

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY

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BUILDING ON SUCCESSES SO FAR

Since its establishment in 2006, the award-winning Land and Sea Management Unit (LSMU) has worked with Torres Strait Traditional Owners and communities and a range of investors and partners to deliver many benefits including:

- protecting internationally significant natural and cultural values in the Torres Strait and northern Great Barrier Reef:
- ensuring Australia meets its international environmental obligations under the Torres Strait Treaty;
- increasing employment and economic opportunities in remote island communities through the delivery of Australia's most successful Indigenous Ranger project;
- strengthening culture and connection to country by supporting Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) recording and recognising customary practices in contemporary management approaches;
- building the capacity of Traditional Owners to play a lead role in managing their islands and sea country;
- improving our understanding of the region's ecological significance through strong partnerships with scientists and research organisations; and
- pioneering climate change adaptation planning nationally, and supporting
 Torres Strait communities to build their resilience to climate change impacts.

This is an important time for the Torres Strait to ensure the region's unique natural and cultural heritage can survive and thrive for the benefit of future generations. Torres Strait Traditional Owners and communities invite you to become part of the solution and invest in protecting our shared future.









Figure 1: Ailan Kastom, Aboriginal Lore/Law, culture, traditional ecological knowledge and native title rights and interests galvanise all aspects of the key People, Sea and Land values of the Torres Strait

OUR VISION FOR LAND AND SEA MANAGEMENT

The revised Land and Sea Management Strategy for Torres Strait (the Strategy) was approved in 2016, with the following vision:

Empowering Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal peoples to sustainably manage and benefit from their land, sea and cultural resources into the future, in accordance with Ailan Kastom, Aboriginal Lore/Law and native title rights and interests.

Sixteen key values that make the Torres Strait unique have been identified in the Strategy under the overlapping themes of People, Sea and Land. These key values are totally interconnected and galvanised by the continued practice of Ailan Kastom, Aboriginal Lore/Law, culture, traditional ecological knowledge, and native title rights and interests (Figure 1). Protecting these key values is the priority focus for land and sea management in the region.

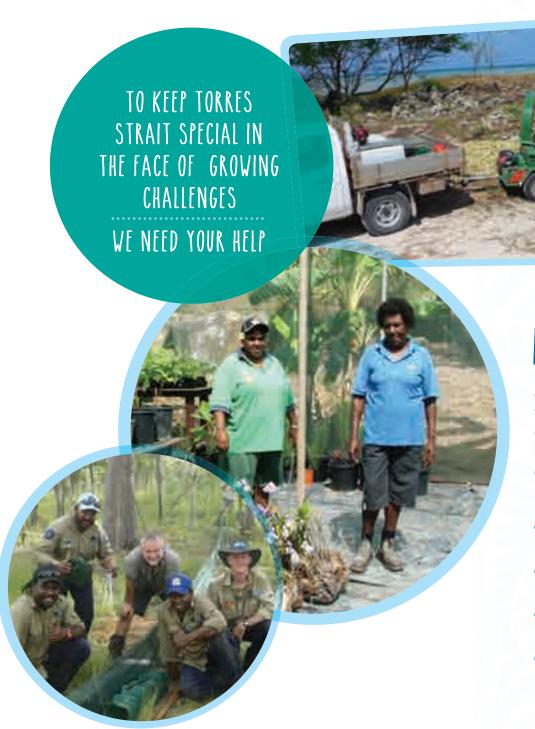


AN INVITATION TO INVEST

Expressions of interest are now invited from all levels of government, as well as NGOs, donors and sponsors from the corporate sector to help expand and strengthen Indigenous land and sea management in the Torres Strait and better protect the region's key values.

Many exciting new projects and proven ongoing programs are identified in the revised Strategy. With a strong track record of successful program delivery over the last decade, the LSMU is well placed to work with sponsors and prospective partners to continue to protect the region's outstanding environment—in a way that delivers enduring economic and community benefits.





PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

As the international significance of the Torres Strait is better recognised, the region will increasingly attract global media interest, particularly in relation to climate change adaptation, dugong and turtle management, cultural heritage, and the protection of coral reefs, mangroves and seagrass meadows as the northern extent of the world famous Great Barrier Reef.

Investors will have exclusive opportunities to:

- build genuine relationships with Indigenous Rangers and spend time on country learning about land and sea management in the Torres Strait;
- introduce new and emerging technologies to empower and employ Indigenous people to preserve culture and care for land and sea country;
- enhance the resilience of the Torres Strait and Great Barrier Reef for the benefit of local and global communities; and
- have your brand recognised in project materials including media releases, feature articles, promotional events, web materials and social media.

POTENTIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship opportunity	Commitment sought	Specific benefits			
Supporting our Rangers					
Developing Indigenous Ranger leaders for the future	\$100,000 per annum (or suitable in-kind investment to be negotiated)	Your contribution will help: - develop Indigenous Rangers as future leaders of land and sea management in the Torres Strait; - close the gap in employment outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians; and - provide professional development, networking, coaching and mentoring opportunities for emerging Torres Strait Rangers, including potential internships and exchange visits between Rangers and staff in your organisation.			
Providing the right tools to get the job done	Purchase cost of equipment (\$100,000 - \$500,000)	Your contribution will help: - equip Rangers to care for country with fit-for-purpose vessels and other vital tools and equipment.			
Protecting our islands and seas					
Creating Indigenous Protected Areas in Torres Strait	\$100,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - deliver cost-effective environmental, cultural, social, health and wellbeing and economic benefits to Torres Strait Island communities through the establishment of an Indigenous Protected Area; - provide employment, education and training opportunities for Indigenous people in remote areas; and - protect biodiversity and cultural heritage into the future.			
Protecting Australia's coral crown and the Great Barrier Reef	\$200,000 per annum (over a minimum of 5 years)	 Your contribution will help: apply cutting-edge research and adaptive management to build the resilience of Torres Strait coral reefs and support recovery of the Great Barrier Reef; and tackle growing threats to coral reefs from climate change, declining water quality, marine pests, shipping and other direct uses. 			
Safeguarding the world's largest Dugong population	\$200,000 per annum (over a minimum of 5 years)	 Your contribution will help: Torres Strait Traditional Owners maintain the world's largest population of the iconic and vulnerable dugong (Dugong dugon), a species of immense cultural and ecological significance; and support best-practice management approaches for dugongs and their habitat that combine traditional knowledge and scientific research. 			
Recovering threatened marine turtles	\$600,000 per annum (over a minimum of 5 years)	 Your contribution will help: Indigenous Rangers conserve and recover 6 of the world's 7 species of marine turtle found in the Torres Strait region, including the worlds' largest nesting population of Hawksbill turtles; and improve turtle nesting and hatching success, and protect critical turtle nesting habitat from the impacts of feral animal predation, climate change and coastal erosion. 			



