

Information for vessel masters navigating within 12 nautical miles of the Kermadec and NZ Subantarctic Islands

The territorial waters of the Kermadec and NZ Subantarctic Islands (Islands) extend to 12 nautical miles (nm) from shore and constitute the Coastal Marine Area (CMA). Various legislative controls are in place. The master of a vessel intending to navigate within 12 nm of the Islands should be aware, among other matters, of the following limits and the need to contact the Department of Conservation for additional information.

Kermadec Islands – (Macauley, Curtis, Cheeseman, L'Havre Rock, Raoul and surrounding islands)

Restricted Areas - No vessel may approach closer to mean high water springs (MHWS) than:

- 12 nm – if the vessel is carrying heavy fuel oil (HFO) as either cargo or in fuel tanks¹, and
- 1000m (0.54nm) – without having completed biosecurity inspection(s)². Additional restrictions, based on vessel length, apply within the area from MHWS to the 1000m (0.54nm) boundary.

Marine Reserves – Marine reserves extend to 12 nm around the Kermadec Islands

Coastal Marine Area – The area within 12 nm of the Islands is Coastal Marine Area (CMA). Within the CMA the following activities are prohibited:

- the discharge of garbage³, and
- vessel to vessel fuel transfers⁴.

NZ Subantarctic Islands – (Snares, Auckland, Campbell, Antipodes and Bounty Islands)

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- 12 nm – if the vessel is carrying heavy fuel oil (HFO) as either cargo or in fuel tanks¹, and
- 1000m (0.54nm) – without having completed biosecurity inspection(s)². Additional restrictions, based on vessel length, apply within the area from MHWS to the 1000m (0.54nm) boundary.

Marine Reserves – Marine reserves extend to 12 nm around the Subantarctic Islands. The discharge of sewerage within these Marine Reserve is prohibited⁵.

Coastal Marine Area (CMA) – The area within 12 nm of the Islands is CMA. Within the CMA the following activities are prohibited:

- the discharge of garbage³, and
- vessel to vessel fuel transfers.

Contact Information

Contact with Department of Conservation – It is recommended that a vessel master contact the Department of Conservation for further details when planning a voyage that may navigate to or near the Kermadec or NZ Subantarctic Islands.

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References

1. Rule 51 & 33, Regional Coastal Plan: Kermadec and NZ Subantarctic Islands
2. Rule 29 & 30, Regional Coastal Plan: Kermadec and NZ Subantarctic Islands
3. s13 Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998
4. Rules 36 & 52, Regional Coastal Plan: Kermadec and NZ Subantarctic Islands
5. s11 Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998