



Ship Type: All Trade Area: Australia

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Tough new laws have been introduced with effect from Friday 4 May 2001 to give greater protection to the Great Barrier Reef from negligent mariners and oil spills. Ships that endanger the environment in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park will now be liable for fines up to AU\$1.1 million (equivalent to approximately US\$600,000) which is a significant increase from the previous maximum fine of AU\$110,000. Illegal fishing and prawn fishing may also incur similar fines.

Source: Iain Sharples, TMS Sydney.