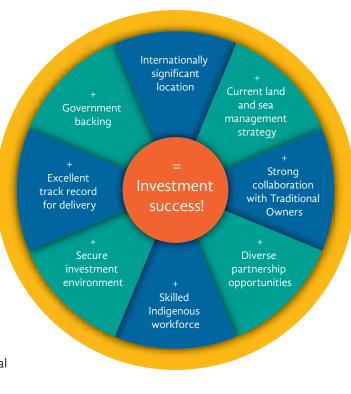


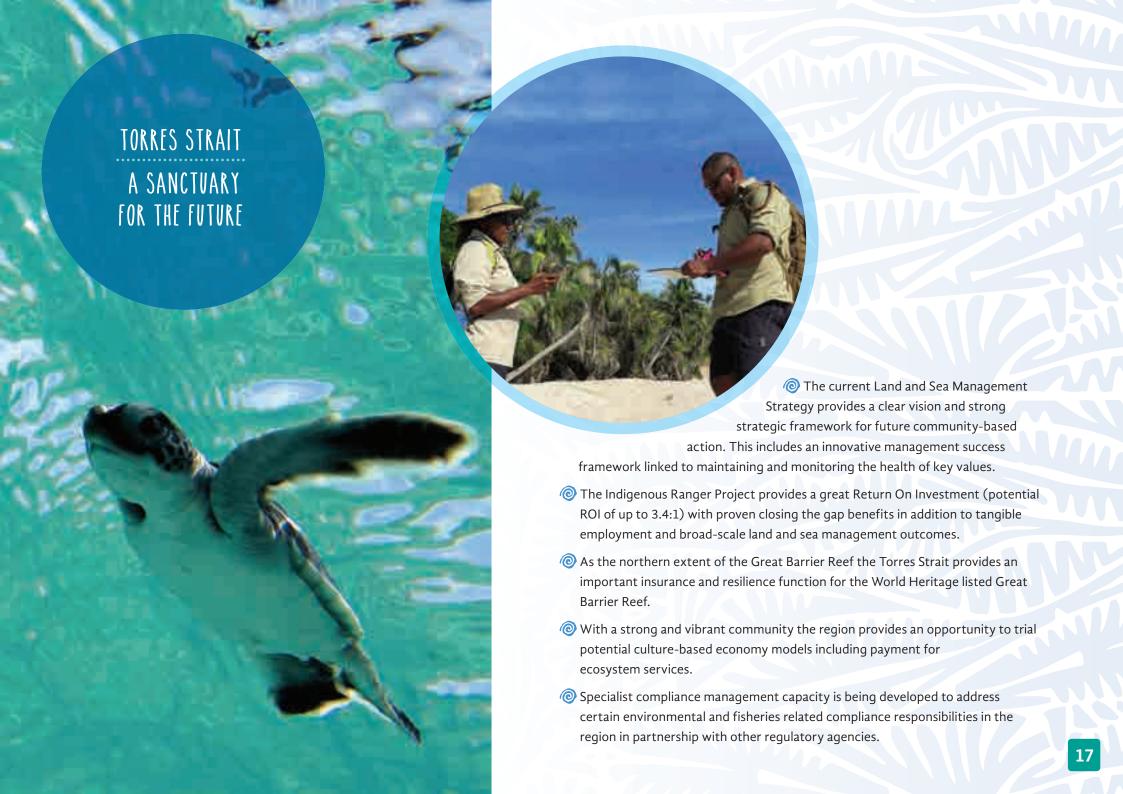
Clean seas for yumi– removing ghost nets and marine debris	\$300,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - Rangers keep Torres Strait oceans and coastlines free of harmful ghost nets and marine debris; - protect key species such as dugongs and marine turtles, and Torres Strait coral reefs and mangrove ecosystems, from threats posed by derelict fishing gear and plastic pollution in our oceans; and - create new ways to recycle and upcycle ghost nets into artworks, carpets and other useful products.			
Saving Torres Strait 'Island Arks' and their cargo of unique plants and animals	\$200,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - Indigenous Rangers and Traditional Owners discover, describe and protect the unique plants and animals on the 300 - Torres Strait Islands that are the remains of the ancient land bridge between Australia and Papua New Guinea; and - protect and restore important island habitats from the impacts of invasive species, climate change and development pressures.			
Defending shorelines and restoring mangrove wetlands	\$100,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - Torres Strait Rangers and communities protect and restore internationally significant mangrove wetlands in the region; - protect and enhance island shorelines, provide critical nursery habitat for marine species and insulate communities from climate change impacts.			
Strengthening Cultural Connections to Country					
Protecting significant cultural heritage sites	\$100,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - Torres Strait Rangers and Traditional Owners to protect unique and vulnerable cultural sites from damage caused by feral animals, weeds, inundation and coastal erosion; and - secure the values and stories associated with key cultural sites and landscapes, including through innovative digital story-telling approaches.			
Safeguarding living culture— Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)	\$200,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - Torres Strait Traditional Owners and Elders to record, protect and maintain their traditional ecological knowledge and underlying intellectual property rights; and - ensure that traditional ecological knowledge underpins land and sea management activities and complements western scientific research and management approaches.			
Sustainable Communities					
Powering the future with renewables	One-off financial contribution to be negotiated	Your contribution will help: - build local energy security, cut carbon emissions, increase community sustainability and resilience and reduce the cost oproviding power on 17 remote island communities; and - provide innovative energy solutions suited to Torres Strait conditions, including standalone facilities on small islands to integrated community-based systems on larger islands.			
Riding the wave of climate change	\$200,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - develop and deliver resilience and adaptation measures to reduce the immediate impacts of climate change in the Torres Strait; - improve local food, water and energy security and strengthen community resilience and self-sufficiency on remote, vulnerable islands.			
Declaring War on Waste and closing the loop	\$200,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - stem the tide of waste generated in the Torres Strait by implementing a range of actions at the community and regional scale to close the loop on waste transported to the region and disposed of on remote islands (e.g. prevention, reduction, reuse, recycling and removal strategies).			
Mekem Garden – healthy food for a stronger future	\$200,000 per annum (over a minimum of 3 years)	Your contribution will help: - reinvigorate traditional gardening practices on remote islands to promote the health and wellbeing of Torres Strait communities and increase access to healthy, affordable, fresh, locally grown produce.			

