

Appendix E - Existing cassowary conservation groups

Cassowary Conservation Groups	Who are they	Program they are involved with
<p>Daintree Region Cassowary Group Inc</p> <p>http://www.daintreecassowary.org.au/</p>	<p>The formation of a group focussed on Cassowary conservation in the Daintree area was initiated by Esther Cullen in October 1991 in Cape Tribulation. After a couple of name changes the Daintree Cassowary Care Group was eventually incorporated on December 1st 1994.</p> <p>DCCG focused on public education about the plight of the Cassowary and backed this up with a program of reforestation to preserve its habitat and active lobbying for traffic management measures in order to reduce road deaths.</p> <p>In May 2011 a decision was made to change the name to Daintree Region Cassowary Group Inc. in order to encompass the Greater Daintree National Park stretching from south of Mossman to the Bloomfield River.</p> <p>However, early in 2013 DRCG Inc. was finally wound up, gifting approximately \$20,000 to Rainforest Rescue. Part of this gift included 6 motion sensor cameras to allow monitoring of wildlife on Rainforest Rescue properties and the remaining funds towards property acquisition to further conserve cassowary habitat.</p>	<p>Maintaining a Cassowary Sighting Database is vital for the preservation of this significant population.</p> <p>Run a cassowary census.</p>
<p>Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery</p> <p>http://www.kurandaconservation.org/</p>	<p>Kuranda Conservation Community Nursery Inc (KCons) is a not-for profit organisation with Tax Deductible Gift status.</p> <p>We strive to protect and enhance the natural environment by assisting the community to use land in an ecologically sustainable way and to enhance biodiversity through education and demonstration.</p> <p>Our particular focus is researching and conserving the endangered Southern Cassowary population by raising local community, national and international awareness of the threats to its long term survival.</p>	<p>Cassowary research and education is a major focus of Kuranda Conservation.</p> <p>The primary purpose of K Cons research is to identify individual cassowaries in our area, and their locations. This information will provide valuable knowledge about numbers, foraging range and reproduction, and thus the carrying capacity of the remaining rainforest. It will enable strategies to be developed to increase the area of rainforest; to provide wildlife corridors between isolated stands, and</p>

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	<p>Habitat loss is the major threat. To this end, we maintain a community-based native plant nursery in Kuranda specialising in habitat and food trees for wildlife.</p> <p>KCons is partners with the Wet Tropics Management Authority, the regional natural resources management body, Terrain. We network with regional educational and research entities and individuals and other like-minded community groups.</p> <p>Our community native nursery of around 6000 local species, provides plants for our ongoing projects and activities which include revegetation/improvement projects from very small to very large. The plants are for sale, at a very reasonable price, to the public. Saturday mornings are set aside for nursery work and plantings and you are welcome to drop in for a chat or to join us at the work bench for a bit of potting up.</p> <p>When we are not in the Nursery on Saturdays, we will be out collecting cassowary scats or checking motion-activated cameras for the Save the Cassowary Project.</p>	<p>to reduce the impact of human intrusion into cassowary habitat, i.e., to save the cassowary.</p> <p>The collection and recording of scats and sightings in Kuranda's environs can takes us on fascinating expeditions into Cassowary Country and, if in luck, we catch glimpses of the bird as well. The sightings and locations are recorded as are the scats which are also photographed. The scat seeds are identified, counted and planted in the nursery. To complete the circle, we then make the plants available to the community to plant on their properties, most of which is Cassowary Country. KCons has accumulated a comprehensive data bank on what Cassowaries are eating and what trees are fruiting at specific times of the year. Through this information we have gained an invaluable insight into the diet of the bird and the habitat required for its survival. The essential document which KCons relies upon is the Environmental Protection Agency: Recovery Plan for the Southern Cassowary.</p>
<p>Community for Coastal & Cassowary Conservation Inc (C4)</p> <p>http://www.cassowaryconservation.asn.au/casso</p>	<p>Objects of the association include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Cassowary Management Plan – Mission Beach • Maintain a Land-Gift Fund to protect and secure essential cassowary habitat. 	<p>Initiatives</p> <p>Appeal funds will be used to create a revolving fund to purchase residential rainforest, and adjacent, land in the Mission Beach area, which is vital to the long-term survival of the endangered Southern Cassowary. (The Queensland Government's Land Titles Act enables landowners to place a legally binding Conservation Covenant on their land.)</p> <p>After purchase, C4 will place a legal covenant on the title deed establishing the residential site on the land, and Cassowary habitat.</p>

