



<http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/sightings-network/sighting>

The Eye on the Reef Sightings Network is a community based program developed to capture the interesting, unusual and amazing experiences people have on the Great Barrier Reef. You can use the program to send your photographs, video recordings and observations of the Reef to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. These images and observations help them to manage the Reef so that it is preserved for future generations.

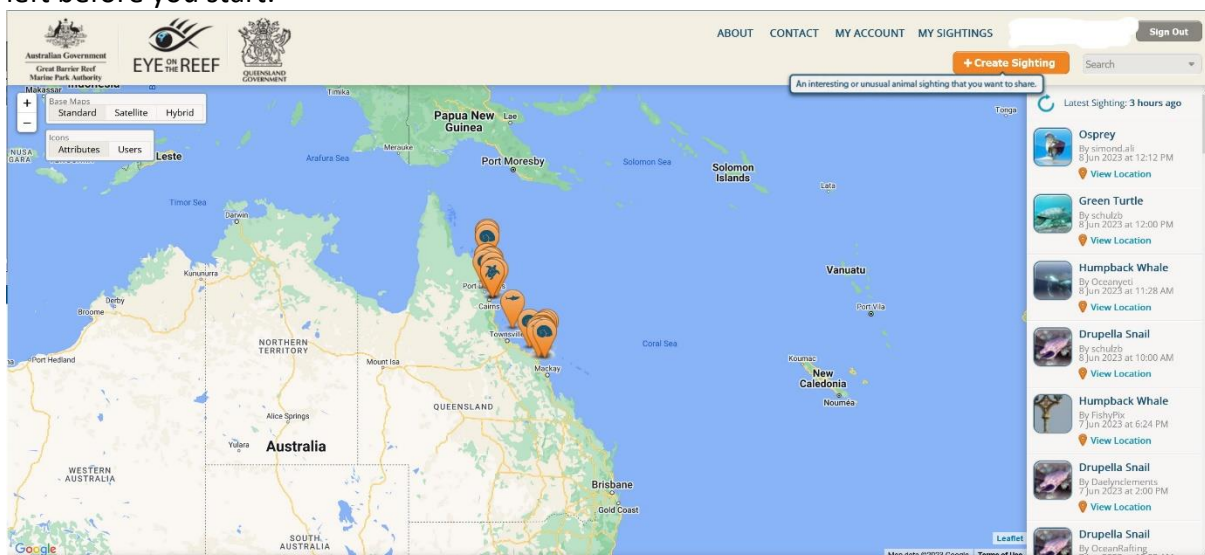
The Sightings Network was started in collaboration with the tourism industry in 2007. Since then, all sorts of Reef visitors have used the network to record thousands of sightings of interesting marine life. Sightings have included humpback whales, dugongs, dolphins, turtles, sharks and many other amazing creatures. The Eye on the Reef Sightings program now allows everyone visiting the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park to record their sightings.

As well as using the program to record interesting sightings, you can use it to report strandings of turtles, dugongs, whales and dolphins. You can also use the program to privately report marine incidents such as oil spills and chemical pollution using the 'incidents' tab.