A SECURE INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT

Investing in land and sea management in Torres Strait is a safe, secure, and valuable investment proposition because:

- The award-winning LSMU has high governance standards (accountability, transparency, reliability) and is backed by the Commonwealth Government through the Indigenous-led Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).
- The Torres Strait is internationally significant and currently in good condition, but subject to increasing threats. Investment now to prevent loss and build resilience is more cost effective than future investment to restore a degraded system. This is a great chance to be part of a globally significant solution.
- The high level of native title resolution in the region provides ownership clarity and certainty with regard to project approval pathways from Traditional Owners. LSMU has strong relationships with Traditional Owners and their representative bodies across the region.
- With Australia's northern most communities, the Torres Strait is on the front-line of preventing and responding to escalating national biosecurity, health and border security challenges.
- After more than 10 years of successful operation, the LSMU has a proven track record of delivering on contracted obligations with external funding bodies and has built strong momentum that allows for easy continuation and up-scaling of the Indigenous Ranger project and other initiatives.
- Strong partnerships have been forged with key partner organisations, all levels of government, and with research institutions.
 The program has solid science and policy foundations, and is built on a culture of collaboration.
- The Torres Strait has a rich Indigenous culture and proud tradition of land and sea management through millennia. Traditional Owners represented by RNTBCs and the Torres Strait Sea and Land Council (Gur A Baradharaw Kod or GBK) support the investment prospectus framework.





PAST INVESTMENT SUCCESS STORIES

The LSMU has a 10-year proven track record of delivering successful outcomes, as demonstrated by the following projects.

Community-based land and sea Rangers ->

As part of the Torres Strait Ranger Project, 14 Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger groups have been established on 13 of the most isolated island communities in Australia. Working on Country Plans endorsed by Traditional Owners, are in place to guide the local cultural and natural resource management activities of Rangers. Rangers participate in a comprehensive training program to equip them for their scope of works. A large part of the program is based on maritime operations. The Ranger team operates 9 vessels located across the region. With established work bases and trained staff

