A context for Indigenous co-research in our region.

Implementing the NERP TE Hub Indigenous Engagement strategy

Building effective Indigenous –Science partnership for bio-cultural diversity conservation

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A critical balance

Biodiversity

*Extinction crisis*
2.5% of world’s species assessed
38% threatened

Cultural diversity

*Extinction crisis*
50% of world’s 7000 languages, predicted to disappear in our lifetime (Davis 2010)

Convention of Biological Diversity
Protect and encourage customary use of biological resources in accordance with traditional cultural practices that are compatible with conservation or sustainable use requirements
Global index of biocultural diversity

After Loh and Harmon (2005)
Indigenous peoples are major landholders in Northern Australia
Indigenous rights, use and interests extend to 82% of northern Australia landmass.

82% of northern Australia’s coastline is adjacent to land of Indigenous interests.

60 Native Title determinations and 48 registered claims in Sea Country.
Traditional Owner Groups including Indigenous Natural and Cultural Resource Management Organisations and Ranger Groups must be key partners with NERP TE Hub.


3. Case Study – Relationship development (GBR)

4. Case Study – Knowledge Sharing (Torres Strait)

5. Case Study – Co-management (Wet Tropics)

6. Co-Chair Melissa George will draw together the insights from a Traditional Owner point of view

Melissa and Helene will introduce the Focus Questions and Discussion Session.