

To see more detail on key categories and indicators (including aspirational indicators for monitoring and reporting in the future), program design and report card results – visit the respective websites listed below.



### Reef Water Quality Report Card

[www.reefplan.qld.gov.au](http://www.reefplan.qld.gov.au)

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### Regional Report Card Partnerships



### Wet Tropics Waterways

The Partnership's vision is Partnering for healthy tropical waterways and vibrant communities. Wet Tropics Waterways partners include all levels of government, peak bodies for regional industries (agriculture, tourism, transport, development, aquaculture), natural resource managers, research organisations and community groups working together towards a common goal.

[www.wettropicswaterways.org.au](http://www.wettropicswaterways.org.au)

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### Townsville Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters

The Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters is a collaboration of government, industry, science, conservation and communication organisations in the Townsville region. Its vision is to have healthy waterways, Reef, and a thriving Townsville community. The Partnership uses collaborative approaches to integrate environmental, social, economic, and cultural information to monitor and report on waterways, identify knowledge gaps, and provide guidance on management priorities.

[drytropicshealthywaters.org](http://drytropicshealthywaters.org)

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### Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Healthy Rivers to Reef Partnership

The primary purpose of the Partnership is to develop an annual Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac Regional Waterway Health Report Card. The report card uses the best available independent science and integrates a range of Great Barrier Reef- wide and regional monitoring programs to measure waterway health in an environmental, social, economic and cultural context.

[www.healthyriverstoreef.org.au](http://www.healthyriverstoreef.org.au)

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### Fitzroy Partnership for River Health

Fitzroy Partnership is a collective of government, agriculture, resources, industry, research and community interests across the Fitzroy Basin in central Queensland. Its vision is to provide trusted information for healthy rivers, by facilitating a partnership that publicly reports on the health and sustainable use of waterways. Partners provide funding, resources and contribute water quality and ecosystem health monitoring data which informs management strategies and local communities.

[www.riverhealth.org.au](http://www.riverhealth.org.au)

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### Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership

Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership's vision is that Gladstone has a healthy, accessible, working harbour. The partnership was formed to independently monitor and report on the continuing health of the harbour – environmentally, socially, economically and culturally, as well as to identify opportunities based on rigorous science and strong stakeholder engagement to assist in future decision making.

[www.ghhp.org.au](http://www.ghhp.org.au)

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# Report Card Explainer

## Explaining Reef water quality and regional report cards

Report cards associated with Great Barrier Reef catchments, waterways and marine areas inform management decisions to improve water quality and ecosystem health.

There are two distinct types of report cards.

- The reef water quality report card **evaluates and reports on progress** towards the Reef 2050 Water Quality Improvement Plan (Reef 2050 WQIP) targets, objectives and long-term outcomes on a range of scales including paddock, sub-catchment, catchment, regional and Great Barrier Reef wide.
- The five Regional Report Cards are distinct from the Reef Water Quality Report Card in that they report on **local waterway condition** at a finer regional level as well as reporting on a range of indicators across the different regions such as social, cultural, economic health and stewardship. Regional Report Card partnerships are one of a number of activities under the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050).

### Reef water quality report card

The Reef water quality report card is developed through the Paddock to Reef Integrated Monitoring, Modelling and Reporting Program (Paddock to Reef program). The Paddock to Reef program is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments and unites more than 20 industry bodies, government agencies, Natural Resource Management bodies, landholders and research organisations.

The information in these report cards determines the success of actions and identifies whether further measures need to be taken to improve water quality in Great Barrier Reef catchments.



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### Regional report cards

There are five regional report card partnerships: Wet Tropics, Townsville, Dry Tropics, Mackay-Whitsunday-Isaac, Fitzroy and Gladstone Harbour. Regional report card boundaries generally follow those of the regional Natural Resource Management organisations, with a few variances.

The partnerships bring together regional communities including Traditional Owners, industry, farmers and fishers, scientists, tourism operators, volunteer community groups and all levels of government.

Each regional partnership reports on indicators that are relevant to their region. The partnerships have a common goal of improving the understanding of local waterway health and the quality of water flowing into the Great Barrier Reef. In addition to the waterway health report card, each partnership also produces a stewardship and management response report, which includes details on urban water stewardship and citizen science programs in the region. Support and funding comes from their partners and the Australian and Queensland governments.

Results from the Paddock to Reef program also feed into regional report cards.

