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Subject:

Follow up to journalist's query about images broadcast in the media.

Response:

Please attribute to a spokesperson from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority:

Under the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan collecting or touching coral is not allowed, unless a permit has been granted by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

We understand one of the parties involved has an existing research permit, which outlines conditions for coral collecting, including species, size, location and equipment.

We are seeking further information on the activities — and reviewing the conditions of the permit — to determine what follow up action, if any, is required.

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