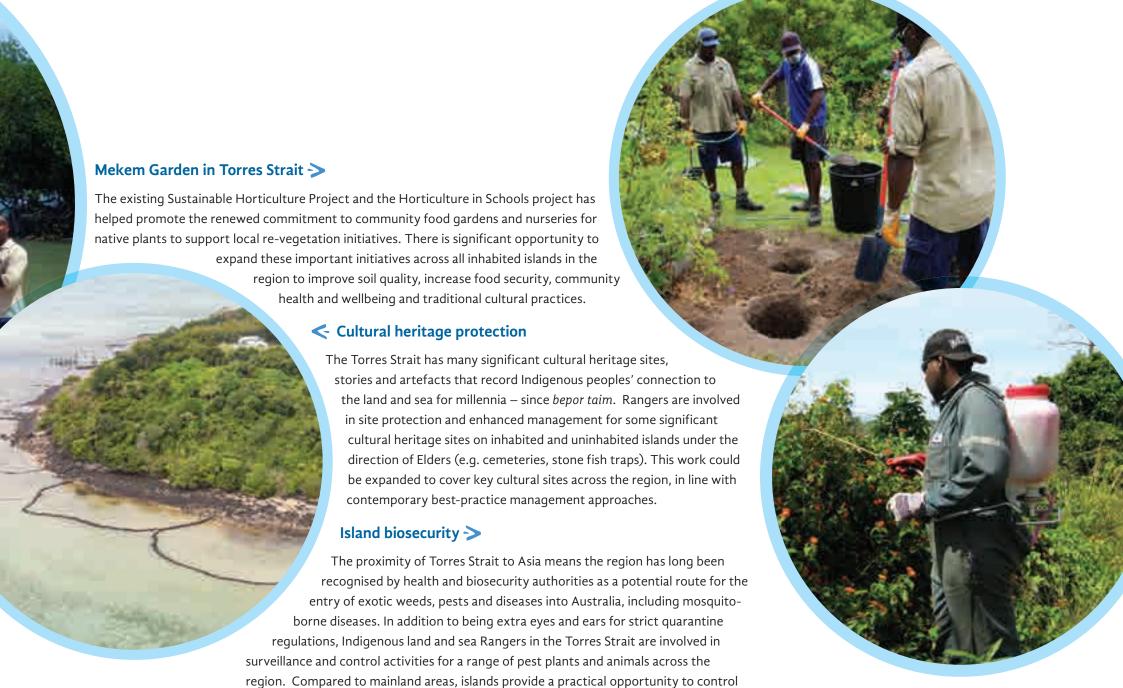
these Ranger groups can provide essential support on a fee-forservice basis for other vital government programs including

biosecurity, environmental management and border protection.



Dugong and turtle are of immense spiritual, cultural, economic and practical importance to Indigenous peoples of the Torres Strait. Thanks to sustainable management over thousands of years, the region is now widely recognised as the dugong capital of the world. Community-based Dugong and Turtle Management Plans developed by Traditional Owners demonstrate the benefits of sustainably managing these and other iconic marine species. There is potential to broaden the scope of these successful management arrangements to cover other important sea life. A specialist compliance management framework and capacity is being developed to support a number of regulatory agencies responsible for environmental and fisheries related compliance in the Torres Strait. This increased capacity will also provide culturally appropriate support to the dugong and turtle management plans.





and eradicate many pest species.



Three Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) have been established in the Torres Strait and are managed to protect particularly significant areas of high biodiversity and cultural significance — Ugul Malu Kawal (formerly Warul Kawa, or Deliverance Island, and surrounding islands), Pulu Islet (adjacent to Mabuiag) and the Warraberalgal and Porumalgal IPA. There is ongoing work for Indigenous Rangers to implement approved management plans for existing IPAs and to

extend protection to other significant areas of the region.

Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) >

A Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) management system has been trialled with several communities in the region to document, record and access culturally significant information and to support land and sea management practices in line with Ailan Kastom. This system could be further strengthened and applied more broadly so that Traditional Owners with assistance from Rangers can record songs, stories, practices, seasonal indicators, traditional resource usage, as well as location specific information on sacred sites, tracks and hunting places among other cultural and environmental values.

