Outcome 3: Keep heritage healthy
Partner with Traditional Owners and other Reef users to keep heritage healthy

Objectives and actions

O3.1 Support Traditional Owners to identify, assess, map and store knowledge on their heritage values

A3.1.1 Conduct an assessment of Indigenous heritage values through supporting Traditional Owner-led identification, mapping, recording and storage of information.

A3.1.2 Improve the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan and Outlook Report, from the outcomes of the Reef 2050 Integrated Monitoring and Reporting Program project June 2018.

A3.2 Facilitate partnerships between Traditional Owners and other Reef managers

A3.2.1 Expand partnerships with Traditional Owners, including Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreements, Indigenous Compliance and education and stewardship programs to increase heritage management and move towards co-

A3.2.2 Explore opportunities to support Traditional Owners in sea country planning to assist integrated planning and management of estates.

A3.2.3 Implement a small grants and sponsorship program to develop capacity in areas such as sea management and tourism by supporting relevant research and engagement with Traditional Owners.

A3.2.4 Investigate developing a reporting function specifically for cultural heritage in the Eye on the Reef app.

A3.3 Facilitate partnerships between Traditional Owners and other Reef managers

A3.3.1 Collaborate with other government agencies and the private sector on partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that benefit marine park management, including Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Queensland Department of Environment and Science.

A3.3.2 Investigate options to increase researcher and tour operator respect for heritage and engagement with Traditional Owners.

A3.3.3 Encourage Reef Guardian councils to partner with Traditional Owners through their Council Action Plan, for example, by supporting localised sea country projects and attendance at training, conferences and events.

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A3.4.1 Expand the use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations (e.g. through service level agreements) to deliver environmental or heritage protection on the Reef.

A3.4.2 Develop and implement place specific Assessment Guidelines which outline and map Indigenous heritage values for specific Traditional Owner sea country and groups, and establish engagement protocols for consultation on permit applications.

A3.4.3 Support secondments, exchanges and internships with the Authority in fields such as communications, compliance and field management.

A3.4.4 Work with native title bodies to better explain Authority processes and increase effectiveness of native title notification system.

A3.4.5 Develop guidelines and templates for applicants on expectations for Traditional Owner consultation, provision of information and the identification of avoidance and mitigation measures.
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VALUES

Indigenous heritage includes everything in sea country:

- Tangible and intangible expressions of Traditional Owners' relationships with sea country
- Natural heritage (ecosystem and biodiversity) components
- Places
- Cultural practices, observances, customs and lore
- Historic heritage components

COMPONENTS

- Environment
  - Natural heritage (ecosystem and biodiversity) components
- Conditions and trends
  - Climate change
  - Coastal development
  - Fishing impacts
  - Coral bleaching
  - Crown-of-thorns starfish outbreaks
- Direct sea impacts
  - Fishing rights and access
- Tourism
- Recreation
- Research
- Environmental management

OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

1. Keep heritage strong

- Respect, recognise and promote the connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with the Reef

2. Keep heritage safe

- Protect Indigenous heritage values through Authority processes

3. Keep heritage healthy

- Partner with Traditional Owners and others in Reef management

VISION

Indigenous heritage values of the Great Barrier Reef are kept strong, safe and healthy for past, present and future generations

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1. Keep heritage strong

- Empower Traditional Owners through our governance and advisory structures
- Respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in all our business
- Promote understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage values

2. Keep heritage safe

- Incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage information into our processes
- Identify and protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in policy and planning
- Protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage through compliance
- Use Traditional Owner knowledge and input in the environmental assessment and permitting process

3. Keep heritage healthy

- Support Traditional Owners to identify, assess, map and store their heritage values
- Partner with Traditional Owners to manage the Reef through shared decision-making, agreements and capacity building
- Facilitate partnerships between Traditional Owners and other Reef managers
- Support social and economic outcomes through programs and partnerships
- Monitor, evaluate and report on the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in the Reef

THREATS

- Loss of Indigenous knowledge
- Loss of cultural knowledge
- Limited consideration of Indigenous heritage management of the Reef
- Limited understanding of Indigenous heritage values

Objectives and actions

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Objectives and actions

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- Protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage through Authority processes to keep heritage safe

Objectives and actions

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- Ongoing review of Reef Information Management System

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