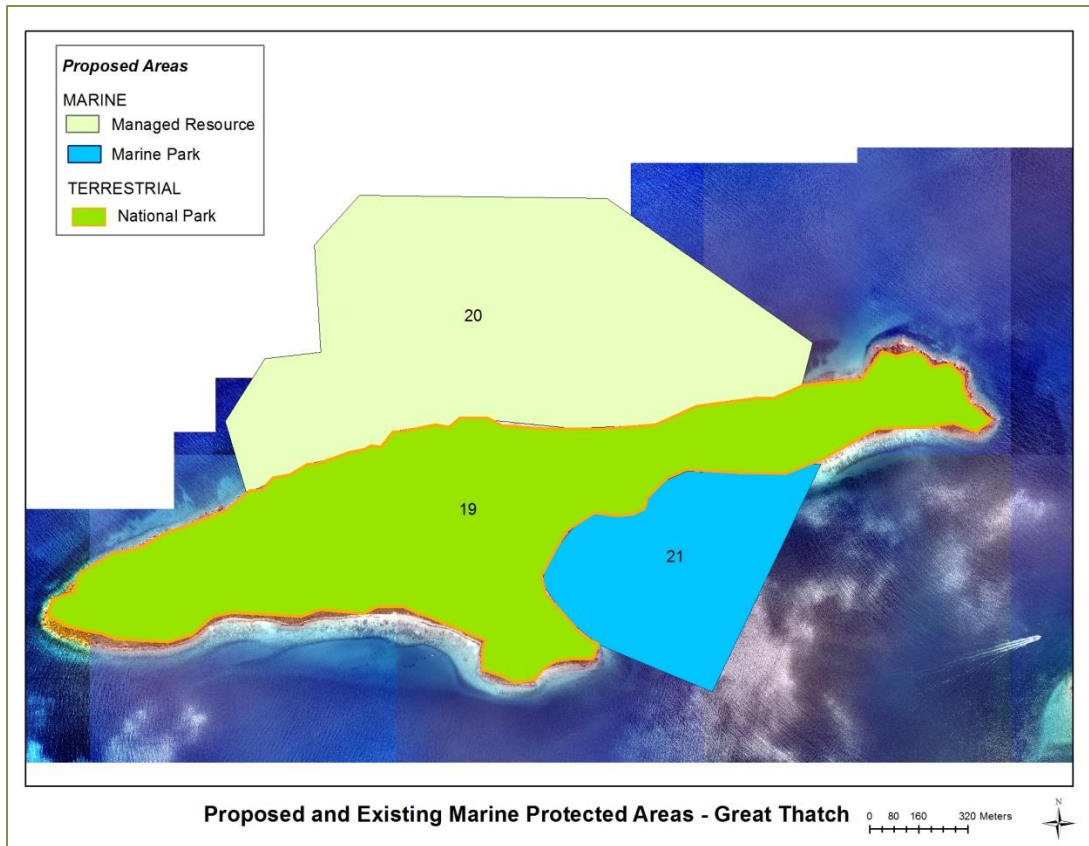


GREAT THATCH PROTECTED AREA

The Great Thatch Protected Area shall be classified as a **National/Marine Park** under section 15(b) of the National Parks Act, No. 4 of 2006.



Zones By Classification					
Zone No.	Legal Description	Name of the Zone	Classification	Classification of Zone	Size (acres)
19	Block 1633A, Parcel 3	Great Thatch National Park	National Parks Act, 2006 s. 15 (b)	National Park	276.73
20		Great Thatch North Managed Resource Area	National Parks Act, 2006 s. 15 (f)	Managed Resource Area	273.73
21		Great Thatch Southeast Marine	National Parks Act, 2006 15(b)	Marine Park	95.50
Number of Zones within the Protected Area: 3					646.03

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE PROPOSED PROTECTED AREA:

1 . Conservation

To preserve the natural and historical heritage of the British Virgin Islands, as represented by its biodiversity, scenic landscapes and seascapes, historic buildings, ship wrecks, and gardens, by:

- a. Preserving major representative stocks or areas of biological resources, including populations of indigenous and endangered flora and fauna, and natural communities.
- b. Protecting and enhancing unique ecosystems that are fragile or threatened by human activities.
- c. Protecting natural areas that are important for the production of important species of flora and fauna.
- d. Preserving historical resources that are important for the continued expression of the culture of the British Virgin Islands or for educational purposes.

2 . Economic Development

To expand and diversify the role of the natural resource base in the economy of the British Virgin Islands, by:

- a. Improving and sustaining the livelihoods of residents by protecting and increasing their earning capacity.
- b. Protecting the supply and quality of the natural resources that support economic activities.
- c. Promoting resource harvesting and land management practices that maintain the integrity of the natural resource base.
- d. Conducting research into improved methods of resource utilization.
- e. Ensuring that the protected areas system contributes to the sustainability of the other economic sectors to the greatest extent possible without degrading the resources protected by the system.

3 . Sustainable Resource Use

To protect natural resources and ecosystems that provide a range of goods and services, by:

- a. Protecting forests, wetlands, coral reefs, and other important ecosystems that provide important commercial resources, such as fish, water, and other goods and services.
- b. Facilitating research in techniques for sustainable resource uses.

4 . Recreation

To provide recreational opportunities to maintain and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors, for present and future generations, by promoting appreciation of historical resources by providing opportunities for interpretation and enjoyment of those resources.

5 . Education and Community Engagement

To improve understanding of the life-supporting processes and other benefits provided by natural ecosystems, by:

- a. Preserving natural ecosystems and providing opportunities for ecological and other scientific research.
- b. Preserving natural ecosystems and providing opportunities for ecological and other scientific research.
- c. Providing opportunities for environmental education.
- d. Promoting appreciation of historical resources.
- e. Providing opportunities for research on the socio-economic impact of protected areas on local communities.
- f. Providing for the participation of interested groups and individuals in protected area planning and management.
- g. Demonstrating that protected areas generate improved livelihoods and other social benefits for local communities.

