Mabuyag and surrounding islets such as Pulu are recognised by Australian law as Goemulgaw Meogi Kaywal.

The boundary of Pulu Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) includes all areas on the landward side of the high water mark.

Persons intending to visit the IPA, the island or the island’s beaches must first seek permission to do so from the IPA Committee.

The most significant areas on Pulu include:

- **Kod**, an important initiation area for all Clan Group affiliated with Koedal (Crocodile), Thaabu (Snake), Dhangal (Dugong), Saamu (Cassowary) and Kaygas (Shovelnose shark) Totems. It has well preserved shrines of dugong bone mounds, Bu shell arrangements and rock art. It was a place where key ceremonies related to male initiations, mortuary rites, war and turtle and dugong magic were performed.

- The **tiger shark rock shelter**, originally a living area. This site has a midden deposit and rock art dating back 1,400 years.

- The **Mask Cave** site, used between 1,500 and 4,000 years ago, which contains the earliest evidence of human use of Pulu.

- The **rock paintings** found on Pulu are the only ones in the Mabuyag area that have been documented.

- The **eight stone tablets** are known as the Badu warriors.

- It is important to pay respect to **Awgadhalkula**. Strictly no weapons allowed in this area. Awgadhalkula contained skulls from headhunting raids and sacred emblems of the legendary Mabuyag Warrior culture-hero Kuyam.
Pulu is a very culturally significant area so it is critical for visitors to obtain permission to visit the area. To do this, visitors must first talk to the Mabuygiw Senior Ranger, who will then consult the IPA Committee and Goemulgaw (TSI) Corporation Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBC).

Once permission to visit has been granted, the Senior Ranger will inform the prospective visitor(s).

Visitors must respect the direction of the IPA Committee as well as the following general visitation protocols as detailed in the Pulu Indigenous Protected Area Management Plan:

- Visits to the interior of the island must be sanctioned by Elders. Appropriate Goemulgal should announce their visit to ancestors/spirits upon their arrival and introduce their guests.
- No rubbish is to be left on Pulu, and any rubbish on the island is to be reported to the IPA Committee.
- Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on Pulu.
- Women may not approach or visit Awgadhalkula.
- Sharp objects (e.g. knives, fishing spears) are not to be taken near Awgadhalkula.
- Materials such as stone, plants and wood are not to be collected from Pulu, unless permission has been granted by IPA Committee, and no plants or trees are to be damaged.
- No animals are to be brought onto or removed from Pulu.
- Butchering of dugong or turtle is prohibited.

- The presence of any non-Goemulaig on Pulu is to be reported to the IPA Committee, who will advise the rangers.
- Any weeds or feral animals must be reported to the rangers through the IPA Committee.