

Restricted access area notice

Entry Prohibited Seabird and turtle nesting



To protect nesting seabirds and turtles, entry to this island—Masthead Island, Capricornia Cays National Park (see map)—is prohibited from 15 October to commencement of the Easter weekend or Queensland state school Easter holiday period (whichever is earlier) each year without a permit or written approval.

Nesting seabirds are easily alarmed and will leave their nests if disturbed. Eggs and chicks are then vulnerable to heat, cold and predators, and can die quickly.

Nesting turtles are easily disturbed by light, noises and movement. When disturbed they will return to the water without laying their eggs. Turtle hatchlings are disorientated by light and are then vulnerable to predators.

Contravention of a requirement of this notice is an offence under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

Maximum penalty: 80 penalty units.
On-the-spot fines apply.

