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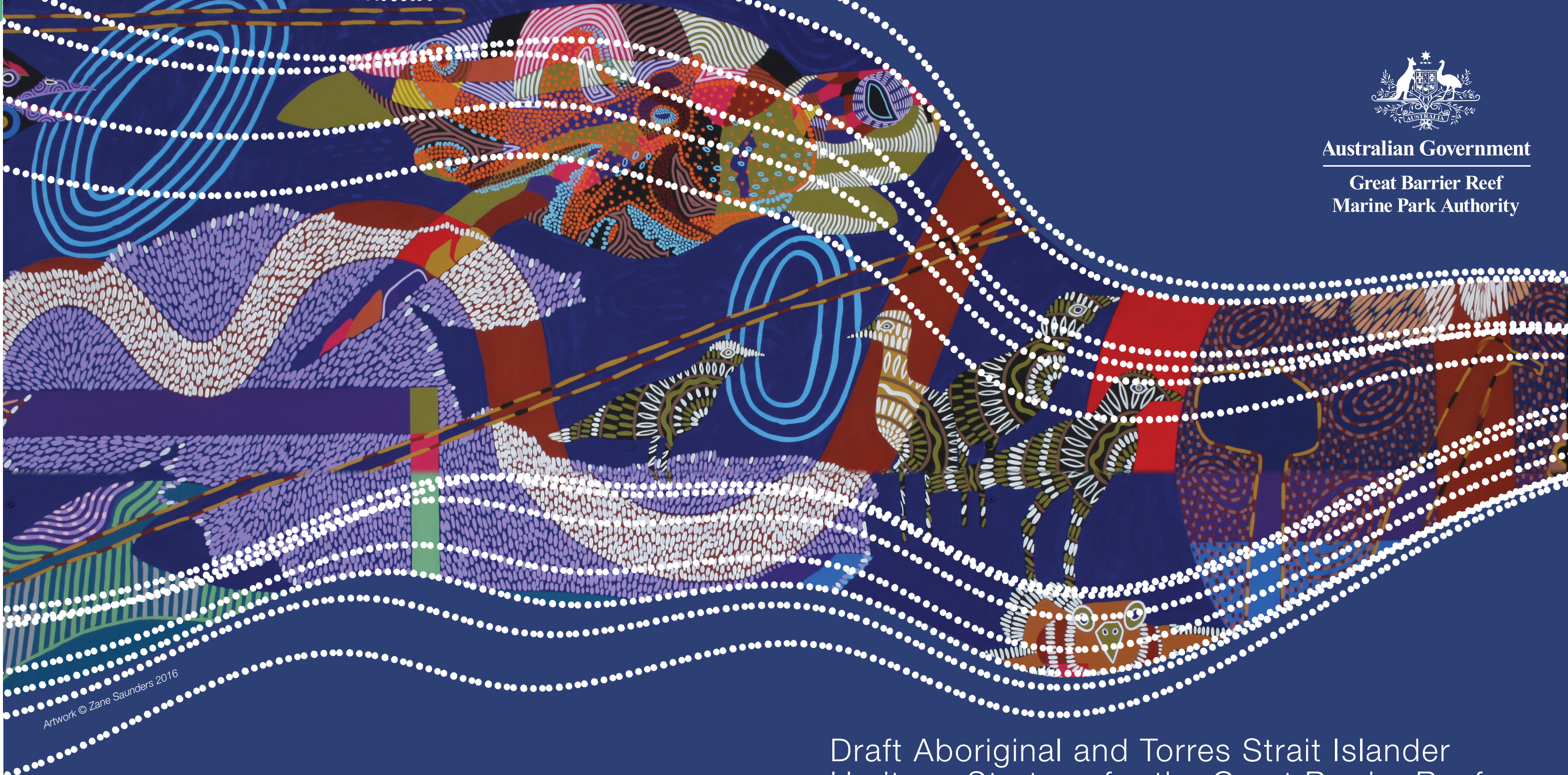
Great Barrier Reef
Marine Park Authority

Objectives and actions	
A2.3.1	Maintain and strengthen the Indigenous Compliance Unit of the Authority.
A2.3.2	Incorporate surveillance of sites having Indigenous heritage value into compliance plans and patrols.
O2.4	Integrate Traditional Owner knowledge and input into our environmental assessment and permitting process
A2.4.1	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.
A2.4.2	Work with native title bodies to better explain Authority processes and increase effectiveness of native title notification system.
A2.4.3	Develop guidance and templates for applicants on expectations for Traditional Owner consultation, provision of information and the identification of avoidance and mitigation measures.