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wary-sightings.html		<p>Once the covenant has been placed on the land to ensure the perpetual availability of wildlife habitat, the land will then be resold for residential purposes, freeing up funds for further land purchases.</p> <p>They also run a nursery growing native vegetation included cassowary habitat plants.</p> <p>Key Areas of Expenditure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase of land and establishment of revolving fund • Placing a Conservation Covenant upon the legal title of the land • Legally enforcing covenants
<p>Terrain Natural Resource Management</p> <p>https://terrain.org.au/</p> <p>Notes - WTMA has advised that Terrain NRM lead project run on behalf of the Commonwealth – Building Rainforest Resilience. There may be</p>	<p>Terrain NRM is an independent, not for profit community-based environmental management organisation. They think innovatively and act collaboratively, combining the latest science with local knowledge to develop sustainable solutions to increase the resilience of the rainforests, reefs and landscapes of Australia’s Wet Tropics region.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing technical advice to recovery teams • Advising landholders about habitat management • Developing recovery action plans • Raising community awareness about threats • On-ground activities like revegetation, weed management and controlled burns <p>They have been involved in a number of rainforest resilience projects including dealing with Cassowaries.</p> <p>Rebuilding Rainforest Resilience Project - This project is helping to reduce threats to rainforest species and ecological communities by improving priority areas through revegetation, weed management and habitat protection, and by finding solutions to cassowary deaths and injuries on roads. Terrain is working with community groups, traditional owners and government organisations on the project. This project is supported by Terrain NRM, through funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program.</p>

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<p>scope to contribute to this project. WTMA (Terry Charmichael in Tim Wong's team) and Tony O'Malley from Terrain NRM have offered to discuss the project and any potential offset contribution with DES/DSDILGP.</p>		
<p>Girringun Aboriginal Corporation</p> <p>https://www.girringun.com/nativeplantnursery</p>	<p>Representing nine Traditional Owner groups</p> <p>Bandjin, Djiru, Girramay, Gugu Badhun, Gulngay, Jirrbal, Nywaigi, Warrgamay and Warungnu</p>	<p>The Girringun Biodiversity & Nursery Program involves restoration of habitats and corridors of endangered species such as Tree Kangaroo, Mahogany Gliders and Cassowary; control of pest weeds, revegetation of areas damaged by natural disasters such as cyclones and the collection and propagation of local endemic plants, trees and grasses for use in revegetation work.</p> <p>Over time, the vast majority of plants required for the revegetation work will be supplied by the Girringun Native Plant Nursery.</p> <p>Some of the projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exotic Weed Management & Re-vegetation • Maintenance of Traditional Sites • Supporting the Girringun Junior Rangers • Working with partners and stake holders

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and Capacity building Girringun Region <p>Indigenous Protected Areas</p> <p>The Girringun Indigenous Protected Area (GIPA), declared in June 2013, is a voluntary agreement between Traditional Owners and the Australian Government and is part of the National Reserve System. The GIPA is comprised of mixed tenures and encompasses many layers of legislative and management responsibilities.</p> <p>Projects developed, through the GIPA partnership engagement model, aim to address social, cultural and environmental issues and challenges regionally and nationally. Girringun IPA partners include Local, State and Federal Government Authorities and agencies, non-government organisations and community groups, business sector and private land holders.</p> <p>The GIPA provides an opportunity to enhance Traditional Owner and Indigenous engagement and involvement in regional natural and cultural resource planning and management. The GIPA engages and works with Girringun Tribal Members, Rangers, Staff and GIPA Partners to ensure that Traditional management practices and knowledge are both recognised and incorporated strategically and on ground to help keep Girringun country and culture healthy and strong.</p>
<p>Cassowary Recovery Team</p> <p>https://cassowaryrecoveryteam.org/about/role/</p>		<p>The primary function of the Cassowary Recovery Team (CRT) is to coordinate implementation of the Recovery Plan for the Southern Cassowary.</p> <p>Key function of CRT is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support implementation of the recovery plan, the CRT will: • hold regular recovery plan meetings which will have the primary purpose of sharing information, coordinating implementation

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		<p>activity and reporting to partners on progress and implementation issues, as a means of ensuring effective implementation of the recovery plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide advice to the Wet Tropics Management Authority, the Department of Environment and Resource Management, the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts and other authorities as appropriate about cassowary conservation issues • seek funding from government and other sources to support recovery plan objectives and actions; and undertake an annual review of the implementation of the recovery plan.
<p>Rainforest Reserves</p> <p>https://www.rainforestreserves.org.au/news/175-tablelands-cassowary-facility-is-now-open</p>	<p>The mission of Rainforest Reserves Australia is to Purchase, Restore and Protect Rainforest Habitat for Native Wildlife forever.</p>	<p>Run the Tablelands Cassowary Facility at Barrine Park</p> <p>The facility was officially approved by the Department of Environment and Heritage for managing sick, injured and orphaned cassowaries.</p> <p>The Tableland Cassowary Facility is 100 acres of Safe Natural Habitat for the pre release of Cassowaries prior to being released back to the wild. The area is fenced out with a creek and pools with revegetation of rainforest trees an ongoing project.</p> <p>The Tablelands facility complements the Garners Beach Cassowary Rehabilitation Facility in Mission Beach – also operated by Rainforest Reserves.</p>