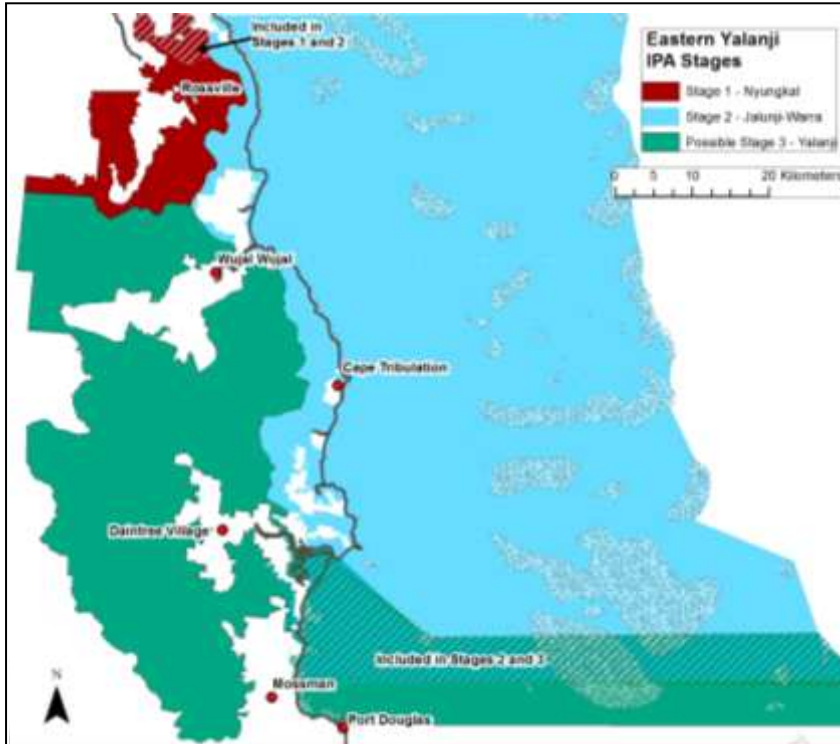




Eastern Kuku Yalanji Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) Project – April 2012 Update



Eastern Yalanji Land and Sea Country runs from near Port Douglas to south of Cooktown. Today, Eastern Yalanji Country is divided into different tenures, including ordinary freehold, Aboriginal freehold, national parks, marine parks and reserves.

In 2009 Eastern Yalanji Traditional Owners agreed on a staged IPA across Eastern Yalanji Country, to:

- “Put Country back together” through multi-tenure planning and management across Eastern Yalanji Land and Sea Country
- Promote Traditional Owner-driven planning and management
- Get resources to manage Country.

Current status

The Eastern Yalanji IPA has 3 stages - Kuku Nyungkal Country, Jalunji-Warra Land and Sea Country and Yalanji Land and Sea Country. Traditional Owners are currently developing management plans, which include a vision statement and identify the IPA area, its International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) category (e.g. national park, managed resource area) and governance arrangements. The plans outline values identified by Traditional Owners, threats to our Country and strategies and actions to care for our Country. During 2012-13 the focus will shift from management planning to on-ground/sea caring for Country activities.

Jalunji-Warra Bama working on the IPA plan at Bloomfield Hall



Kuku Nyungkal Bama reviewing plans on-Country at Rossville



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Stage 1 – Kuku Nyungkal Country

Stage 1 will include about 14,000ha of Aboriginal freehold nature refuge, with about 10,500ha of co-managed land in Ngalba Bulal and Black Mountain national parks. The Kuku Nyungkal Elders Advisory Group reviewed the draft Stage 1 management plan: *Caring for Kuku Nyungkal Country Plan at Home Rule* in September 2011. Elders endorsed the plan, with agreed changes.

Stage 2 – Jalunji-Warra Land and Sea Country

Stage 2 will include 2843ha of Aboriginal freehold nature refuge and sole-trustee reserves, with a co-managed area of about 475,000ha within the Great Barrier Reef and Great Barrier Reef Coast marine parks, Daintree, Ngalba Bulal and Black Mountain national parks and joint-trustee reserves. The Jalunji-Warra IPA Steering Committee reviewed the draft Stage 2 management plan *Bama Ngulkurrku Wawu Wawurrku Bundangka Bubungu Jalunbu (Healthy Mob, Healthy Land and Sea Plan)* at Ayton in December 2011. The group endorsed the plan, with agreed changes, and agreed that Muka Muka Warra (Kuku Buyun) Land and Sea Country would be included in Stage 2 of the Eastern Yalanji IPA.



Stage 3 – Yalanji Land and Sea Country

Stage 3 of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji IPA will include the Land and Sea Country of the Yalanji-dialect groups, including Wujal Wujal Warra, Dikarrba Warra, Buru Warra, Julay Warra and Kubirri Warra Traditional Owners. Traditional Owners will determine which areas to include within Stage 3 of the Eastern Yalanji IPA.

Next steps – March to October 2012

Jabalbina will facilitate Traditional Owner meetings to develop the Eastern Yalanji IPA management plan for Stage 3 – Yalanji Land and Sea Country during the 2012 dry season.

After the Stage 1 – Nyungkal Country and Stage 2 – Jalunji-Warra Country management plans are endorsed by Jabalbina and the Commonwealth Government, the Eastern Yalanji IPA will be dedicated over these areas.

Jabalbina will continue to work with our partners to arrange co-management of national parks, marine parks and joint-trustee reserves.

For more information on the Eastern Yalanji IPA, please contact Jabalbina's planning and development coordinator, Rowan Shee, on phone (07) 4098 5500 or pdcc@jabalbina.com.au.

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