

2026 REPORT CARD

ENVIRONMENT

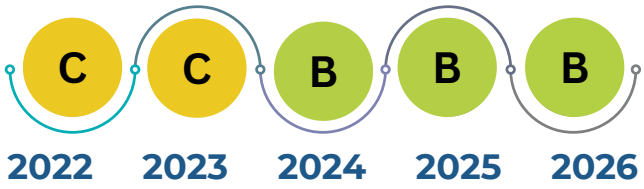
Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership

What is the Environment?

The marine environment includes the natural surroundings, like mangroves, seagrass meadows, mudflats, islands, water, and wildlife that make up this unique coastal ecosystem.

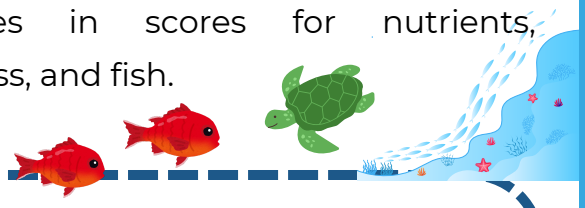
These habitats support a wide range of plants and animals, many of which are important to Traditional Owners, fishers, industry, and the local community.

GHHP has assessed Environment since the 2014 Pilot Report Card.



The overall score for Environment declined slightly in score (2025: 0.70, 2026: 0.68) and retained a Good (B).

Between July 2025 and June 2026, the region experienced lower than average rainfall, which may have influenced changes in scores for nutrients, seagrass, and fish.



How is it measured?

Nine measures are used to calculate the grades of three indicator groups in the Environment component of the Gladstone Harbour Report Card:

- **Water and Sediment Quality** assesses physicochemical, nutrient, and metal measures for Water and Sediment.
- **Habitats** combines scores for Seagrass, Corals, and Mangroves.
- **Fish and Crabs** includes Fish health, Fish recruitment, and Mud crab indicators.

Even though the individual indicators vary, grades for overall Environment have remained steady since monitoring began in 2014.

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