

The Tension between Biodiversity Conservation and Traditional Hunting in Protected Areas

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Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act

- *Declared World Heritage property*
- significant impact on the world heritage values
 - lost;
 - degraded or damaged; or
 - notably altered, modified, obscured or diminished.
- *Management of World Heritage areas*
 - ‘best endeavours to reach agreement’ with the owners and occupiers

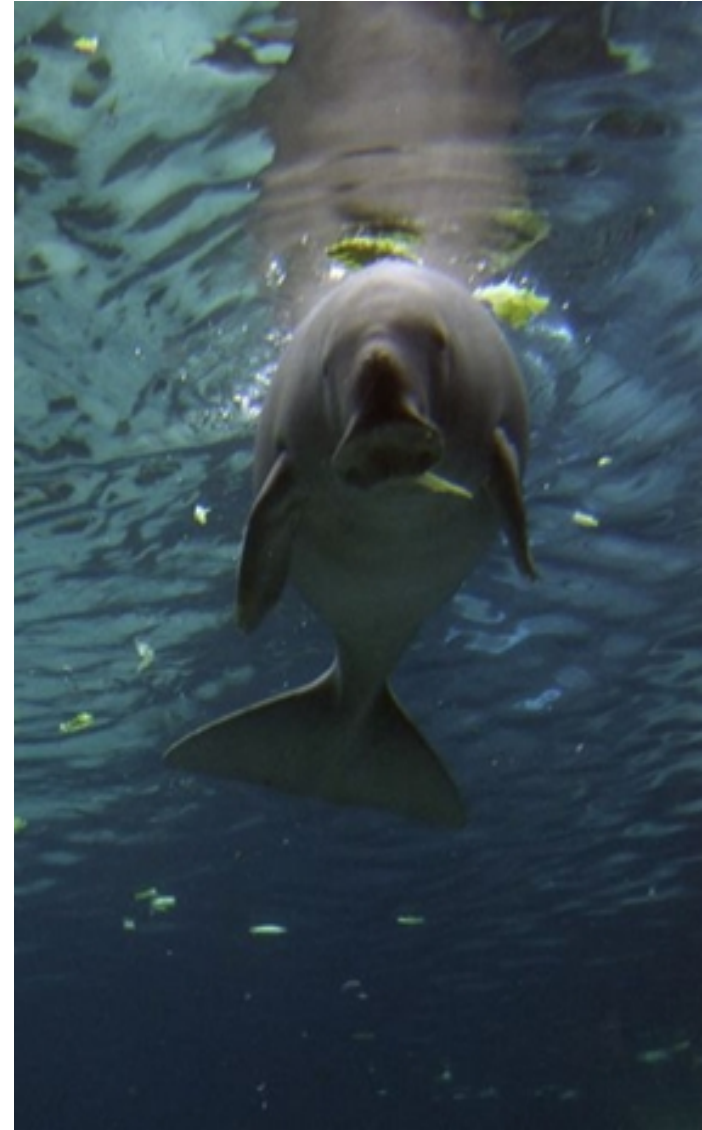
World heritage listing



- World Heritage Convention
 - natural and cultural heritage of ‘outstanding universal value’
 - duty of each state party to identify, protect, conserve, present and transmit to future generations

Convention on Biodiversity Conservation

- Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 (Cth)
- ‘Significant impact’ on –
 - World Heritage Properties
 - National Heritage Places
 - Listed threatened species and communities
 - Listed migratory species
 - Commonwealth marine areas
 - Great Barrier Marine Park



Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

Species threats

- Dugong – habitat loss
 - Cyclones and extreme weather
 - Nutrients, pesticides and sediment
 - Clearing coastal habitats
 - Coastal reclamation and development
- Reef threats –
 - Climate change
 - Water quality
 - Cyclones
 - Ports
 - Crown of thorns starfish



Traditional activities of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- Illegal hunting and poaching of dugong and turtle affects cultural practices, stories, songlines and sites
- Support for Traditional Use Management Agreements as a management tool
- Increased penalties not prioritized
- Mostly legal hunting by Traditional Owners and Indigenous communities
- Impact of penalties on unacceptable rates of Indigenous imprisonment

Climate change

- Impacts on Indigenous cultural practices
- Totem loss
- Reduction of species for harvesting
- Reduction in recreational use
- Displacement from coastal communities



Traditional Use of Marine Resource Agreements

- 70 Traditional Owner groups in GBRMP
- Partnership with GBRMPA – ‘Reef Rescue Land and Sea Country Indigenous Partnership Program
- Indigenous Reef Advisory Committee
- TUMRAs
- ILUAs

TUMRAs

- Woppaburra – Keppel Islands
- Yirrganydji – Cairns to Port Douglas
- Lamma Lamma – Princess Charlotte Bay to Normandy River
- Yuku-Baja-Mulika – Archer Point
- Girringun – Rollingstone to Mission Beach
- Wuthathi – Shellburne Bay, Cape York
- Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang. Bailai and Tarebilang Bunda – Port Curtis Coral Coast – Bundaberg – Gladstone

Port Curtis Coral Coast TUMRA



Kuuku Ya'u Peoples Protected Areas & Marine Park ILUAs

- Registered under *Native Title Act*
- 197,000 ha GBRMP and 120 ha National Park

