Indigenous Partnerships in protected area management in Australia: Three case studies

Toni Bauman
Dr Dermot Smyth

Jul, 2007

Research theme: Land and water
Product type: Book
Monograph
Research outputs

Attachment/s:
Indigenous partnerships in protected area management in Australia: Three case studies (PDF 2.6 MB)

AIATSIS completed three case studies in the joint management of conservation and Indigenous Protected Areas (IPAs) in partnership with the Australian Collaboration, the Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) and the Poola Foundation (Tom Kantor Fund), as part of the AIATSIS 'Success in Aboriginal Organisations' Project.

Within this project, Ms Toni Bauman completed a case study of Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park. Mr Dermot Smyth carried out two case studies on the Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area and the Booderee National Park in the ACT.

The Success in Indigenous Community Organisations project, primarily funded by the Australian Collaboration, initially involved 13 case studies to assess initiatives in local Indigenous organisations that have helped to promote community wellbeing or to overcome disadvantage. The aim was to identify lessons that might be learned from these successes. Dr Julie Finlayson and Ms Jo Lunzer were the main authors.

Funds were also provided by the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Poola Foundation (Tom Kantor Fund) for three additional case studies that looked at successful management of conservation reserves. Ms Toni Bauman and Dr Dermot Smyth studied Indigenous partnerships and joint management of the Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park, the Dhimurru Indigenous Protected Area and the Booderee National Park.

The project resulted in three major reports: Maps to success, Organising for success: policy report and this one (Indigenous partnerships in protected area management in Australia: three case studies). A policy briefing paper was also published as part of this project.

Recommended citation:

Tags: Environment Land management Research

Related products from Aboriginal Studies Press
‘What do we want?: A political history of Aboriginal land rights in New South Wales  [Paperback]
Heidi Norman

Related content

- The benefits associated with caring for country  [Publication or resource]
- Outcomes of three case studies in Indigenous Partnerships in Protected Area Management: Policy Briefing Paper  [Publication or resource]
- Indigenous intercultural governance and adaptation - conference project poster  [Publication or resource]
- Climate Change Adaptation on Karajarri Country  [Publication or resource]
- Collaborative management of protected areas  [Research project]

Last reviewed: 18 Jul 2017
Protected Areas and Local Communities: an Inevitable Partnership toward Successful Conservation Strategies? Gustavo S. M. Andrade 1 and Jonathan R. Rhodes 1. Many protected areas (PAs) have followed the conventional and exclusionary approach applied at Yellowstone in 1872. As such, many parks have failed to fully integrate other important factors, such as social, cultural, and political issues. This has important implications for PA management and suggests that greater inclusion of local communities in management should be a key strategy for ensuring the integrity of PAs. We then conducted a manual search for case studies in published books and the reference lists in the selected articles.
Existing co-management agreements. In particular, we examine the conservation and community development outcomes of the Indigenous Protected Area program in Australia, which is based on the premise that indigenous landowners exercise effective control over environmental governance, including management plans, within their jurisdiction (whether customary or state-based or a combination of elements of both), and have effective control of access to their lands, waters.