

The Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations Project

Participant Information Sheet

What is this Project about?

The Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations Project is about developing a culturally appropriate engagement framework for Traditional Owners in the Great Barrier Reef to (1) review the current 27 Traditional Owner actions of the Reef 2050 Long Term Sustainability Plan (Reef 2050 Plan) across the 7 key theme areas of ecosystem health; biodiversity; heritage; water quality; community benefits; economic benefits; and governance, and (2) identify what else is needed in the Reef 2050 Plan from a Traditional Owners perspective. The project is also about understanding and reflecting Traditional Owners aspirations for ongoing engagement and consultation into the Reef 2050 Plan in particular, what governance frameworks and capacity opportunities for greater partnerships might look like for the protection and management of the Great Barrier Reef through monitoring, evaluation, reporting and adaptive management on the Reef 2050 Plan.

Who is involved in this Project?

This is a Traditional Owner-led and driven Project. The senior Traditional Owner driving this Project is Ms Melissa George a Wulgurukaba Traditional Owner with traditional connections to Magnetic Island and the greater Townsville region, Far North Queensland. Ms Liz Wren, the Project Leader, also comes with extensive experience in Indigenous Project leadership. There are a number of Traditional Owner organisations who are resourced and funded to provide leadership, involvement and support to the Project. These organisations include Northern Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILMSA), supporting Melissa George and Cape York Institute, supporting Mike Winer. There are also a number of non-Indigenous organisations involved to provide support and assistance particularly in science and policy. They include: Allan Dale from James Cook University (JCU); Libby Evans-Illidge from the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS); Ro Hill from CSIRO and Sheriden Morris and Julie Carmody from the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre (RRRC). Some of these organisations have key Traditional Owner staff involved on the Project including Duane Fraser (RRRC), Larissa Hale (Yuku Baja Muliku Landowner & Reserves Ltd), Traceylee Forester (AIMS) and Leah Talbot (CSIRO). The Project is strongly committed to supporting Traditional Owner leadership at all levels.

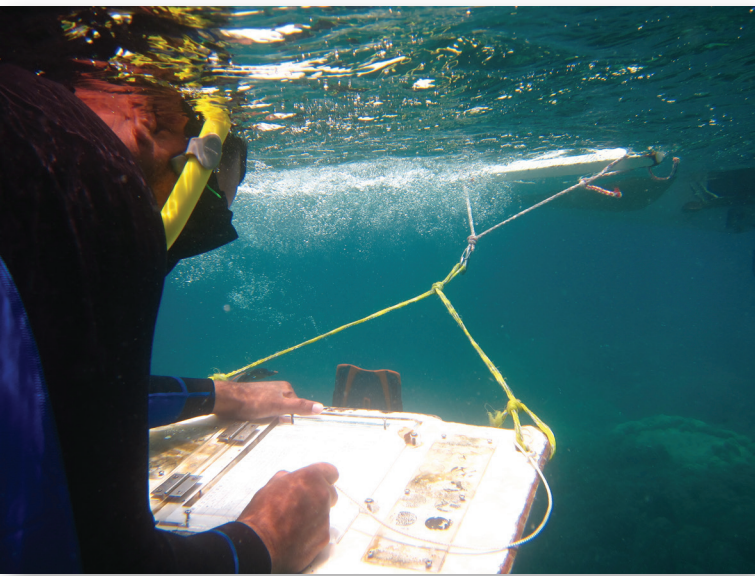
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What does the Project aim to do?

This project will coordinate and consult with Reef Traditional Owners to make clear the priority actions and funding needed for Traditional Owner involvement in implementing the existing commitments under the Reef 2050 Plan. This project will build on previous work that Great Barrier Reef Traditional Owners have undertaken with their partners and will help to create a shared understanding of Traditional Owner rights, responsibilities and aspirations, as presented throughout the Reef 2050 Plan.

How will the Project engage with Traditional Owners?

