

Recreational Area Opened After UXO Removal Action

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Lord Howe Island, Australia The Elizabeth Reef Recreational Use Zone of the Lord Howe Marine Park (Commonwealth waters) has been re-opened to marine park users, following a UXO removal action conducted by the Royal Australian Navy. The recreational area was closed last spring after UXO was found by recreational divers.

The Royal Australian Navy UXO clearance team conducted a search of the reef and found no further evidence of UXO. Although a detailed search was conducted, officials did issue a notice that "the possibility exists for UXO to remain unseen, submerged under sand or corals on the reef which may become exposed at a later date due to weather action." Visitors are requested to immediately advise Parks Australia and local Police if any unidentified objects are found in the marine park.