



Natural Resource Management Regions

TRADITIONAL OWNER EMPLOYMENT

Queensland's Natural Resource Management (NRM) Regional Bodies are committed to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NRM Regional Bodies provide employment for over 320 people across Queensland, many of them from rural and remote areas. Of these, nearly three percent identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

NRM Regional bodies also employ First Nations individuals and organisations as community delivery partners. 2018-19 saw over 350 Indigenous peoples employed to deliver projects, more than the number of direct employees within the sector itself. NRM Regional Bodies also focus on engagement, consultation and recognising the value of Traditional Ecological Knowledge when working on Country.



CASE STUDY



BURNETT MARY REGIONAL GROUP AND THE GIDARJIL LAND AND SEA RANGERS

Gidarjil Land and Sea Rangers represent the Gurang and Gooreng Gooreng peoples. The Rangers play an integral role in the Burnett Mary Regional Group - facilitated Nest To Ocean Program which seeks to protect endangered and vulnerable marine turtles from localised extinction. In the 2019 - 20 turtle nesting season, Rangers

monitored beaches around Agnes Water, Wreck Rock, Rules Beach, Norval Park, Moore Park Beach, Barubbra Island and Mon Repos Beach. Ranger data has been used as part of the Queensland Turtle Conservation Program which seeks to better-inform conservation efforts for endangered loggerhead turtles and vulnerable green and flatback turtles.

CASE STUDY



SEEDS OF CHANGE

Almost 80 Cape York Indigenous participants have been busy working on the Cape York Community Seed Collection Program. The program was established in April 2018, attracting pickers from the Cape York communities of Cooktown, Hope Vale and Laura. Cape York Natural Resource Management initiated the

program to supply local seed for gully remediation and other environmental regeneration works, including the newly established Amrun mine in Weipa. Funding from the Australian Government's Reef Trust Investment was instrumental in establishing the project which became self-sustaining once trading with the Amrun mine began.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Queensland's Regional Bodies recognise First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners of the land. We pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.

