

Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park

Management Statement 2015

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Park overview

Park size	Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park	784ha
Bioregion	South Eastern Region	
QPWS region	South East Region	
Local government area	Bundaberg Regional	
State electorate	Burnett	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Aboriginal Land Act 1991</i>	
	<i>Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Forestry Act 1959</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976</i>	
	<i>Marine Parks Act 2004</i>	
Plans and agreements	Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)	
	China—Australia Migratory Bird Agreement	
	Japan—Australia Migratory Bird Agreement	
	Republic of Korea—Australia Migratory Bird Agreement	

Park purpose

Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park was previously known as Mouth of Kolan River Environmental Park, which was formally gazetted on 1 June 1985 under the *Land Act 1962*. At that time there was a Trustee Agreement with the Gooburrum Shire Council. The park covered 622 hectares. In 1994 the environmental park was gazetted to Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, before being gazetted as a Regional Park in 2014, then converting back to conservation park in 2016. In 2008, the park increased to 784 hectares.

No park specific purpose was identified as part of the gazettal.

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park has been assessed as having a basic level of priority for management and will be managed according to this priority rating.

Park management will be based on the best available local knowledge, professional judgement and anecdotal information. The basic level priority means it will receive annual routine inspections with occasional planned visits where issues have been identified. The focus is largely expected to be on natural resource management involving proactive management to understand and protect known natural values.

Cultural values will be managed proactively to protect those values known to Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, (QPWS). Informal ad hoc local consultation, collaboration and relationships with Traditional Owners and Indigenous stakeholders will be undertaken as required to progress specific issues and programs.

This park currently has low levels of infrequent visitor use and provides a few relatively undeveloped visitor sites. Visitors are unlikely to encounter a ranger on site during their visit. Current and future recreational opportunities will require that visitors have a high level of self-sufficiency and are primarily responsible for their own personal safety. Informal ad hoc consultation with community stakeholders will be undertaken on specific issues of park management.

Park assets will consist of minimal robust infrastructure which is required for the protection of natural and cultural values and self-reliant use by the public.

Regional ecosystems

Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park protects seven regional ecosystems, one of which has endangered biodiversity status and one is of concern, Table 1.

Plants and animals

There are 12 records of species of conservation significance on Queensland Government wildlife databases for this park.

Aboriginal culture

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and Aboriginal people see themselves as inextricably linked to country both spiritually and physically. Although cultural records on physical artefacts and sites of spiritual significance are not well documented for this area, all proposed activities need to meet duty of care requirements under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

Shared-history culture

Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Marine protected areas

Mouth of Kolan River Conservation Park adjoins a general use zone of the Great Sandy Marine Park (GSMP); any

activities undertaken must be consistent with the objectives of the zoning plan.

The Mouth of the Kolan River Conservation Park is located within the Kolan River declared Fish Habitat Area (FHA) management B area, which constrains development activities. This declaration under the *Fisheries Act 1994* requires that activities on the conservation park must consider impacts on the FHA.

Management directions

The two endangered or of concern regional ecosystems are the main values of this park. The priorities for park management will be to mitigate any threats to these regional ecosystems through fire and pest management.

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park is protected
- fire is managed to conserve or maintain the condition of the regional ecosystems through the application of planned burn guidelines
- the impacts of existing pest species on neighbouring land uses are mitigated
- pest threats are managed to conserve or maintain the condition of these regional ecosystems.
- consideration of the impacts on the declared FHA is undertaken when planning and conducting fire or pest management activities on the park in accordance with the FHA code of practice.

Appendix

Tables – Conservation values management

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
12.1.1	<i>Casuarina glauca</i> woodland on margins of marine clay plains	Of concern
12.3.3	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> woodland on Quaternary alluvium.	Endangered

Table 2: Species of conservation significance

Scientific name	Common name	Nature Conservation Act 1992 status	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth) status
Plants			
<i>Caladenia carnea</i>	-	Special least concern	-
<i>Livistona decora</i>	-	Special least concern	-
Animals			
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Pacific golden plover	Special least concern	-
<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>	crested tern	Special least concern	-
<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	red-necked stint	Special least concern	-
<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Western Alaskan bar-tailed godwit	Endangered	Endangered
<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	eastern curlew	Critically endangered	Critically endangered
<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	whimbrel	Special least concern	-
<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	grey-tailed tattler	Special least concern	-
<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	common greenshank	Endangered	Endangered
<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	terek sandpiper	Vulnerable	Vulnerable
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	koala	Endangered	Endangered

Table 3: Species listed in international agreements

Scientific name	Common name	CMS	CAMBA	JAMBA	ROKAMBA
<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>	Pacific golden plover		✓	✓	✓
<i>Calidris ruficollis</i>	red-necked stint		✓	✓	✓
<i>Limosa lapponica baueri</i>	Western Alaskan bar-tailed godwit		✓	✓	✓
<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	eastern curlew		✓	✓	✓
<i>Numenius phaeopus</i>	whimbrel		✓	✓	✓
<i>Tringa brevipes</i>	grey-tailed tattler		✓	✓	✓
<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	common greenshank		✓	✓	✓
<i>Xenus cinereus</i>	terek sandpiper		✓	✓	✓

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