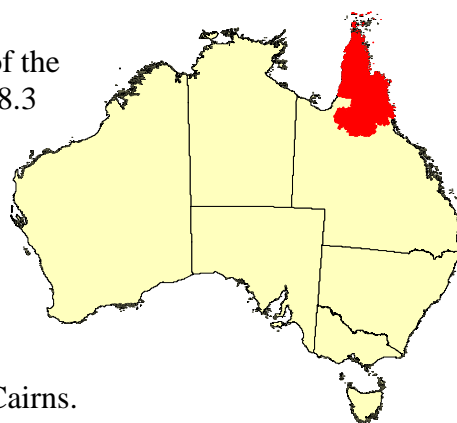

National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

Cairns Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The Cairns ICC area is located in the northern point of the State of Queensland. It comprises of approximately 28.3 million hectares, of which 22.5 million hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the Gulf of Carpentaria to the west, the Coral Sea to the east and Torres Strait to the north. The area shares common boundaries with the Mt Isa and Townsville ICC areas to the south.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of Cairns.



Land Use

- The most widespread tenure type in the area is Leasehold land, with 73% of the total area attributed to that tenure type. Other common tenure types in the area include Nature Conservation Reserve and Private Leasehold land.

Cairns tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Leasehold	20,750,083	73
Nature Conservation Reserve	3,088,387	11
Private leasehold	2,983,847	10
Other Crown Land	1,047,280	4
Multiple Use Forest	269,968	1
Unresolved Tenure	220,582	1
Total	28,360,147	100

Forest type

- The most dominant forest type is Eucalypt forest, covering 59% of the entire area and making up 74% of the areas forests. Melaleuca forests are also common, making up 14% of the entire area and 18% of the areas forests.

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Eucalypt	16,601,329	74	59
Melaleuca	3,957,052	18	14
Rainforest	1,037,764	4	4
Acacia	524,739	2	2
Other	138,957	1	0
Mangroves	112,249	1	0
Casuarina	77,865	0	0
Plantations	3,756	0	0
Total	22,453,711	100	79

Soils

- Soils in this area are predominantly non calcareous earths, with regions of sandy soils, loams and red duplex soils along the eastern coast and in the south. There are scattered areas of yellow duplex soils along major rivers and flood zones and clay soils along the south western coastline.
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Climate

- Climatic zones in the area are predominantly tropical savanna, with regions of equatorial savanna in the north, grassland hot (winter drought) in the south and tropical rainforest/ subtropical no dry season in the south east.
- On average the city of Cairns receives 2223mm of rainfall each year, predominantly falling during the warmer months.
- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Cairns	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	26°C	32°C
Average minimum	16°C	24°C

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 218,023 (6% of Queensland's population and 1% of the nation's population).
- Largest City: Cairns (90,085)
- Largest Indigenous population: Cairns (3,867)

Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	218,023	3,584,154	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	173,794	3,098,019	16,823,254
Total rural population	44,229	486,135	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	79.7%	86.4%	89.7%
Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001)	0.5%	1.6%	1.1%
Number of people employed in forestry and logging	114	1,859	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	8,404	76,477	330,466
Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1.4%	2.4%	3.3%
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of forestry and logging	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	414	11,438	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.43%	0.74%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	23.1%	25.8%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	14.5%	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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