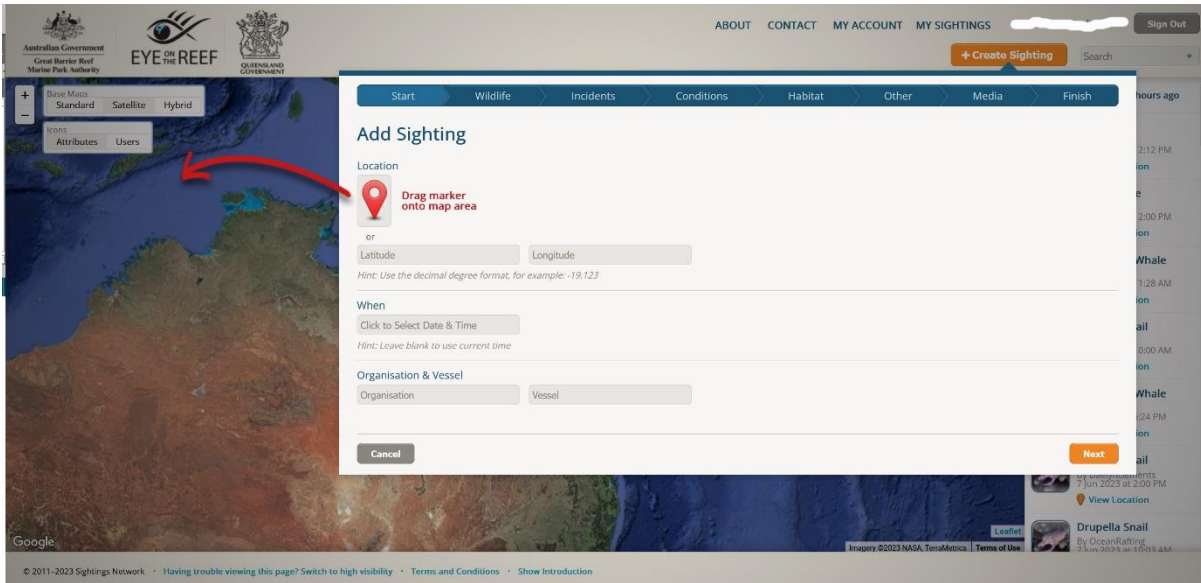
The Great Barrier Reef is a vast and complex ecosystem. The Sightings Network helps build knowledge about species diversity, abundance, habitat and range. Sightings from anywhere within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, as well as adjacent areas such as the Coral Sea, Gulf of Carpentaria and southern Queensland region are all welcomed. The Queensland Government is a partner in the Sightings Network program.

First download the app and create a login and username for yourself. There is also a desktop app available on the GBRMPA website if you find it easier to upload your sighting in the comfort of home. This is especially useful if you are using an underwater camera rather than a phone.

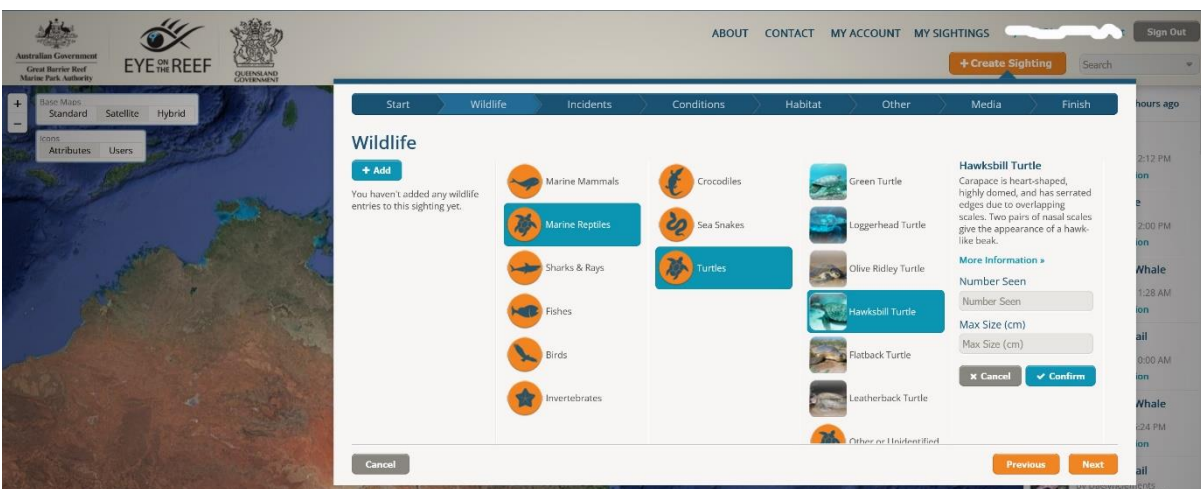
When you first login you will see a map where you can drop a pin to mark your sighting. You can change the map to a satellite image if this makes it easier to locate your sighting, just click on the toggle at top left before you start.



