



## 5.5 Townsville region

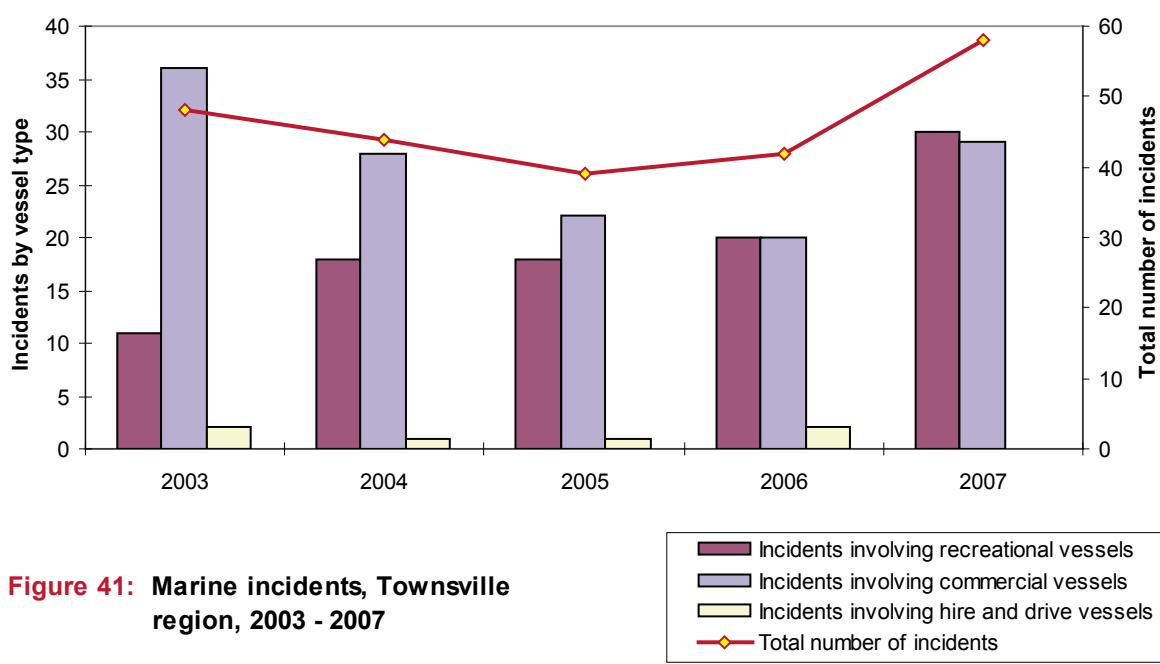
**Table 17: Key characteristics—Townsville region**

Mainland coast	827 km		
Island coast	651 km		
Rivers and creeks	769 km		
Major inland waterways	Lake Dalrymple (Burdekin Falls Dam)		
Offshore waters	Gloucester Passage to Meunga Creek (north of Cardwell)		
Major harbours	Port of Townsville (one of Queensland's fastest growing ports used for general cargo shipping, tourism)		
	Port of Lucinda (dedicated to the export of raw sugar)		
	Port of Abbott Point (bulk coal loading facility)		
	Bowen Harbour (recreational. fishing)		
Registered recreational vessels 2007	20 183	Growth 2006-07	4.9%
Registered commercial vessels 2007	504	Growth 2006-07	-2.7%
Reported marine incidents 2007	58	Fatalities	1
		Serious injuries	2

Townsville region had the highest percentage contraction in commercial vessel registration numbers in 2007 of any region in Queensland. Commercial vessel registrations in the region shrunk by 2.7 percent in 2007 compared to 1.3 percent growth for Queensland as a whole. Recreational vessel registrations in the region increased 4.9 percent in 2007 a little over the state growth rate of 4.8 percent.

Townsville region recorded 58 marine incidents in 2007, an increase of 38.1 percent from 2006 and above the four-year average of 43.3 incidents. The increase in incidents in 2007 has occurred in both the recreational and commercial sectors.

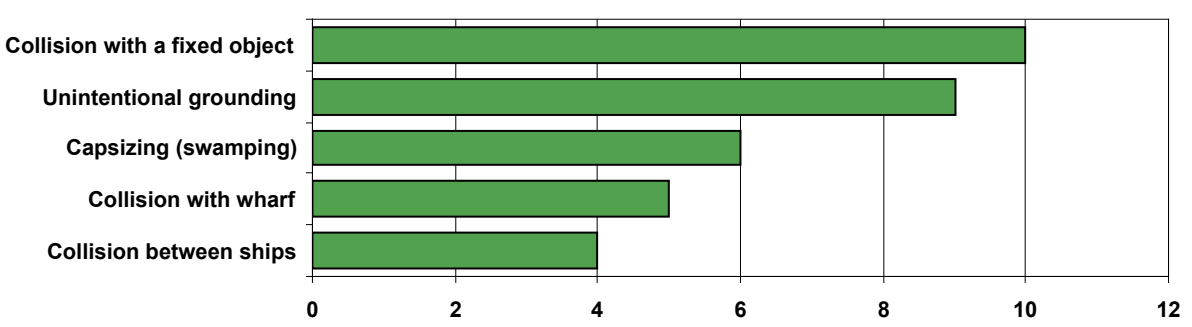
Of the 64 vessels involved in reported marine incidents in the Townsville region in 2007, commercial passenger vessels had the highest level of involvement (25 percent).



**Figure 41: Marine incidents, Townsville region, 2003 - 2007**

The most frequent incident type reported in the region in 2007 was collision with a fixed object (10). However on investigation it appears this figure contains a number of incidents that should have been coded to other categories such as collision with a wharf. Five of the 10 recorded collisions with a fixed object involved a vessel colliding with a navigational beacon.

There was one fatal incident recorded in Townville region in 2007 and two serious injury incidents.



**Figure 42: Marine incidents by incident type (Top 5), Townsville region, 2007**