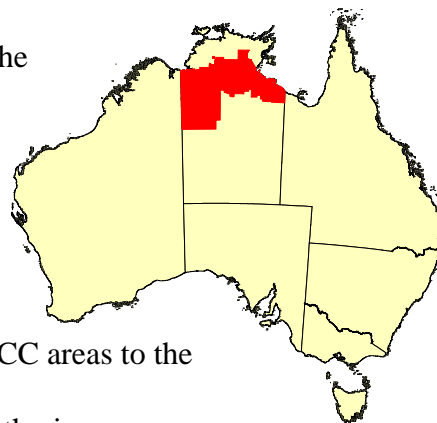

National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

Katherine Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The Katherine ICC area is located in the mid-north of the Northern Territory. It comprises of approximately 36.5 million hectares, of which 17.5 million hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the Western Australia State border to the west and the Gulf of Carpentaria to the east. The area shares common boundaries with the Darwin and Nhulunbuy ICC areas to the north and the Tennant Creek and Alice Springs ICC areas to the south.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of Katherine.



Land Tenure

- The most widespread tenure type in the Katherine ICC area is Leasehold land, with 65% of the total area attributed to that tenure type. Private Leasehold land is also common, making up 33% of the total area.

Katherine tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Leasehold	23,852,291	65
Private leasehold	11,926,764	33
Other Crown Land	685,361	2
Unresolved Tenure	93,040	0
Nature Conservation Reserve	3,909	0
Total	36,561,365	100

Forest type

- The most dominant forest type is Eucalypt forest, covering 41% of the total area and making up 85% of the areas forests.

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Eucalypt	14,891,364	85	41
Acacia	1,159,920	7	3
Melaleuca	744,687	4	2
Other	424,454	3	1
Callitris	159,997	1	0
Mangroves	41,219	0	0
Rainforest	9,591	0	0
Total	17,431,232	100	48

Soils

- This south and north east of the area is dominated by sandy soils, with a small area of yellow duplex soils found along the far eastern coastline. The central parts of the area are predominantly composed of non calcareous earths with sandy soils scattered throughout, especially towards the east. In the west of the area there are again large areas of sands, with several large patches of clays and loams along creeks, rivers and flood zones.
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Climate

- Climatic zones in the area are tropical savanna in the north and east, while the south is dominated by grassland hot (winter drought).
- On average the city of Katherine receives 976mm of rainfall each year, predominantly falling during the warmer months.
- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Katherine	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	30°C	35°C
Average minimum	13°C	24°C

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 18,745 (9% of the Northern Territories population and 0.1% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Katherine (6,493)
- Largest Indigenous population: Katherine (1,471)

Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	18,745	200,645	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	11,213	168,065	16,823,254
Total rural population	7,532	32,580	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	59.8%	83.8%	89.7%
Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001)	0%	1.0%	1.1%
Number of people employed in forestry and logging	8	91	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	563	2,648	330,466
Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1.4%	3.4%	3.3%
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of forestry and logging	0.11%	0.10%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	7	187	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.10%	0.21%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	29.0%	36.7%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	11.0%	10.0%	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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