

APPENDIX A

Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Interest*

RATIONALE—WHY?

For thousands of years Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders have used the natural environment of the Area for both cultural and economic purposes in an ecologically sustainable way.

Present and future management of the Area should recognise this continuing use and that *population* changes, modern technology and other activities may impose increased pressure on *resources* requiring innovative management.

25 YEAR OBJECTIVE—WHAT?

To have a community which recognises the interests of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders so that they can pursue their own lifestyle and culture, and exercise responsibility for issues, areas of land and sea, and *resources* relevant to their heritage within the bounds of *ecologically sustainable use* and consistent with our obligations under the World Heritage Convention.

BROAD STRATEGIES—HOW?

- Where such plans are appropriate, Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders to develop with appropriate *stakeholder agencies* and organisations, management plans to ensure that their traditional use of resources is *ecologically sustainable*.
- Ensure that use by Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders is taken into account in the development of resource management plans.
- Ensure that Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders have opportunities for membership of, and full involvement in, the relevant consultative and decision-making bodies.
- Provide the full range of employment opportunities for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in *agencies* and industries in the Area.
- Educate the general *community*, other *users* and managers about the cultural heritage and aspirations of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.
- Develop culturally appropriate and understandable formats for regulatory and informative material that is distributed to Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.
- Consider the legal implications of the Mabo ruling for the legislative framework for, and management of, the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area.

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5 Year Objectives	Strategies
6.1 To ensure that the interests of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders are reflected in the management of the Area.	<p>6.1.1 Develop effective participation processes and structures in conjunction with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.</p> <p>6.1.2 Cooperatively develop guidelines for <i>stakeholder agencies</i> and organisations for culturally appropriate interaction with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.</p> <p>6.1.3 Ensure negotiation occurs on all aspects of management.</p> <p>6.1.4 Ensure that use by Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders is taken into account in the development of resource management plans.</p> <p>6.1.5. Where plans are appropriate, Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders to develop, with <i>stakeholder agencies</i> and organisations, management plans to ensure that their traditional use of resources is <i>ecologically sustainable</i>.</p> <p>6.16. Provide opportunity for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders for membership on, and full involvement in, advisory committees and management boards.</p> <p>6.1.7 Develop and implement employment and training programs in <i>stakeholder</i> organisations for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.</p> <p>6.1.8. Consider the implications of relevant legislation for native title.</p>
6.2 To Inform the general public of the culture and economies of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in relation to the Area.	<p>6.2.1. Develop educational and interpretive materials and programs, in conjunction with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.</p> <p>6.2.2. Incorporate information about Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in education curricula and interpretive programs.</p>

6.3
To develop a culturally appropriate information program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, regarding the Area and its management.

6.4
To establish co-operative management arrangements between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and *stakeholder agencies* in the area.

6.5
To ensure that projects related to the social, cultural and economic interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are included in the research and monitoring programs.

6.3.1
Produce culturally -appropriate material

6.3.2
Disseminate information in a culturally-appropriate manner

6.4.1
Establish a legislative basis for cooperative management arrangements.

6.4.2
Establish cooperative management arrangements for specific areas.

6.4.3
Provide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation on advisory committees and management boards.

6.5.1
Identify and develop research and monitoring projects in consultation with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

6.5.2
Involve Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in projects that affect the interests of their people.

