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## **MANAGING GREAT BARRIER REEF PARK: THE LIBRARY'S ROLE**

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**ABSTRACT:** The Great Barrier Reef extends for over 2000 km along the Queensland coastline. The Federal Government established the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority performs its Management role in cooperation with the State of Queensland through a series of management Agreements . The Marine park is to provide for the protection, wise use, understanding and enjoyment of the Great Barrier Reef in perpetuity through the care and development of the GBRMP. Credible management must be grounded in good information. information, together with interpretation/education are key strategies for the Authority. The Library is a key player in these strategies. Some of our strengths are our image collection, REEF database and our staff papers collection.