved canals in which case the line of present day HAT applies, irrespective of the presence of approved revetments or outcropping bedrock.
4. Erosion prone areas defined in accordance with the above are deemed to exist throughout all the local government areas, irrespective of whether the entire local government area is depicted on erosion prone area plans for the area.

## Notes to clarify the definition

1. The specific location along the coast to which each erosion prone area linear distance applies (a segment) is shown in Table 1.
2. A map indicating the approximate location along the coast of each linear distance segment is shown on Map 1.
3. Each erosion prone area segments is located on the coastline as being between 2 points defined by latitude and longitude. A projection of each point to the nearest actual coastline and continuing inland perpendicular to the coast defines the erosion prone area segment.
4. "Present day HAT" in the definition is always taken to be the present day level of HAT for the coastline as defined in the Queensland Tide Tables for that year or as defined by empirical methodology at the site.
5. The extent of the erosion prone area where it is defined by "HAT plus 0.8m" is the HAT coastline at the year 2100 and includes sea level rise to that time. It is determined by the area of land inundated to the level HAT of the nearest adjacent open coast or river tide gauge plus 0.8m. Site based HAT is not to be used as present day attenuation of inland HAT level due to flow constraints may not persist to 2100 with coastline response to sea level rise.
6. Where noted on Table 1 (and the map) the specified linear distance applies except where a revetment has been constructed and maintained to the approved design in which case the landward boundary of the erosion prone area is at the upper seaward edge of the revetment (A-line).
7. The approximate erosion prone area footprint is shown on Coastal Hazard Area Maps available on the Department of Environment and Resource Management's website at [www.derm.qld.gov.au](http://www.derm.qld.gov.au). These footprints are indicative only and the definition in this plan prevails for any inconsistency between the two.
8. This erosion prone area plan may be updated from time to time and a new revision created. Please check with the Department of Environment and Resource Management or the local government that this copy is the current version prior to using the contained information in any way.

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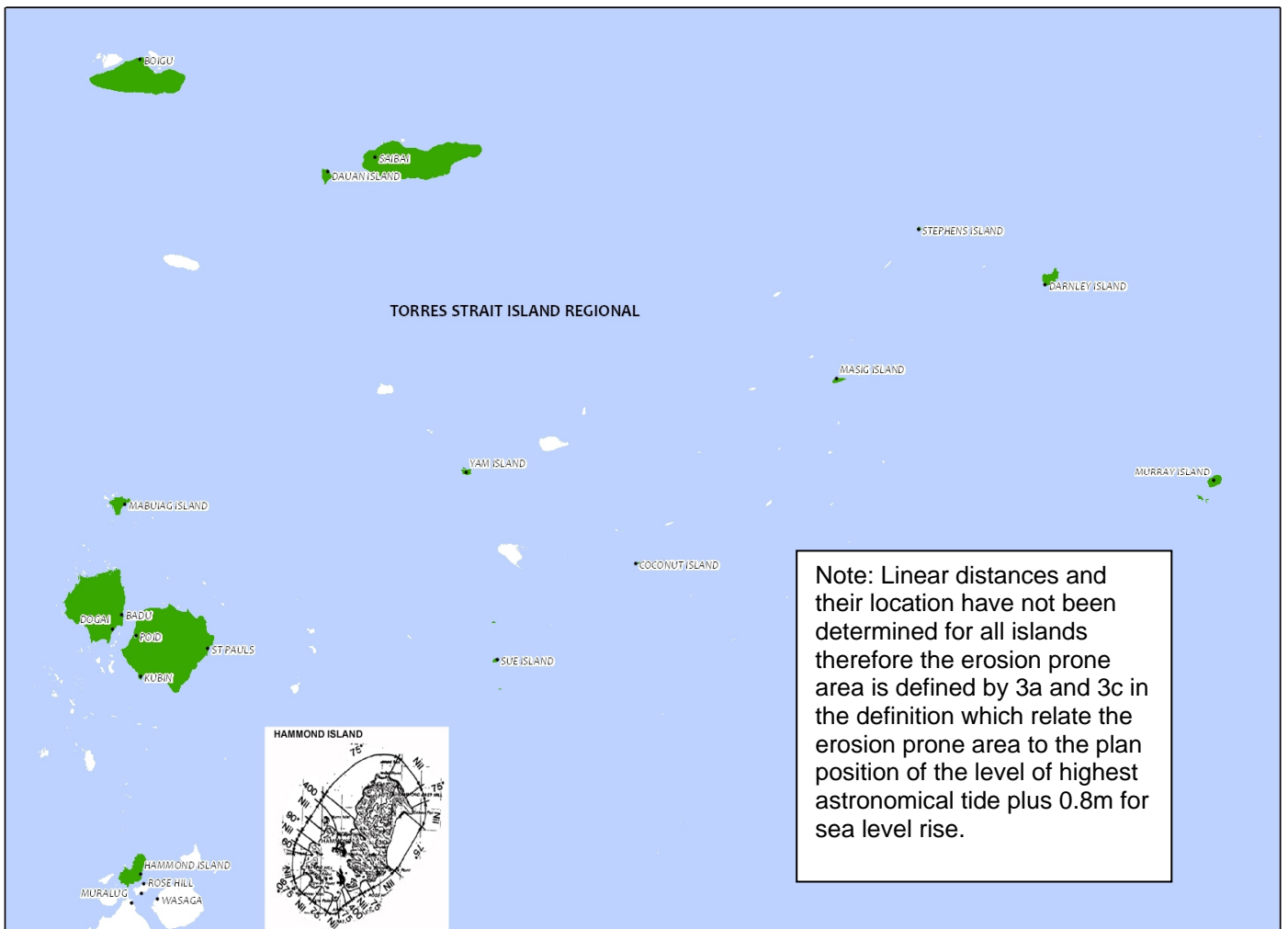
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Table 1: Linear distances for the erosion prone area and the specific location of each segment

Erosion prone area segment number	Segment start latitude	Segment start longitude	Segment end latitude	Segment end longitude	Erosion prone area linear distance (width)

Note: Linear distances and their location have not been tabulated for this area therefore the erosion prone area is defined by map 1. On most islands the erosion prone area is defined by 3a and 3c in the definition which relate the erosion prone area to the plan position of the level of highest astronomical tide plus 0.8m for sea level rise.



Map 1: Erosion prone area – Torres Strait Islands Region local government area