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Local Marine Advisory Committee Meetings

November 2022

*Summary of discussion topics
provided to the Reef Authority
on the TUMRA Program*

A member of the Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement (TUMRA) team provided the LMACs with a summary of the TUMRA program from inception to the current model.

The presentation showcased:

- There is currently 10 TUMRAs that span 43% of the GBR coastline and the TUMRA Section with collaborating with new TUMRA development groups.
- The TUMRAs recognise and draw on spiritual connections to country, which are incorporated into management.
- The Reef Authority and DES work jointly with the TUMRA groups to develop and implement TUMRAs.
- The new 7-year funding contracts that commenced 1 July 2022, has provided the 10 existing TUMRA groups with funding certainty until 30 June 2029/30. This is unprecedented by the Reef Authority and has addressed one of the key aspirations of Traditional Owners. The other benefits are securing Traditional Owners in jobs, and long-term planning goals become more achievable and visible.
- TUMRAs and Sea Country Cultural Values mapping programs are priority programs for the Reef Authority in engaging Traditional Owners.
- Sea Country Cultural Values Mapping program is a program delivered by the TUMRA Section with Traditional Owner groups mapping their own values to share and use them in partnering the Reef Authority to protect their values into the future by producing protocols, which will inform permits and management.
- One of the high priorities for the TUMRAs and Sea Country Values Mapping programs is getting Elders and kids on country to practice and maintain spiritual connection to country, through sharing of knowledge.

The following points are a summary of key items discussed through the LMAC network after the TUMRA presentation.

- Assistance and mentoring of current TUMRA groups support potential new TUMRA groups
- Assistance with compliance work
- Awareness of the TUMRA program in the community
- Benefit to locals in Lockhart to getting involved
- Continuing Connection to Country
- Difference between Indigenous Protection Areas, Indigenous Land Use Agreements and TUMRAs
- Darumbal TUMRA Community Day
- Difference between LORE and LAW
- Difference between TUMRA's and Indigenous Land Use Agreements
- How information is continuously passed down through generations
- How to get TUMRAs established locally
- How TUMRAs work with Native Title
- Identifying people with Cultural Authority
- Interest in TUMRAs in this region
- Motivation for the group to get the ball rolling
- New work being done
- Number of clan groups that are involved in the TUMRA program
- Port Curtis Coral Coast TUMRA goes beyond the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park
- Programs on the West Coast
- Raising awareness in the community – possible linking with DES
- Recognition of Cultural Authority and management boundaries
- Renewal of TUMRAs with contracts being lengthened to seven years
- Story about the Giringun TUMRA region looking like a stingray
- TUMRA's are not just about traditional hunting
- TUMRAs could be removed if the TUMRA holder breaches their contract
- Traditional Owners integrate modern practices and traditional knowledge to care for the Reef education, research and sharing traditional knowledge being the key to the management process
- Use of significant figures that provide relatable visuals
- Values and stories can be conveyed through symbols and figures and can add value and authenticity to the messaging for a stronger imprint.
- What Native Title is
- What Reef TO is
- Working with partners for supporting actions and activities