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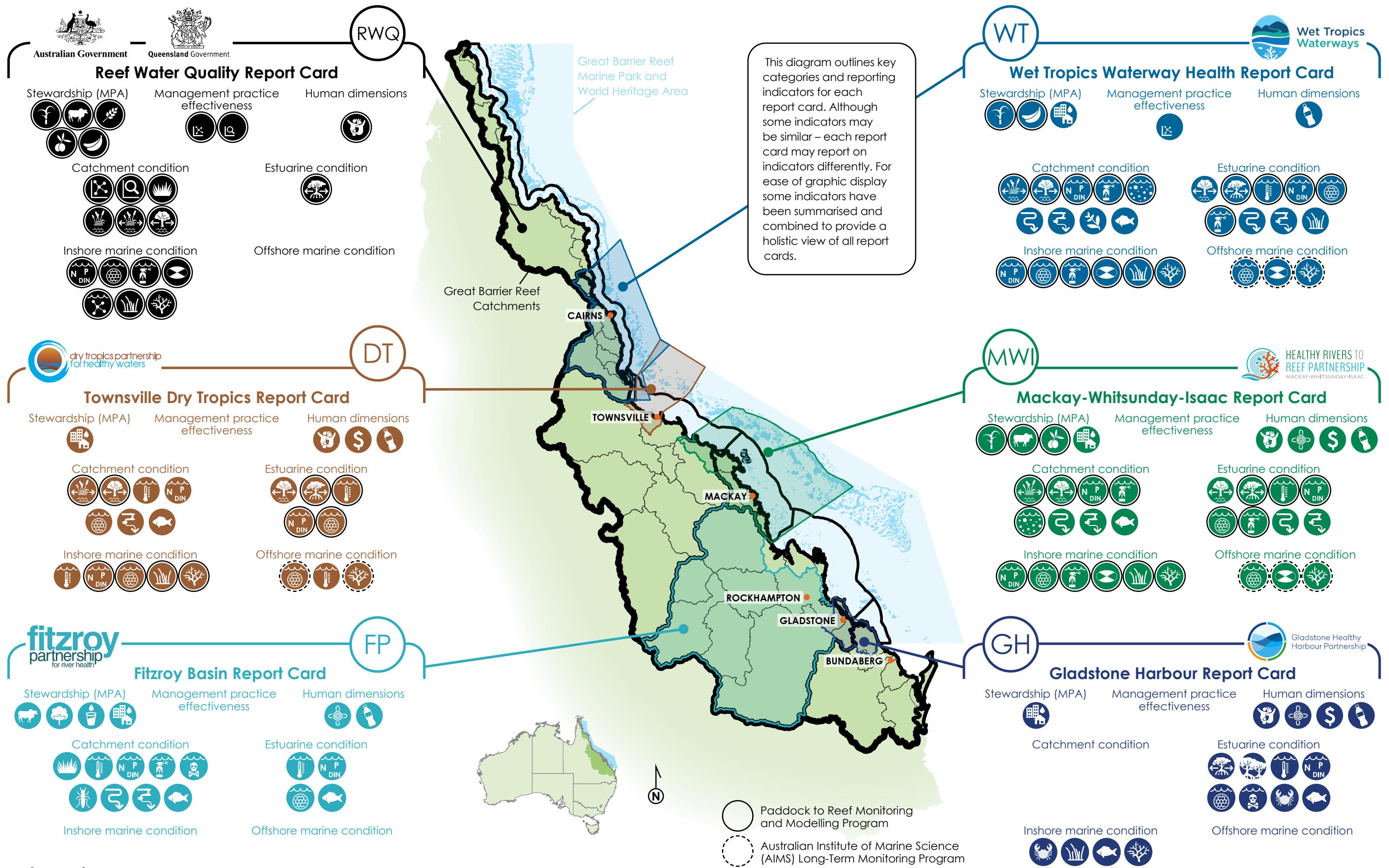
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Stewardship - Management Practice Adoption (MPA)			Management practice effectiveness		Human dimensions		Catchment estuarine and marine condition			Water			Biodiversity (habitat and fauna)		
Sugar cane	Horticulture	Cotton	Paddock modelling		Social	Economic	Ground cover	Riparian extent	Catchment loads modelling	Physical/chemical	Water clarity	Sediments	Invasive weeds	Crabs	
Grazing	Bananas	Drinking water	Paddock monitoring		Cultural	Litter	Freshwater wetland condition	Mangrove and saltmarsh extent	Catchment monitoring	Nutrients	Pesticides	Flow	Macro-invertebrates	Seagrass	
Grains	Urban water						Freshwater wetland extent	Mangrove canopy condition	Marine modelling	Chlorophyll	Toxicants/metals	Instream habitat modification	Fish	Coral	