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.
O3.2	Partner with Traditional Owners to manage the Reef through shared decision-making, agreements and capacity building
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-management.
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 localised sea country projects and attendance at training, conferences and events.
A3.2.4	Support secondments, exchanges and internships with the Authority in fields such as communications, compliance and field management.
O3.3	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 Fisheries, especially for compliance activities.
A3.3.2	Investigate developing a reporting function specifically for cultural heritage in the Eye on the Reef app.
A3.3.3	Encourage Reef Guardian councils to partner with Traditional Owners through their Council Action Plan, for example, by reporting any work undertaken with Traditional Owner groups.
A3.3.4	Investigate options to increase researcher and tour operator respect for heritage and engagement with Traditional Owners.
O3.4	Support social and economic outcomes through programs and partnerships
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	Review current mechanisms and processes (including tourism, research, Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreements, Field Management Program and compliance program) to improve benefits to Traditional Owners engaged in sea country management.
O3.5	Monitor, evaluate and report on the health of Indigenous heritage in the Reef
A3.5.1	Develop Indigenous heritage indicators and a monitoring program to assess condition over time, for the <i>Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan</i> and Outlook Report, from the outcomes of the Reef 2050 Intergrated Monitoring and Reporting Program project June 2018.



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If you or your organisation would like more information or greater engagement on the draft strategy, please contact:

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Draft Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park – **now open for comment**

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority) is calling for feedback on its **Draft Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (draft strategy)**.

More than 20 Traditional Owner groups and the Indigenous Reef Advisory Committee were engaged during development of the draft strategy.

Keeping the Reef's Indigenous heritage values strong, safe and healthy is the aim of the draft strategy which sets out how the Authority can work with Traditional Owners to help achieve this. Actions in the draft strategy aim to increase understanding, protection, and promotion of Indigenous heritage values relating to the Reef.

The draft strategy is open for public consultation for two months, from 26 February to 26 April 2018. Your input will inform the final Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy, which will be considered by the Marine Park Authority Board in mid – 2018.

You can submit your comments:

- Using the enclosed reply paid survey
- Online at www.gbrmpa.gov.au
- Directly to consultation@gbmpa.gov.au
- By contacting the Authority on (07) 4750 0700

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Strategy Framework

VALUES

Indigenous heritage includes everything in sea country. It includes tangible and intangible expressions of Traditional Owners' relationships with country, people, beliefs, knowledge, law, language, symbols, ways of living, sea, land and objects. These all arise from Indigenous spirituality, including heritage places (sites) and/or values including natural values, Indigenous values and historic values. Indigenous heritage also connects with the social and economic values of the Reef.

COMPONENTS

Environment
Natural heritage (ecosystem and biodiversity) components

Places
Sacred sites, sites of particular significance and places important for cultural tradition

Technologies
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander structures, technology, tools and archaeology

Culture
Stories, songlines, totems and languages
Cultural practices, observances, customs and lore
Traditional management and use

History
Historic heritage components

THREATS

Conditions and trends
Climate change
Coral bleaching
Poor water quality
Coastal development
Fishing impacts
Crown-of-thorns starfish outbreaks

Direct use impacts
Fishing (legal and illegal)
Tourism
Recreation
Research
Environmental works
Anchoring

Loss of Indigenous knowledge
Passing of Elders
Difficulty exercising cultural rights and responsibilities
Difficulty transferring knowledge to younger generations

Lack of on-ground management capacity
Limited access to marine areas
Limited resources for protection and rehabilitation activities
Funding, programs and continuity difficult to maintain.