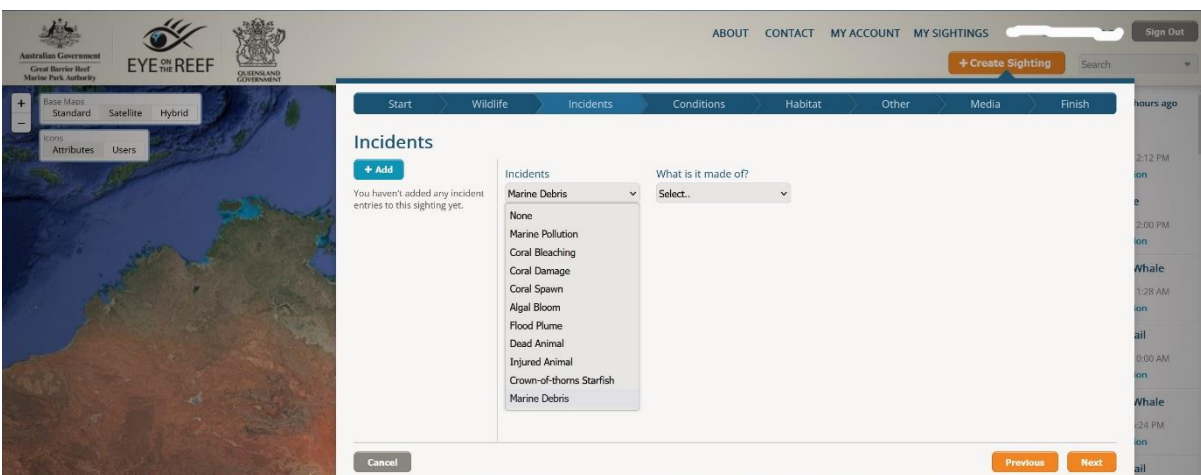
Click the 'create sighting button at top right and then mark your sighting by dropping the pin at the approximate spot, then you can zoom in to the exact location until you are happy with the accuracy. If you lose the pin just click 'centre map on pin'. Add the time and date of the sighting and then click next.



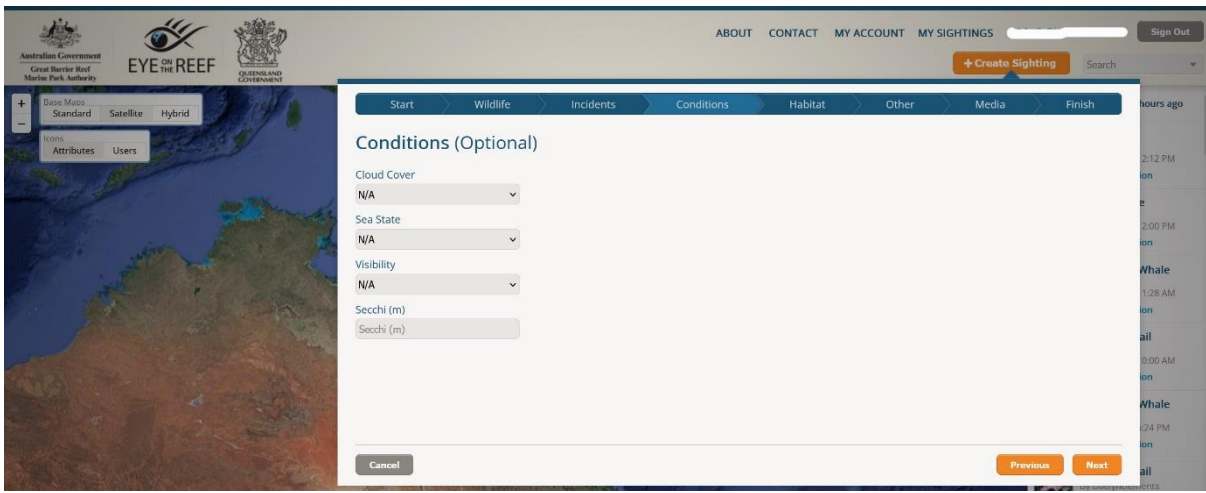
Select your sighting from the 'wildlife' tab. As you click on items you can read more information and see images to narrow down what you saw. Once done, click 'next'.



