

The Great Barrier Reef – Answers

The **G**reat **B**arrier Reef is the world's **largest** coral reef system. The reef is located in the **Coral Sea, off** the coast of **Q**ueensland, Australia.

[The **G**reat **B**arrier Reef can be seen from outer space and is the world's biggest single structure made by living organisms. The reef structure is composed of and built **by billions** of **tiny** organisms called coral polyps. It supports a wide **diversity** of life and was selected as a World **Heritage** site in 1981.]

A large part of the reef is protected **by** the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. This helps to limit the impact of human use, such **as** fishing and tourism. It is also known to have been used by the Aboriginal Australians and Torres **Strait** Islander peoples. It **is a** very important part of local groups and cultures.