Limited consideration of Indigenous heritage in management of the Reef
Management agencies lack information on heritage
Lack of use of Indigenous knowledge in decisions
Poor community awareness and appreciation

No peak body
Difficult to collaboratively negotiate or conduct business.

VISION

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

OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

1. Keep heritage strong

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

- 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

Protect Indigenous heritage values through Authority processes

- 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

Partner with Traditional Owners and others in Reef management

- Support Traditional Owners to identify, assess, map and store knowledge of 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

Outcome 1: Keep heritage strong
Respect, recognise and promote the connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with the Reef

Objectives and action	
O1.1	Empower Traditional Owners through our governance and advisory structures
A1.1.1	Maintain and strengthen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' effective representation on all Authority governance and advisory boards, including the Marine Park Authority Board, the Indigenous Reef Advisory Committee, the Tourism Reef Advisory Committee, Local Marine Advisory Committees and Reef 2050 Reef Advisory Committee.
O1.2	Respect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in all our business
A1.2.1	Implement the Authority's Reconciliation Action Plan to increase Authority cultural competence and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' employment and integration into the Authority.
A1.2.2	Ensure future and revised plans and policies acknowledge Traditional Owners and consider their interests.
A1.2.3	Develop an Authority list of culturally appropriate contacts for each estate within the Marine Park, including engagement protocols identifying the correct contact for each area and issue.
O1.3	Promote understanding of Indigenous heritage values
A1.3.1	Develop a communications package and plan to promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional use, connection to sea country and heritage values to the broader public and other users of the Reef.
A1.3.2	Integrate Indigenous heritage information into Reef HQ Aquarium, including a foyer concourse, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge throughout displays and regular cultural activities and tours.
A1.3.3	Develop and implement Reef Guardian modules for schools (Aboriginal studies) and councils (cross cultural awareness) to promote understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander connection and culture.
A1.3.4	Finalise and implement modules for the Reef Discovery course and incorporate into the Master Reef Guide certification to increase the cultural awareness of tourism operators.
A1.3.5	Encourage and support Traditional Owner-led sea country naming, signage and language initiatives through Authority programs.

Outcome 2: Keep heritage safe
Protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage through Authority processes to keep heritage safe

Objectives and actions	
O2.1	Incorporate Indigenous heritage information into our processes
A2.1.1	Develop and implement information sharing agreements and cultural protocols with Traditional Owner organisations to allow culturally appropriate access to traditional knowledge for management.
A2.1.2	Compile information from data agreements, Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreement projects, assessment guidelines and planning processes into geospatial data layer of components.
A2.1.3	Develop and implement a cultural knowledge management system for managing shared information.
O2.2	Identify and protect Indigenous heritage in policy and planning
A2.2.1	Investigate and trial use of Authority planning to protect significant places, including through resilience hotspots, Traditional Use of Marine Resources Agreements, 39ZA arrangements, sea country plans, special management areas, plans of management and site management arrangements.
O2.3	Protect Indigenous heritage through compliance

Strategic Review of Great Barrier Reef 2014 identified Indigenous heritage under pressure

The Authority commits to developing an Indigenous Heritage Strategy under the Reef 2050 Long-Term Sustainability Plan

Review of legislation and policy commitments

Indigenous Reef Advisory Committee provides advice on development and engagement

Initial engagement of over 80 Traditional Owners across 20 Traditional Owner groups to identify common needs and aspirations for Indigenous heritage management

Development of vision, outcomes, objectives and actions

Indigenous Reef Advisory Committee recommends Marine Park Authority Board release the draft for public consultation

Marine Park Authority Board releases draft strategy for public consultation

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Public consultation period of the draft strategy

Revision of draft strategy

Consideration by Indigenous Reef Advisory Committee and Marine Park Authority Board to finalise strategy

Implementation of strategy in partnership with Traditional Owners