

Great Barrier Reef Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy



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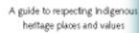
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Development

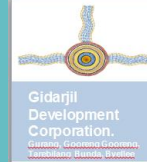


Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan



Phase 1: Policy analysis

Why are we doing this?



PCCC TUMRA Region



The process is to provide a forum that will allow traditional owners to discuss how they manage heritage, what's working and what's not and to discuss and provide solutions for GBRMPA to consider.



Overview

Facilitate a consultation process on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander skills, knowledge and experience

Methodology



Phase 2: Initial engagement

What do our partners want?



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Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Series

Act No. 91 of 1999

Administered by: Environment

Strategy

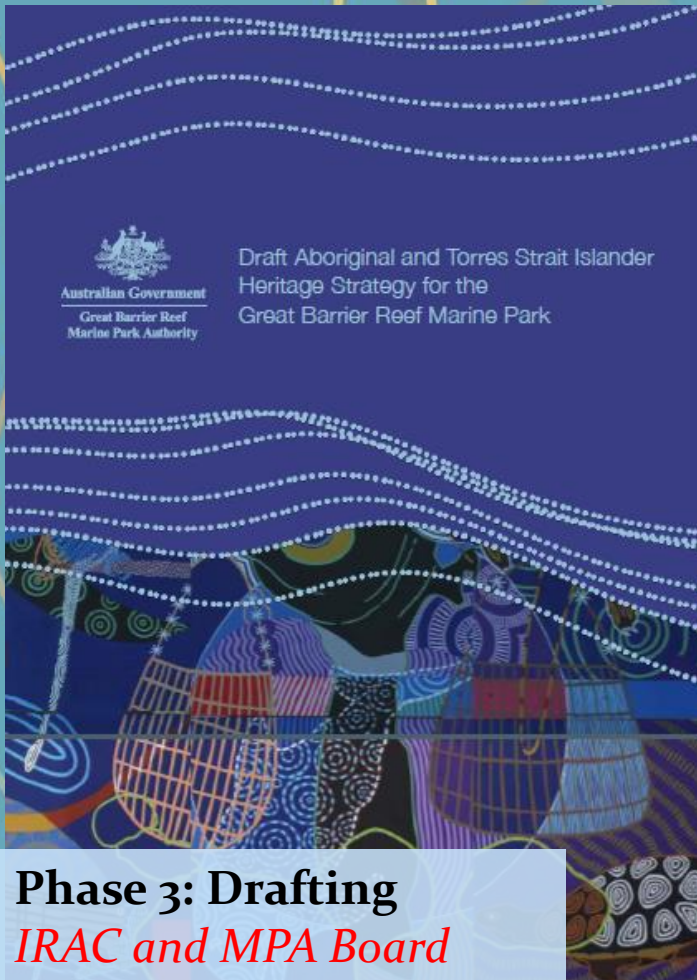
Vision

Indigenous heritage values of the Great Barrier Reef are kept strong, safe and healthy for past, present and future generations.

Heritage

'Everything. This contributes to the person I have become and the person I will be in the end of my days, this will exist even after I am gone'.

(PCCC Workshop)



Phase 3: Drafting
IRAC and MPA Board



Strategy

Outcomes

1. Keep heritage strong

Respect, recognise, and promote the connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the Reef to keep heritage strong

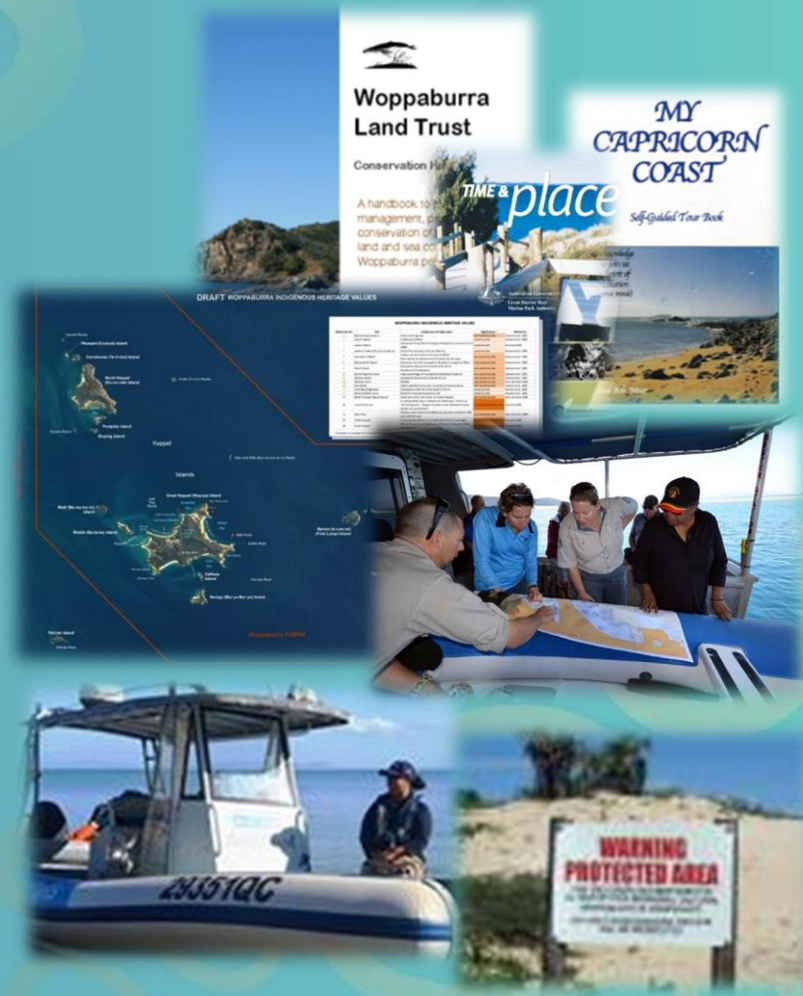
2. Keep heritage safe

Protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage through Authority processes to keep heritage safe

