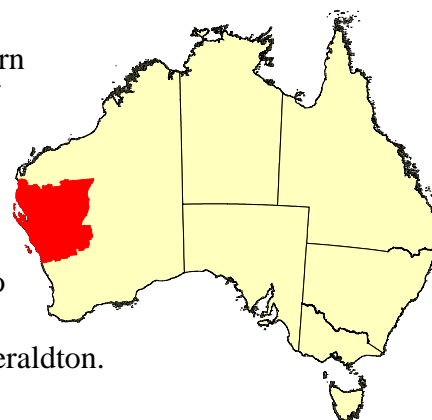

National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

Geraldton Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The Geraldton ICC area is located on the central western coast of the State of Western Australia. It comprises of approximately 41 million hectares, of which 2.2 million hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the Indian Ocean to the west, and common boundaries with the South Hedland ICC area to the north, Perth ICC area to the south and Kalgoorlie ICC area to the east.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of Geraldton.



Land Tenure

- The most widespread tenure type in the area is Leasehold land, with 82% of the total area attributed to that tenure type.

Geraldton tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Leasehold	33,376,354	82
Private leasehold	3,201,091	8
Other Crown Land	3,006,094	7
Nature Conservation Reserve	1,370,597	3
Multiple Use Forest	30,126	0
Total	40,984,262	100

Forest type

- Forests only occupy a small proportion of this area due to low rainfall and high temperatures. There are some extensive areas of open forests of Acacia (just over 1 million hectares) and Eucalypt (just under 1 million hectares).

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Acacia	1,070,610	46	3
Eucalypt	962,901	41	2
Other	267,799	12	1
Casuarina	24,400	1	0
Mangroves	3,150	0	0
Total	2,328,860	100	6

Soils

- Soils in the north of this area are comprised of loams and red duplex soils. The central and southern parts are dominated by loams, with large areas of non calcareous earths along creeks, rivers and flood zones. The coast line is composed mainly of sandy soils with small patches of red and yellow duplex soils on the far south coast.

Climate

- Climatic zones in the area range from desert hot (persistently dry) in the east to desert hot (summer drought) and grassland hot (summer drought) in the west.
 - On average the city of Geraldton receives 461mm of rainfall each year, predominantly falling during the cooler months.
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- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Geraldton	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	20°C	32°C
Average minimum	9°C	18°C

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 59,396 (3% of Western Australia's population and 0.3% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Geraldton (25,324)
- Largest Indigenous population: Geraldton (2,170)

Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	59,396	1,830,155	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	45,496	1,654,705	16,823,254
Total rural population	13,900	175,450	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	76.6%	90.4%	89.7%
Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001)	0.4%	1.4%	1.1%
Number of people employed in forestry and logging	20	1,459	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	3,750	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	0.08%	0.18%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	36	4,429	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.15%	0.54%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	21.0%	28.3%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	15.8%	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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