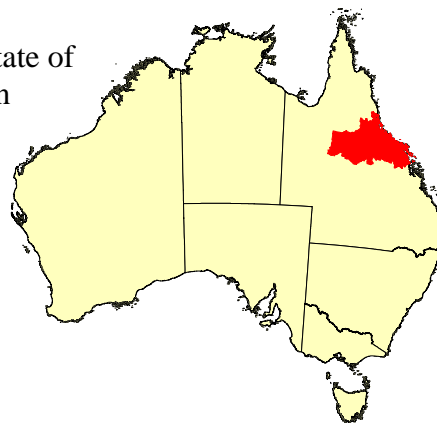

National Indigenous Forestry Strategy

Townsville Indigenous Coordination Centre

Area profile

Location

- The Townsville ICC area is located in the east of the State of Queensland. It comprises of approximately 19.2 million hectares, of which 8 million hectares are forested.
- The areas boundaries are made up of the South Pacific Ocean in the east, and common boundaries with the Cairns ICC area to the north, Mt Isa ICC area to the west and Rockhampton ICC area to the south.
- The area coordination office is located in the city of Townsville.



Land Tenure

- The most widespread tenure type in the area is Leasehold lands, with 73% of the total area attributed to that tenure type. Private Leasehold land is also common, making up 17% of the total area.

Townsville tenure types	Hectares	Percent of total
Leasehold	14,138,223	73
Private leasehold	3,267,386	17
Nature Conservation Reserve	905,539	5
Unresolved Tenure	526,759	3
Multiple Use Forest	198,218	1
Other Crown Land	179,983	1
Total	19,216,108	100

Forest type

- The most dominant forest type is Eucalypt forest, covering 30% of the total area and making up 72% of the areas forests.

Forest Type	Total Forest (ha)	Percent of forest	Percent of total area
Eucalypt	5,800,143	72	30
Acacia	982,186	12	5
Rainforest	868,183	11	5
Other	307,302	4	2
Melaleuca	41,783	1	0
Mangroves	26,370	0	0
Plantations	11,060	0	0
Casuarina	411	0	0
Total	8,037,438	100	42

Soils

- The soils in the west of the area are predominantly clays and sands, the soils in the central parts are predominantly non calcareous earths, while the soils in the east are a mosaic of loams, clays, sands, and non calcareous earths. Regions of brown, red and yellow duplex soils are also present in the river and flood zones of the area.
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Climate

- Climatic zones in the area range from tropical rainforest (monsoonal) on the far north coast, tropical savanna along the remainder of the coast, subtropical distinctly dry winter on the inland east and the remainder of the area grassland hot (winter drought).
- On average the city of Townsville receives 1102mm of rainfall each year, predominantly falling during the warmer months.
- Average daily minimum and maximum temperatures in the city

Townsville	Mid-Winter	Mid- Summer
Average maximum	24°C	31°C
Average minimum	16°C	25°C

Population

- Total population of ICC area: 326,421 (9% of Queensland's population and 1.8% of the entire nation's population).
- Largest City: Townsville-Thuringowa (117,990)
- Largest Indigenous population: Townsville-Thuringowa (4,287)

Social indicator table

Social Indicator	In ICC Area	State or Territory	National
Total population (2001)	326,421	3,584,154	18,757,139
Total population living in urban centres	266,765	3,098,019	16,823,254
Total rural population	59,656	486,135	1,933,885
Percentage of population living in urban centres	81.7%	86.4%	89.7%
Average annual growth rate based on population change (1996-2001)	1.0%	1.6%	1.1%
Number of people employed in forestry and logging	128	1,859	10,944
Number of people employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	12,595	76,477	330,466
Persons employed in forestry and logging as a percentage of all persons employed in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	1%	2.4%	3.3%
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of forestry and logging	0.09%	0.12%	0.13%
Number of people employed in Paper and Wood Products Manufacturing	533	11,438	63,383
Proportion of employed persons working in the industry sector of Wood and Paper product manufacturing	0.37%	0.74%	0.78%
Percentage of high income households	25.1%	25.8%	29.4%
Proportion of low income households	13.7%	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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