

Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,  
and Ship Masters and Officers

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## REEF GUIDE - A SHIPMASTER'S HANDBOOK TO THE TORRES STRAIT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

The Australian Maritime Authorities have recently published *Reef Guide - A Shipmaster's Handbook to the Torres Strait and the Great Barrier Reef*.

*Reef Guide* is a concise guide to safe navigation practice and pollution prevention in the Torres Strait and the Great Barrier reef and is directed at all Mariners engaged in shipping operations in the region.

The Torres Strait and the Great Barrier Reef are part of a unique cultural and natural heritage which requires the highest level of environmental protection. The region has been identified as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area. Navigation and operations in the area are governed by particular international, regional and national regulations.

Masters and operators of Maltese ships which may operate in this area are advised to acquire the *Reef Guide* booklet which the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation has described as a handy and simple guide to aid safe passage of all vessels using these unique waterways.

*Reef Guide* may be acquired from:

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