Improved scientific understanding

Rangers have been working with research providers to improve the scientific understanding of natural resources in the region and their management requirements. Fostering and further strengthening partnerships between communities, volunteers, experts, conservation and research organisations could build the knowledge-base about key natural values of the Torres Strait, and equip local communities and Rangers with skills to carry out ongoing monitoring and management approaches.







POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Achieving our vision for land and sea management will require continuing support from Traditional Owners and a range of government, community and industry partners. We want to work with organisations that care about the future of the Torres Strait and its Indigenous peoples. Potential investors include:

- Australian, Queensland and Local Governments seeking to achieve priority policy outcomes such as Indigenous employment, border protection, biosecurity, and protection of the Great Barrier Reef;
- international, national and regional businesses profiting from the region or seeking to achieve broader Indigenous reconciliation, environmental sustainability or corporate social responsibility outcomes; and
- not-for-profit and philanthropic sector organisations seeking to improve environmental, economic and social outcomes for Indigenous communities.

Depending on the specific project and investor requirements, a range of delivery options are possible, including working directly with Traditional Owners and other organisations (including those with tax-deductible gift recipient (DGR) status).

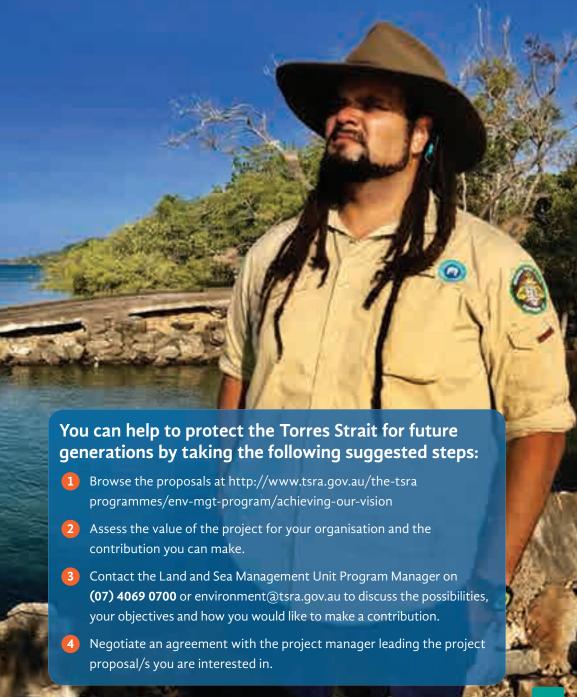
Traditional Owners and Indigenous organisations are increasingly taking a lead role in setting the direction for and delivering land and sea management functions in the region – including through securing ongoing government support and long-term investment in a sustainable Indigenous community-based management approach.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

Existing and potential partners are invited to contribute through direct and in-kind investment of time, money, effort, and expertise. While this prospectus suggests priority projects, investors are welcome to propose other initiatives that support the broader vision for land and sea management in the Torres Strait.

Investment could be provided in the form of:

- continuing budget allocations and one-off project grants from government sources (local, state, national);
- corporate sponsorships and philanthropic donations, including one-off or regular donations;
- fee-for-service arrangements to deliver functions within the region on behalf of government, business and community entities;
- payments for environmental offsets and ecosystem services;
- volunteer effort from not-for-profit and community-based groups to undertake in-region activities or provide off-site support;
- engagement of Indigenous owned Torres Strait business enterprises;
- crowd sourcing and other innovative funding mechanisms; or
- royalties, fees and other revenue from regionally based commercial enterprises.



THE TORRES STRAIT AT A GLANCE

The Torres Strait holds a unique place in the natural, cultural and social fabric of Australia. The region was formed between 12,000 and 8,000 years ago when sea levels rose to their current levels after the end of the last ice age, flooding the land bridge that existed between Australia and PNG and creating a spectacular diversity of natural and cultural values of international significance.

