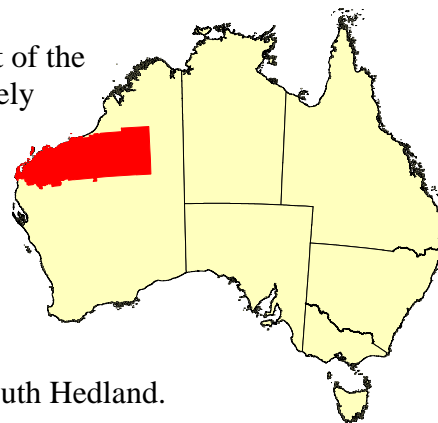

National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

South Hedland Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The South Hedland ICC area is located in the mid-west of the State of Western Australia. It comprises of approximately 43.7 million hectares, of which 39 thousand hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the Indian Ocean to the west, and common boundaries with the Kununurra ICC area to the east, the Geraldton and Kalgoorlie ICC areas to the south, and the Broome and Derby ICC areas to the north.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of South Hedland.



Land Tenure

- The most widespread tenure type in the area is Other Crown Land, with 57% of the total area attributed to that tenure type. Leasehold land is also common, making up 36% of the total area.

| South Hedland tenure types | Hectares | Percent of total |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------|
| Other Crown Land | 24,861,571 | 57 |
| Leasehold | 15,641,017 | 36 |
| Nature Conservation Reserve | 3,020,916 | 7 |
| Unresolved Tenure | 88,815 | 0 |
| Private leasehold | 66,500 | 0 |
| Multiple Use Forest | 18,518 | 0 |
| Total | 43,697,337 | 100 |

Forest type

- Forests only occupy a small proportion of this area due to low rainfall and high temperatures. Mangroves are the most common forest type in the area covering approximately 36 thousand hectares.

| Forest Type | Total Forest (ha) | Percent of forest | Percent of total area |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Mangroves | 36,455 | 95 | 0 |
| Acacia | 2,045 | 5 | 0 |
| Eucalypt | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 38,600 | 100 | 0 |

Soils

- Soils in this region are dominated by sands, with vast areas of sandy soils in the eastern parts of the region. In the wester half of the region loam soils are dominant with red duplex soils present in river and flood zones of the inland areas, and non calcareous massive earths in the river and flood zones along the coast line.
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Climate

- Climatic zones in the area range from desert hot (winter drought) in the northwest to desert hot (persistent dry) in the southwest. The central east is zoned grassland hot (persistently dry) and east coast is grassland hot (summer drought).
- On average the city of South Hedland receives 327mm of rainfall each year, predominantly falling during the warmer months.
- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

| South Hedland | Mid-Winter | Mid- Summer |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| Average maximum | 26°C | 35°C |
| Average minimum | 13°C | 26°C |

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 46,525 (2.5% of Western Australia's population and 0.2% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Port Hedland (12,697)
- Largest Indigenous population: Port Hedland (1,729)

Social indicator table

| Social Indicator | In ICC Area | State or Territory | National |
|---|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| Total population (2001) | 46,525 | 1,830,155 | 18,757,139 |
| Total population living in urban centres | 40,920 | 1,654,705 | 16,823,254 |
| Total rural population | 5,605 | 175,450 | 1,933,885 |
| Percentage of population living in urban centres | 88% | 90.4% | 89.7% |
| Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001) | -0.8% | 1.4% | 1.1% |
| Number of people employed in forestry and logging | 17 | 1,459 | 10,944 |
| Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 595 | 36,633 | 330,466 |
| Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry | 2.9% | 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 | 16 | 4,429 | 63,383 |
| Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing | 0.07% | 0.54% | 0.78% |
| Percentage of high income households | 47.6% | 28.3% | 29.4% |
| Proportion of low income households | 6.1% | 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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