3. Keep heritage healthy

Partner with Traditional Owners and other Reef users to keep heritage healthy

12 Objectives, 30 Actions.



Strategy

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy Framework

VALUES

Indigenous heritage includes everything in sea country.

It includes tangible and intangible expressions of Traditional Owners' relationships with country, people, beliefs, knowledge, law, language, symbols, ways of living, sea, land and objects. These all arise from Indigenous spirituality, including heritage places (sites) and/or values including natural values, Indigenous values and historic values.

Indigenous heritage also connects with the social and economic values of the Reef.

COMPONENTS

Environment

Natural heritage (ecosystem and biodiversity) components

Places

Sacred sites, sites of particular significance and places important for cultural tradition

Technologies

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander structures, technology, tools and archaeology

Culture

Stories, songlines, totems and languages

Cultural practices, observances, customs and lore

Traditional management and use

History

Historic heritage components

THREATS

Loss of Indigenous knowledge

Passing of Elders

Difficulty exercising cultural rights and responsibilities

Difficulty transferring knowledge to younger generations

Lack of on-ground management capacity

Limited access to marine areas

Limited resources for protection and rehabilitation activities

Funding, programs and continuity difficult to maintain.

Limited consideration of Indigenous heritage in management of the Reef

Management agencies lack information on heritage

Lack of use of Indigenous knowledge in decisions

Poor community awareness and appreciation

No peak body

Difficult to collaboratively negotiate or conduct business.

VISION

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OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

1. Keep heritage strong

Respect, recognise and promote the connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the Reef

- Empower Traditional Owners through our governance and advisory structures
- Respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in all our business
- Promote understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage values

2. Keep heritage safe

Protect Indigenous heritage values through Authority processes

- Incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage information into our processes
- Identify and protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in policy and planning
- Protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage through compliance
- Use Traditional Owner knowledge and input in the environmental assessment and permitting process

3. Keep heritage healthy

Partner with Traditional Owners and others in Reef management

- Support Traditional Owners to identify, assess, map and store knowledge of their heritage values
- Partner with Traditional Owners to manage the Reef through shared decision-making, agreements and capacity building
- Facilitate partnerships between Traditional Owners and other Reef managers
- Support social and economic outcomes through programs and partnerships
- Monitor, evaluate and report on the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in the Reef

Public consultation

Phase 4: Public consultation


How can we make this better?

- Post, email, invite
- Closes 10 May 2018
- Overview, Survey

Phase 5: Finalisation

Redraft, IRAC, MPA Board

- June – Sept 2018

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Marine Park Authority

Draft Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority welcomes your valuable input on the Draft Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park.

Your feedback will help to assess support for the draft strategy and guide how actions are prioritised.

Please complete the following questions and return via reply paid post by 26 April 2017 or complete an electronic form at www.gbmpa.gov.au

Any personal information (including sensitive information) that you provide will only be used to better inform the responses to the survey. We will not disclose this information without your consent except where we are required to do so by an Australian law or court/tribunal order. You do not have to provide us your personal information and you may choose to use a pseudonym.

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SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFT STRATEGY

1. Do you support the Authority having an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy to guide its support for Traditional Owners in managing indigenous heritage in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

Comments: _____

Outcome 1: Keep heritage strong

2. How strongly do you support Outcome 1?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

3. How strongly do you support the actions under Objective 1?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

4. Are there any other actions you would like to suggest? Other comments? _____

Outcome 2: Keep heritage safe

5. How strongly do you support Outcome 2?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

6. How strongly do you support the actions under Objective 2?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

7. Are there any other actions you would like to suggest? Other comments? _____

Outcome 3: Keep heritage healthy

8. How strongly do you support Outcome 3?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

9. How strongly do you support the actions under Objective 3?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

10. Are there any other actions you would like to suggest? Other comments? _____

Key Actions

11. How strongly do you support mapping and sharing of cultural knowledge by Traditional Owners with the Authority to allow better protection of places, animals and other components of significance to you?

Strongly do not support ☐ Do not support ☐ Undecided ☐ Support ☐ Strongly support ☐

OPTIONAL

Name: _____

Are you a Traditional Owner of the Great Barrier Reef? Yes ☐ No ☐

What Traditional Owner group do you identify with? _____

Have you heard of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park? Yes ☐ No ☐

Project links

- Reef 2050 Traditional Owner Aspirations Project
- Indigenous Heritage Working Group
- Cultural Protocols
- Data Sharing Agreements



Get your comments in today!

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