

Prohibition of Plastic Waste Disposal in Port Hedland Waters

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Date of Effect:	2 April 2024
Details:	Plastic waste and marine litter in port waters
Former Notice:	N/A
Charts & Publications:	Port of Port Hedland Port Handbook
Further Notice:	N/A
Attachment:	Example of waste washed up on Port Hedland shoreline

Mariners and Port Users are reminded that it is illegal to dispose of plastic waste in the ocean under local and national laws, including the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL) – Annex V, and the Western Australian Environmental Protection Act 1986.

The Port Hedland area has delicate ecosystems such as estuaries, creeks, mangroves, and coral communities, which support endangered wildlife. Disposing of waste in the water can result in substantial penalties under the WA Environmental Protection Act.

Take all precautions to prevent plastic waste and marine litter from being washed or blown overboard. Manage shipboard garbage according to the vessel's approved Garbage Management Plan. Consult the Port of Port Hedland Port Handbook for information about ashore waste disposal services.

Any questions or feedback regarding this Local Marine Notice should be addressed to the Port Hedland Marine Operations Team.



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Mariners and other port users are requested to notify the Harbour Master on the discovery of new or suspected dangers to navigation within the port.