

Moresby Range Resources Reserve

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Park overview

Park size	Moresby Range Resources Reserve	4.9ha
Bioregion	Wet Tropics	
QPWS region	Northern	
Local government area	Cassowary Coast Regional Council	
State electorate	Hill	
Relevant legislation	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (Qld)</i>	
	<i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Queensland Heritage Act 1992</i>	
	<i>Marine Parks Act 2004</i>	

Park purpose

Moresby Range Resources Reserve was formally gazetted as Moresby Range Resources Reserve on 11 June 1999.

This resource reserve is declared as a resource use area to enable access to mineral resources to continue.

Strategic direction for park management

Based on an evaluation of its natural, cultural and presentation values, Moresby Range Resources Reserve 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 will 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 First Nations people and 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.

General park values, uses and management

Regional ecosystems

Moresby Range Resources Reserve protects two regional ecosystems, of which two have endangered biodiversity status, Table 1.

Species of conservation significance

Currently no species of conservation significance are recorded on Queensland Government wildlife databases for this park.

Cultural heritage

All protected areas are recognised as cultural landscapes and First Nations 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*. Non-indigenous historic places will be managed in accordance with the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

Marine protected areas

Part of the Moresby Range Resources Reserve adjoins the estuarine conservation zone (brown) of the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) Coast Marine Park. An estuarine conservation zone protects areas of Queensland's Great Barrier Reef Coast Marine Park in a natural state while allowing the public to appreciate and enjoy the relatively undisturbed nature of the area. Any person wishing to conduct activities in this zone must comply with the *Marine Parks Act 2004*.

Priorities for park management

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

Management actions will be undertaken which aim to ensure:

- life and property on and adjacent to the park are 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.

Appendix 1

Conservation values management

Table 1: Endangered and of concern regional ecosystems

Regional ecosystem number	Description	Biodiversity status
7.11.18b	<i>Corymbia intermedia</i> and/or <i>Blakella tessellaris</i> +/- <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> open forest to woodland (or vine forest with these species as emergents) on coastal metamorphic headlands and foothills	Of concern
7.11.24a	Closed vineland of wind-disturbed vine forest of metamorphic slopes, often steep and exposed	Of concern
7.11.39a	<i>Themeda triandra</i> , or <i>Imperata cylindrica</i> , <i>Sorghum nitidum</i> and <i>Mnesithea rottboellioides</i> closed tussock grassland of metamorphic headlands and near-coastal hills	Endangered
7.2.3e	<i>Blakella tessellaris</i> and/or <i>Acacia crassicaarpa</i> and/or <i>Corymbia intermedia</i> and/or <i>Corymbia clarksoniana</i> woodland to closed forest on beach ridges (predominantly Holocene)	Of concern
7.2.5a	Mesophyll to notophyll vine forest of <i>Syzygium forte</i> subsp. <i>forte</i> on sands of beach origin	Of concern
7.2.8	<i>Melaleuca leucadendra</i> woodland to tall open forest on sands of beach origin	Endangered
7.3.10a	Simple-complex mesophyll to notophyll vine forest on moderate to poorly drained alluvial plains of moderate fertility	Endangered
7.3.19e	<i>Corymbia intermedia</i> or <i>Blakella tessellaris</i> +/- <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> open forest (or vine forest with these species as emergents) on well-drained alluvium	Of concern
7.3.25a	<i>Melaleuca leucadendra</i> +/- vine forest species open forest to closed forest on alluvium fringing streams	Of concern
7.3.28a	Rivers and streams including riparian herbfield and shrubland on river and stream bed alluvium and rock within stream beds	Endangered
7.3.3a	Mesophyll vine forest with <i>Archontophoenix alexandrae</i> on poorly drained alluvial plains	Endangered
7.3.5a	<i>Melaleuca quinquenervia</i> and/or <i>Melaleuca cajuputi</i> subsp. <i>Platyphylla</i> closed forest to shrubland on poorly drained alluvial plains	Endangered