There is an opportunity to take another look at the existing actions in the Reef 2050 Plan to see if it meets Traditional Owner needs - now and into the future. This means that we will be seeking to meet with Traditional Owners to see what you think about the existing actions in the Reef 2050 Plan and to understand if these actions are still important to you and your community. We also want to understand if there are any gaps, problems or worries that you may have about the Reef 2050 Plan that might need to be fixed up. The project will also give Traditional Owners the opportunity to discuss larger policy issues concerning the future protection and management of the Great Barrier Reef.



Community Visits?

Following the large Traditional Owner Reef-wide Workshop held in Cairns on the 1-3 May 2018, the next step is to now hold smaller group meetings and workshops in your community with interested Traditional Owner members. The Project Team will be contacting you soon to find a suitable time to visit and meet with members of your community.

How will information be collected?

Members of the Project Team will conduct interviews either one-on-one or in a small group with Traditional Owners. If you agree, and provide your consent, all information will be recorded through note-takers and via voice

recordings. These voice recordings will be transcribed and later returned to you, if you provide your contact details.

How will your information be used?

Information collected will be used to inform the Project and to inform the Australian Government on what Traditional Owner priorities are concerning the existing actions in the Reef 2050 Plan and what other actions are still important to you and your community. We also want to understand if there are any gaps, problems or worries that you may have about the Reef 2050 Plan that might need to be fixed up. The information collected from this project will be used to write reports, articles for newsletters, web-sites and journal articles, presentations and project proposals for future works. The report may contain quotes from workshops participants, butcher's paper notes, interviews, but these will usually not include names.

Who will own the information?

Any knowledge that comes from an individual or group remains their intellectual property and will only be included in the project with their permission (or 'consent'). The information in the report and any other articles will belong to the Australian Government who have funded the project, but provide free licences for its use by the project partners. The reports and any other articles will be available free on line. Knowledge collected as part of this project will not contain sensitive Traditional Knowledge without the expressed free, prior and informed consent of the holders of that knowledge.



Your participation and contributions

Your participation and contributions in the Project are voluntary and you are free to withdraw your information at any time prior to the reports being published. There are no problems or penalties if you wish to withdraw. If you do withdraw, the information you have provided up to the nominated time/date will continue to be used by the Project Team.

Will I receive payment for my participation in this project?

No, you will not receive payment for participation but your costs for attending workshops and any other events will be covered by the project.

Confidentiality and Storage

All information collected in this project will be stored in locked filing cabinets and pass-word protected computers by the Project Team Members for at least five years. After that it will be disposed of unless other arrangements are made.

Risk

Participants in the research should experience no physical or mental discomfort beyond those of everyday living. The main risk is that some anxiety might result in talking about challenges people face in the Great Barrier Reef, its catchments and the people linked to these lands and seas. In this project we will focus on positive ways of improving how Traditional Owners, governments and the broader community can work together to restore and protect the Reef.

Mutual benefits, mutual trust and mutual respect

The main benefits to Traditional Owners in this Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations project include:

- empowerment of Indigenous people through stronger connections with each other
- increased understanding and linkages between Indigenous people and the Reef 2050 Plan
- opportunities to improve the way Traditional Owners engage with the Reef 2050 Plan.

There are also a range of benefits for the partners and the broader community, including better:

- understanding of how partners can better engage with and support Traditional Owners in the Reef
- well-being of all people through more effective management of the GBR.

