
National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

Broome Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The Broome ICC area is located in the North West of the State of Western Australia. It comprises of approximately 5.5 million hectares, of which 430 thousand hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the Indian Ocean to the west, and common boundaries with the Derby ICC area to the east and the South Hedland ICC area to the south.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of Broome.



Land Tenure

- The most widespread tenure type in the area is Other Crown Lands, with over half (55%) of the total area attributed to that tenure type. Leasehold lands are also common, making up 41% of the total area.

Broome tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Other Crown Land	3,041,969	55
Leasehold	2,280,497	41
Private leasehold	156,955	3
Nature Conservation Reserve	49,938	1
Unresolved Tenure	15,208	0
Total	5,544,567	100

Forest type

- Forests only occupy a small proportion of this area due to low rainfall and high temperatures. The most common forest type is Acacia forest, covering 415 thousand hectares, making up 97% of the areas forests.

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Acacia	415,380	97	7
Mangroves	10,679	2	0
Eucalypt	3,287	1	0
Rainforest	33	0	0
Total	429,379	100	8

Soils

- The majority of the Broome ICC area is dominated by sandy soils with narrow bands of calcareous earths present along the south western coastline.

Climate

- Climatic zones in the area are predominantly grassland hot (winter drought) with small areas of tropical savanna in the north.
 - On average the city of Broome receives 576mm of rainfall each year, predominantly falling during the warmer months.
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- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Broome	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	28°C	34°C
Average minimum	5°C	26°C

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 17,814 (1% of Western Australia's population and 0.09% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Broome (15,242)
- Largest Indigenous population: Broome (2,539)

Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	17,814	1,830,155	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	16,366	1,654,705	16,823,254
Total rural population	1,448	175,450	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	91.9%	90.4%	89.7%
Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001)	6.5%	1.4%	1.1%
Number of people employed in forestry and logging	3	1,459	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	556	36,633	330,466
Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.5%	4%	3.3%
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of forestry and logging	0.04%	0.18%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	13	4,429	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.18%	0.54%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	29.0%	28.3%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	10.1%	13.9%	13.9%

ICC Areas: Regional socio-demographic figures were compiled from aggregated 2001 SLA data. The population of an SLA was attributed to an ICC area if over 50% of the SLA fell within that area.

Climate information data source: Australian Bureau of Meteorology, (BOM) 2006, 'Climate Averages for Australian Sites'.

Social Indicator data source: Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 1996-2001, Census of Population and Housing. Data based on the place of enumeration. Data supplied by ABS as customised tables at statistical local area (SLA) geography.

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