



Jon C. Day PSM Jon spent 39 years as a protected area planner and manager, working in various Australian States and Territories.

For the first 11 years of Jon’s professional career, he was a research officer, park planner and ranger in terrestrial national parks. In 1986, Jon moved into marine parks when he joined the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), the federal agency responsible for the Great Barrier Reef.

For the next 28 years, Jon was involved in many aspects of planning and managing the Great Barrier Reef, including seven years as QPWS Area Manager/Regional Manager responsible for marine park and island management. In 1998, Jon was appointed as one of the Directors of the GBRMPA, and for the following 16 years, was the Director variously responsible for conservation, planning, heritage (particularly World Heritage), Indigenous Partnerships, and commencing the first 5-yearly GBR Outlook Report. Between 1999-2003, Jon was responsible for commencing and coordinating the Representative Areas Program (RAP), the major rezoning program undertaken for the entire Great Barrier Reef which received numerous national and international awards.

Jon has been heavily involved in World Heritage matters since 1999; between 2007-11 he was one of Australia's three formal appointees to serve on the World Heritage Committee.

Jon has 90+ publications (see next page) including being an author of 20 book chapters or books (e.g. two IUCN Best-Practice Guidelines including '*Guidelines for applying the IUCN Protected Area Management Categories to Marine Protected Areas*').

In 2014 Jon retired from GBRMPA and commenced a post-career PhD (part-time) at the ARC Centre for Coral Reef Studies at James Cook University in Townsville.

Professional experience

Agency	Year(s)	Position
Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)	2014	Director, Heritage Conservation, GBRMPA
	2012-14	Director, Planning, Heritage and Sustainable Funding
	2011	A/g General Manager, Marine Park Management Branch, GBRMPA
	2008-12	Director, Ecosystem Conservation and Sustainable Use
	2007-08	Director, Outlook Report Taskforce, GBRMPA
	2004-07	Director, Conservation, Heritage & Indigenous Partnerships,
	1998-2004	Director, Conservation, Biodiversity and World Heritage
WWF Canada, Parks Canada	1997-98	Marine/ Coastal Consultant in Canada
Queensland Parks & Wildlife Service, Townsville	1992-97	Regional Manager (Marine/Coastal Management), QPWS
	1990-92	Area Manager (Burdekin Area), QPWS
GBRMPA	1986-90	Park Management/Planning Officer, GBRMPA
Conservation Commission of NT	1985-86	Project Officer/Project Coordinator, Conservation Commission of Northern Territory
Victorian National Park Service	1984-85	Project Coordinator/Senior Planning Officer, Grampians National Park
ANPWS (Northern Territory)	1980-84	Park Ranger, Fire Management Officer & Acting District Supervisor, Kakadu National Park
Victorian National Park Service	1980	Planning Officer, Victorian National Parks Service
	1978-79	Research Officer (North West Fire Study), VNPS
	1977-78	Research Officer, Land Conservation Council
	1975-77	Area Investigations Officer & Research Liaison Officer, VNPS

Major awards

- [Australian Public Service Medal](#) (PSM) - 2004 (“*For outstanding public service in the development and implementation of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Representative Areas Program*”)
- [Smithsonian/Queensland Fellowship](#) - 2004 (3.5 months overseas in central and North America)

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For a more detailed version of Jon's CV, see <https://www.coralcoe.org.au/person/ion-day>; this has a full list of publications including:

- 37 peer-reviewed journal articles (marine and World Heritage related)
- 20 books and book chapters
- 17 online articles (primarily articles in *The Conversation*)
- 17 publications from 1974-1985 (specifically relating to terrestrial protected areas).

Selected publications

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- Kenchington RA and **Day JC** (2011). Zoning, a fundamental cornerstone of effective Marine Spatial Planning: lessons learnt from the Great Barrier Reef, Australia. *J. Coastal Conservation*, Vol. 15 (2): 271-
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- Day, JC** (2015). Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) – one of the fundamental tools to help achieve effective marine conservation in the Great Barrier Reef. Chapter 6 in *Marine Spatial Planning and International law: A Transboundary Perspective*, Hassan, Kuokkanen and Soinen (Eds). Earthscan, Routledge
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