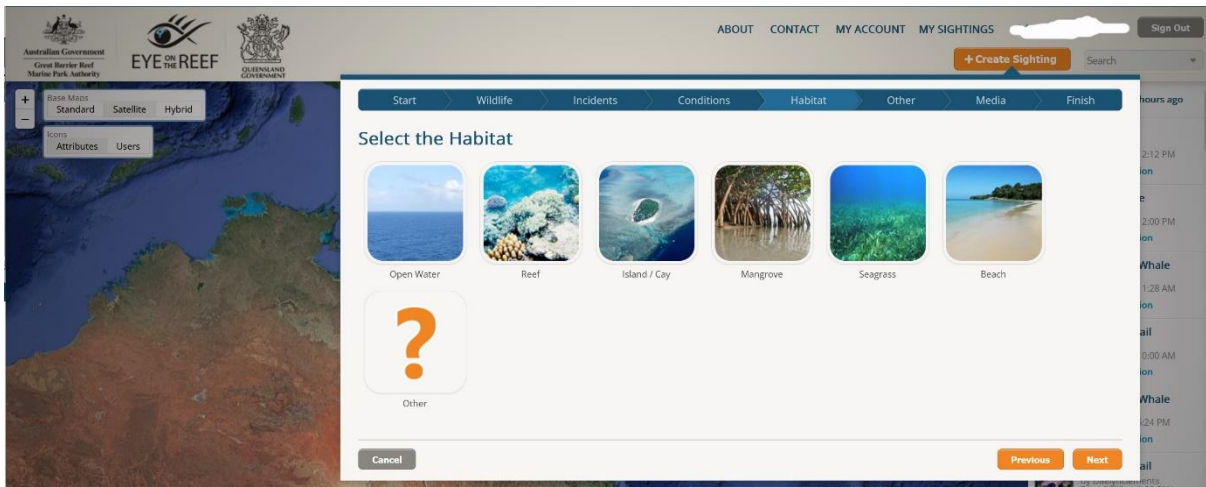
If you are reporting an incident, you will find there is a drop-down list under the incidents tab. Incident reports are automatically hidden from public view.



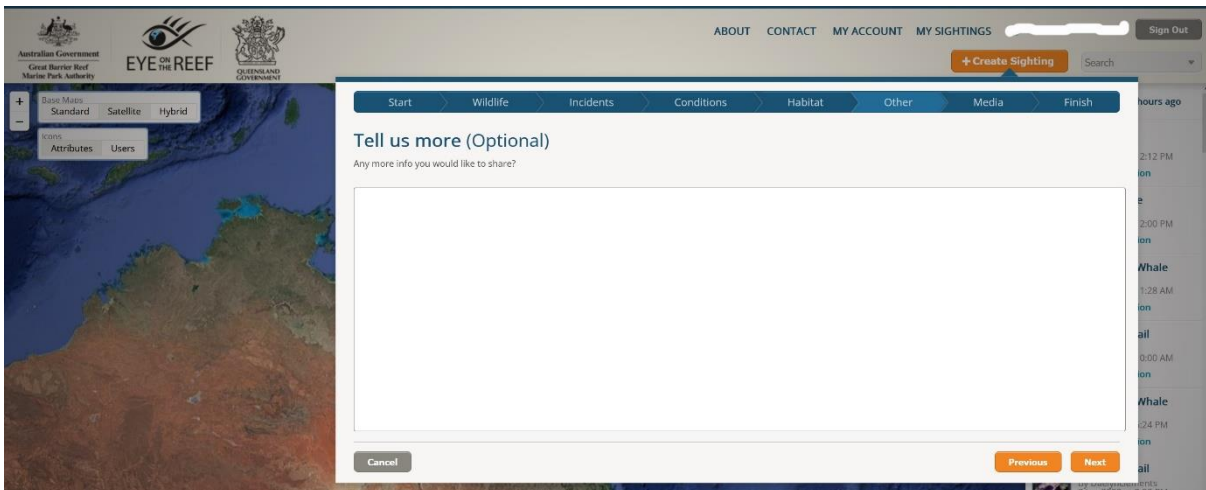
You can add weather and sea conditions if you would like to, then click 'next'.