The Torres Strait region:

- overs 48,000 km² (3% land, 6% tidally-inundated reef flats, 91% open seas)
- stretches 150 km from Cape York Peninsula to PNG
- contains approximately 300 islands (17 inhabited)
- has a resident **population of 8,700** (42,000 Torres Strait Islanders reside outside the region)
- has 1,200 coral reefs (the northern extent of the Great Barrier Reef)
- has more than **20 Registered Native Title Bodies** Corporate (RNTBCs) with native title determinations over about 80% of the region
- has continuing Ailan Kastom and Aboriginal Lore/Law
- is an internationally significant marine biodiversity hot spot
- has Australia's most northern communities
- is subject to the Torres Strait Treaty with PNG
- is the dugong capital of the world
- has some of the world most extensive sea grass meadows
- has extensive diverse and intact mangrove communities
- is an important breeding and foraging area for several species of marine turtles





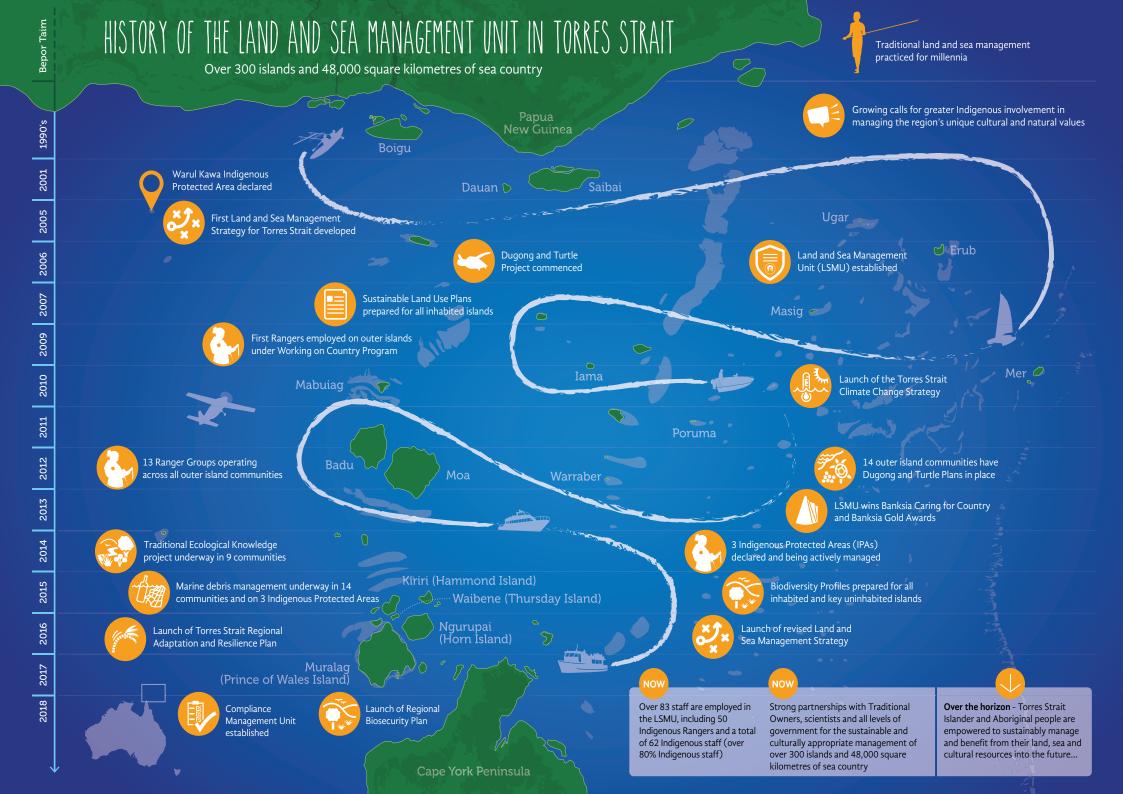


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