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managing our heritage

Enriching...

Through conservation, research, tourism and community partnerships, the Wet Tropics Management Authority promotes enjoyment and appreciation of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area – connecting and creating outstanding opportunities to enrich the lives of people everywhere.

A place we call home...

Wet Tropics recognises that the long-term integrity of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area can only be secured through cooperative management.

Community education and participation in management helps create a culture of environmental appreciation of the importance of conservation of the World Heritage Area for the benefit of the entire community.

enriched

Supporting your Wet Tropics...

The Wet Tropics Management Authority protects, conserves and promotes sustainable use of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area through strong partnerships with community, industry and Rainforest Aboriginal people for the enrichment of all.

To discover more about your Wet Tropics World Heritage Area and how you can help care for this irreplaceable ancient wonder, simply contact:



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Building collaborative partnerships to ensure the protection and sustainable enjoyment of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area...



Securing a future...

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) recognition and World Heritage listing of Queensland's Wet Tropics as an area of outstanding universal value, galvanized the Australian and Queensland governments to set in place a comprehensive management framework to ensure its protection for future generations.

A regional commitment...

A cornerstone to success of the management framework is on-ground coordination and management that unites regional communities, local land owners, regional councils, tourism and business sectors and Rainforest Aboriginal people in a supportive and collaborative effort.

The Wet Tropics Management Authority (*Wet Tropics*) was established under the *Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993* to provide leadership, facilitation, advocacy and guidance in the management and presentation of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. Based in Cairns, *Wet Tropics* comprises a dedicated team of around 20 scientists, planners and outreach specialists that focus on building networks in the wet tropics region.

partnerships

collaborative

A learning landscape...

Over the last two decades, *Wet Tropics* has initiated best-practice land management programs by supporting strong partnerships with land management agencies and local and regional communities to ensure the World Heritage values of the wet tropics region are maintained and appreciated.

The diverse and complex wet tropics landscapes has provided a unique opportunity for scientific research to grow our understanding of the World Heritage Area. *Wet Tropics* actively encourages and supports recognition and use of the World Heritage Area as a learning landscape.

Wet Tropics provides for the implementation of Australia's international duty under the World Heritage Convention through conserving, sharing and enriching:

and connection knowledge

Conserving...

Building strong, supportive and collaborative partnerships, the Wet Tropics Management Authority provides leadership, guidance and advocacy for the protection and rehabilitation of the outstanding values of our Wet Tropics World Heritage Area – securing a living, vibrant legacy for future generations.

Sharing...

Working in partnership to present and promote discovery, understanding and connection to the rich natural and cultural values of our Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, the Wet Tropics Management Authority seeks to ensure that this ancient and irreplaceable landscape is treasured and celebrated by all.

