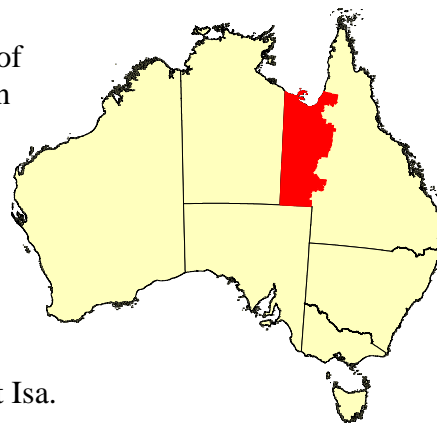

National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

Mt Isa Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The Mt Isa ICC area is located in the west of the State of Queensland. It comprises of approximately 37.9 million hectares, of which 3.5 million hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the Northern Territory border to the west, the South Australian State border to the south and the Gulf of Carpentaria to the north. The area also shares common boundaries with the Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and Roma ICC areas to the east.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of Mt Isa.



Land Tenure

The most widespread tenure type in the area is Leasehold land, with 91% of the total area attributed to that tenure type.

Mt Isa tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Leasehold	34,438,841	91
Nature Conservation Reserve	2,322,013	6
Private leasehold	624,891	2
Unresolved Tenure	410,114	1
Other Crown Land	54,611	0
Multiple Use Forest	8,073	0
Total	37,858,543	100

Forest type

- The most dominant forest type is Eucalypt forest, covering 5% of the total area and making up 58% of the areas forests. Melaleuca forests are also common, making up 35% of the areas forests.

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Eucalypt	2,057,138	58	5
Melaleuca	1,217,299	35	3
Acacia	185,425	5	1
Other	69,588	2	0
Mangroves	5,775	0	0
Total	3,535,225	100	9

Soils

- This area is predominantly covered by clayey soils. Areas of red duplex soils are present in the far south and in a narrow band extending to the north west. Non calcareous earths and loams are scattered through the central parts of the area along with small areas of sandy soils. Red duplex soils can be found on the north eastern and north western coastlines.
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Climate

- Climatic zones in the area range from tropical savanna in the north, grassland hot (winter drought) in the central north, desert hot (winter drought) in the central south and desert hot (persistently dry) in the south.
- On average the city of Mt Isa receives 386mm of rainfall each year, predominantly falling during the warmer months.
- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Mt Isa	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	25°C	38°C
Average minimum	10°C	24°C

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 36,585 (1% of Queensland's population and 0.2% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Mt Isa (20,369)
- Largest Indigenous population: Mt Isa (2,855)

Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	36,585	3,584,154	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	30,620	3,098,019	16,823,254
Total rural population	5,965	486,135	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	83.7%	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	4	1,859	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1,487	76,477	330,466
Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	0.3%	2.4%	3.3%
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of forestry and logging	0.02%	0.12%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	26	11,438	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.15%	0.74%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	37.2%	25.8%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	9.6%	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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