

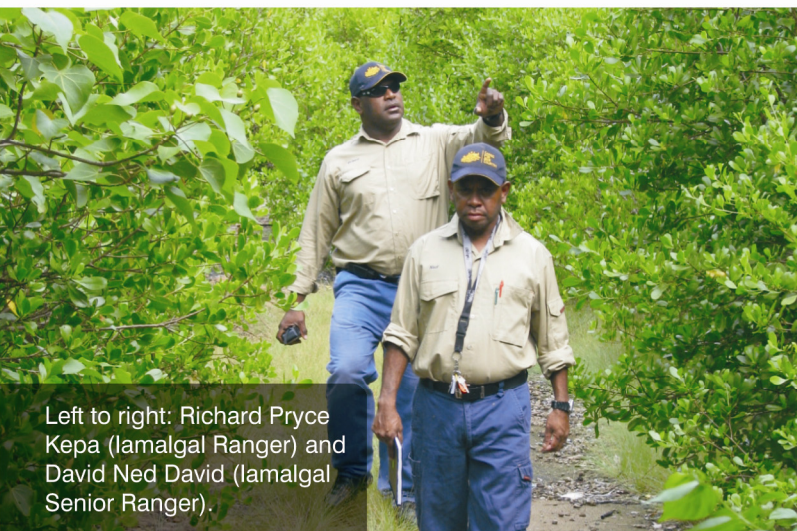
TORRES STRAIT RANGER PROGRAM



Left to right: Charlie Hankin (Mabuygiw Ranger), Jane Mellors (Fisheries Biologist), Matthew Anderson (Ranger Mentor) and Terrence Whap (Mabuygiw Senior Ranger).



Left to right: Ishmael Gibuma (Malu Kiai Ranger) and Nelson Gibuma (Malu Kiai Senior Ranger).



Left to right: Richard Pryce Kepa (Iamalgal Ranger) and David Ned David (Iamalgal Senior Ranger).

The Torres Strait Ranger Program provides support for communities to look after their land and sea country.

The Program employs Torres Strait Islanders in each community as Indigenous Rangers, and provides training, materials and equipment to carry out on-ground works.

The Rangers' work is identified together with their communities and carried out by the Rangers in ways that are culturally appropriate. Indigenous Rangers are well supported to do their jobs as part of a broader team of people working to improve the Torres Strait environment. They are also linked to ranger teams all over Australia.

While work on each island is different, Rangers are working with their community on:

- Dugong and turtle conservation
- Beach protection and clean-up
- Looking after places that are important to communities, and
- Controlling weeds and feral animals.



Left to right: Frank Nona (Mura Badhulgau Ranger), Troy Stow (Mura Badhulgau Senior Ranger) and Don Whap (Ranger Mentor).

How is the Torres Strait Ranger Program delivered?

The Torres Strait Ranger Program represents a long term aspiration of Traditional Owners and communities in the Torres Strait.

The Ranger Program is an initiative of the Australian Government's 'Caring for our Country' Program and is delivered in the Torres Strait by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA). The TSRA works together with local government agencies, participating Registered Native Title Bodies Corporates (RNTBCs) and Torres Strait communities to implement the Program through a staged approach. Communities that are currently participating in the Program include Mabuiag, Badu, Boigu, Erub, Iama, Mer and Moa. Expansion of the Ranger Program to the

remaining Torres Strait Island communities is being explored.

The TSRA manages the Ranger Program across the Torres Strait region which includes the provision of employment, training and mentoring of Indigenous Rangers in addition to the administrative and day-to-day operational support for the Ranger Program.

RNTBCs and communities play a critical role in helping to determine local priorities and providing cultural advice and guidance.

The Torres Strait Ranger Program is funded by the 'Working on Country' element of the Caring for Our Country Program.



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