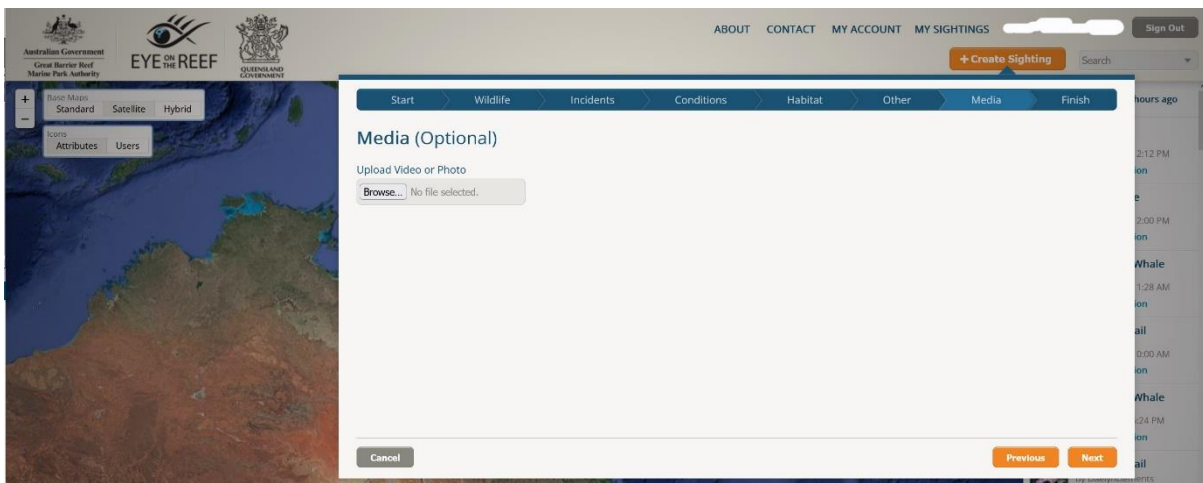
Choose the habitat where your sighting occurred, then click 'next'.



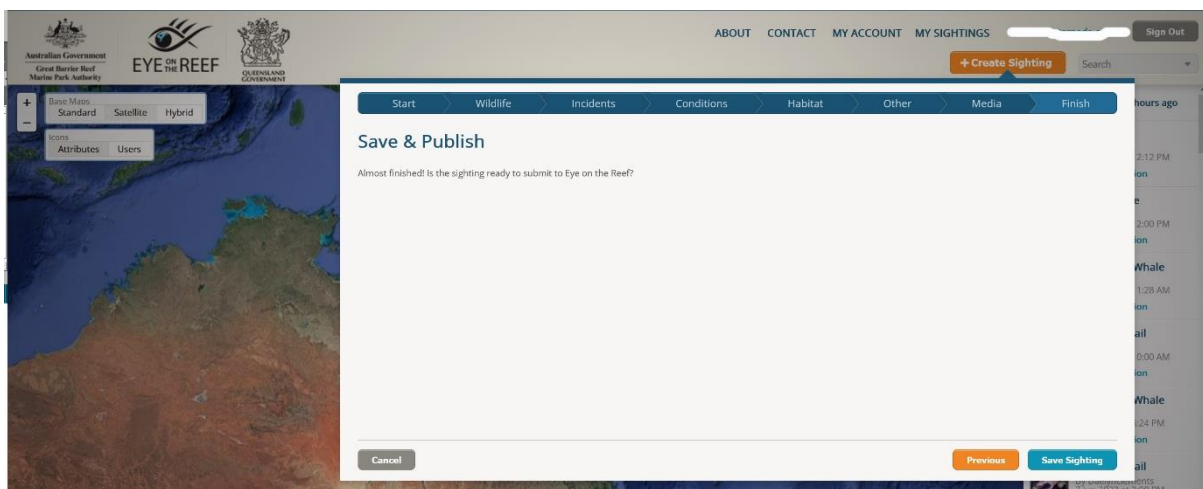
You can add extra notes if you want to make the sighting more detailed, then click 'next'.



To make your sighting more valuable, add an image or a short video. After it is attached, click 'next'.



Finally, save your sighting. You can log in and see your sightings and those of others via the pane on the right. Incident reports are not visible to the public.



Make your time out on the water more interesting and rewarding by being an 'eye on the reef'!