

BELIZE:

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (GLOVER'S REEF MARINE
RESERVE) ORDER, 2024**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 133 of 2024

ORDER made by the Minister responsible for fisheries in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 14(1)(b) of the Fisheries Resources Act, Chapter 210 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 17th October, 2024).

1. This Order may be cited as the

Citation.

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2. The area specified in Schedule I is hereby declared to be a marine reserve for the purpose of the Fisheries Resources Act.

Declaration of marine reserve. Schedule I. CAP. 210.

3. A map of the Glover's Reef Marine Reserve is set out in Schedule II.

Map of marine reserve. Schedule II.

4. The Fisheries (Glovers Reef Marine Reserve) Order, 2001, is repealed.

Repeal. Sub Leg, 2020 Edn. CAP. 210 p.155.

SCHEDULE I
[paragraph 2]

GLOVER'S REEF MARINE RESERVE

ALL THAT PORTION of the Caribbean Sea named as GLOVER'S REEF MARINE RESERVE, fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates in meters within Zone 16 North of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection, and more fully described as follows—

Commencing at a point having coordinates 428,983.41549 East, 1872,503.60700 North; thence South East for approximately 2.732 Nautical Miles (5.06 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 431,769.46730 East 1868279.34500 North; thence further South West for approximately 12.348 Nautical Miles (22.87 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 420943.72237 East 1848133.40323 North; thence South West for approximately 9.00 Nautical Miles (16.67 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 405486.84079 East 1841885.91663 North; thence North West for approximately 4.838 Nautical Miles (8.96 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 398913.24866 East 1847975.13881 North; thence North East for approximately 15.685 Nautical Miles (29.05 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 412861.03050 East 1873456.60610 North; thence North East for approximately 1.325 Nautical Miles (3.01 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 415528.53430 East 1874846.43870 North; thence in generally South East direction, along the Southern boundary of High Protection for Biodiversity Zone 4, for approximately 9.676 Nautical Miles (17.92 kilometers) to the point of origin, encompassing a total area of approximately 58,213.441 Hectares (582.134 Square Kilometers); and comprising of the following zones—

CONSERVATION ZONE

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea, being part of the Glovers Reef Atoll, enclosed within the 100-fathom depth contour except the portions enclosed within the Seasonal Closure Zone, the General Use Zone and the Wilderness Zone comprising of approximately 7,041.802 Hectares (70.418 Square Kilometers), and being described as follows—

Commencing at a point lying on the 100-fathom depth contour and having scaled UTM coordinates of 407807 East and 1858159 North; thence in a southeasterly direction for a distance of approximately 7.15 nautical kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 420132 East and 1853219 North; thence in a south-westerly direction along the 100-fathom depth contour for an approximate distance of 8.18 nautical kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 409051 East and 1847134 North; thence in a north-westerly direction for a distance of approximately 5.86

nautical kilometres to a point having UTM coordinates of 407660 East and 1857910 North; thence in a northeasterly direction along the said 100m fathom depth contour for a distance of approximately .162 nautical kilometres to the point of commencement.

SEASONAL CLOSURE ZONE

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea consisting of the Channel situated at the northeastern corner of the Glovers Reef atoll, consisting of approximately 1,018.776 Hectares (10.187 Square Kilometers), and being described as follows—

Commencing at a point lying on the 100m-fathom depth contour and having scaled UTM coordinates of 427622 East and 1870298 North; thence in an Easterly direction for a distance of approximately .748 nautical kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 428983 East and 1870287 North; thence in a Southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1.960 nautical kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 428982 East and 1866670 North; thence in a Westerly direction for a distance of approximately 2.315 nautical kilometres to a point having scaled UTM coordinates of 424704 East and 1866671 North; thence in a Northerly direction of a distance of approximately 1.956 nautical kilometres to a point having scaled UTM of 424701 East and 1870290 North; thence in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately 1.584 nautical kilometres to the point of commencement.

WILDERNESS ZONE

All that portion of the Caribbean Sea situated within the Glovers Reef atoll consisting of approximately 200.038 Hectares (2.000 Square Kilometers), being part thereof and being described as follows—

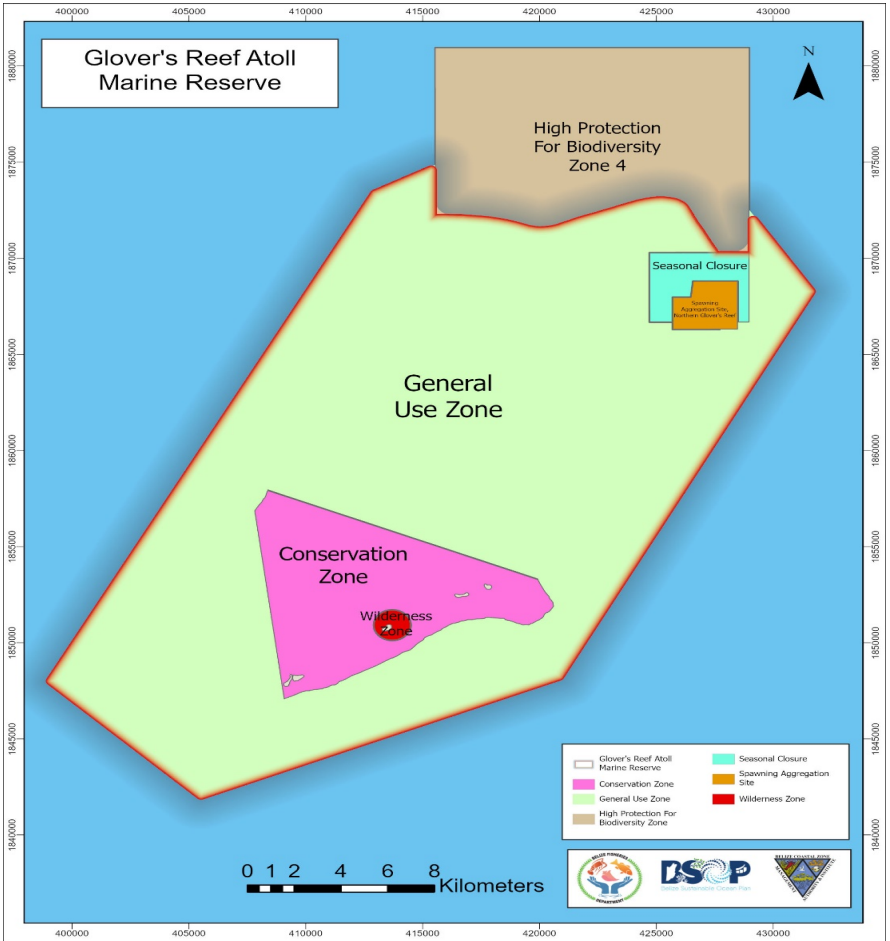
The said Wilderness zone bounded by the circumference of a circle within the Conservation Zone of the atoll, with .08 nautical kilometres from the southwestern end of Middle Caye enclosed, including the fringing marine area enclosed within a radius of .8 nautical kilometres.

GENERAL USE ZONE

All the area of the Glover's Reef Marine Reserve comprising of approximately 49,952.824 Hectares (499.528 Square Kilometers), except for the areas designated and described as the Conservation Zone, the Seasonal Closure Zone, the Wilderness Zone, and the Spawning Aggregation Site, Northern Glover's Reef.

SCHEDULE II
[paragraph 3]

MAP OF THE GLOVER'S REEF MARINE RESERVE



MADE by the Minister responsible for fisheries this 16th day of October, 2024.

(HON. ABNER PEREZ)

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