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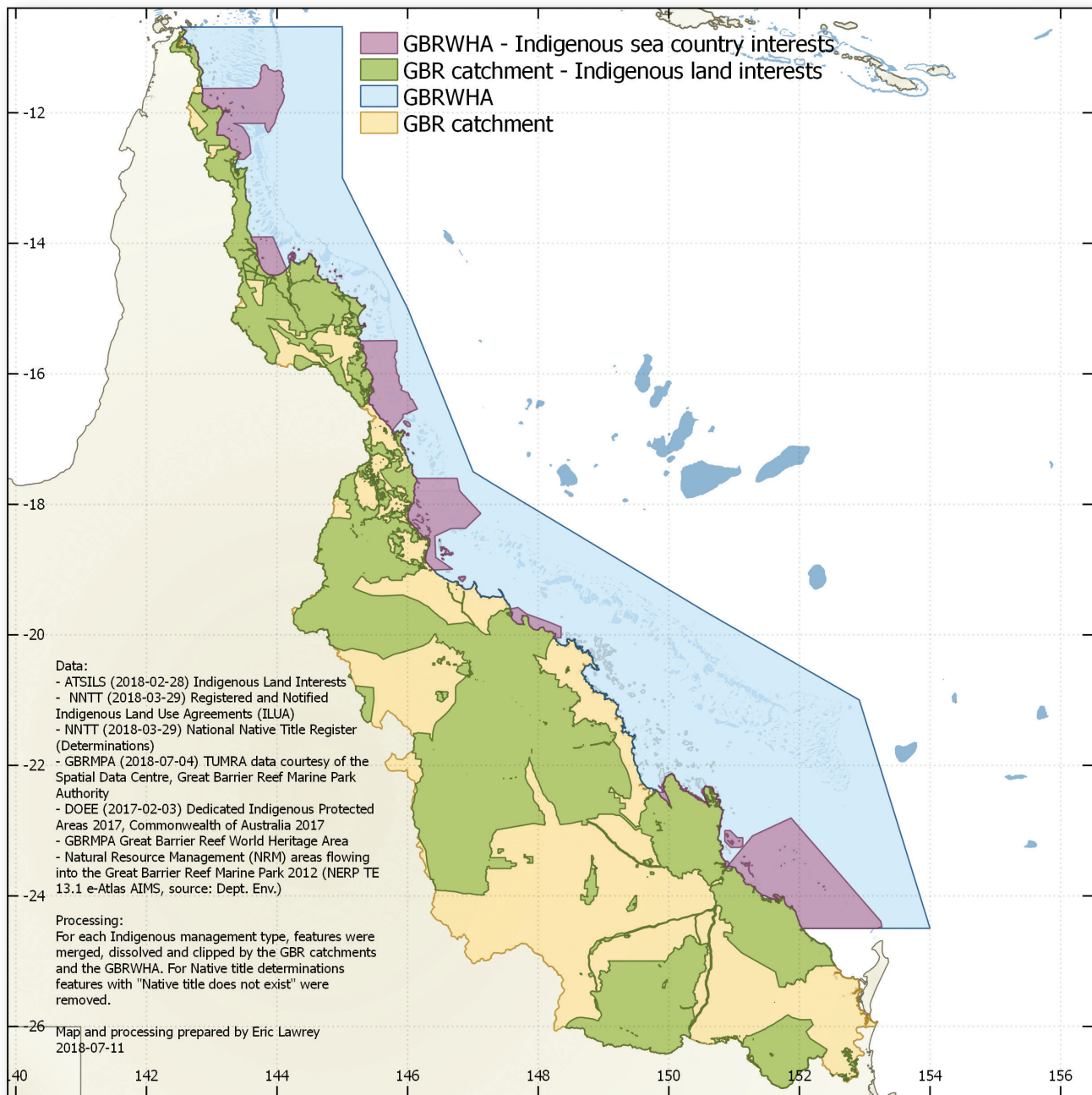
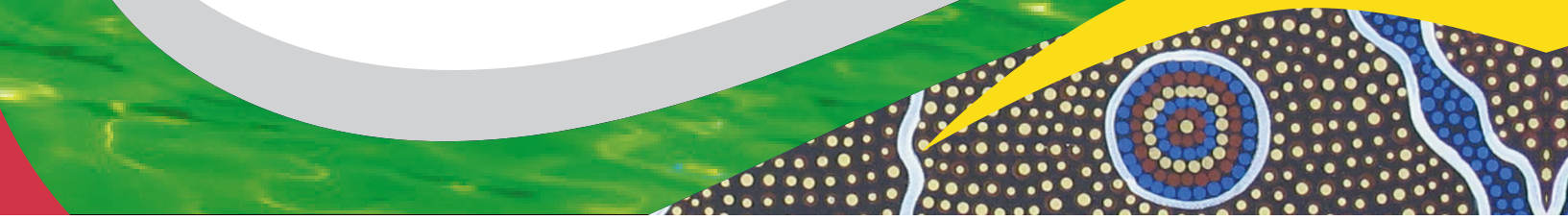
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