



## The Dry Tropics Partnership for Healthy Waters exists to....

Improve the ecological, social and economic outcomes of the region's waterways and Reef

We do this by developing an independent Report Card that collates monitoring data relating to....



Water Quality



Habitat



Litter



Stewardship



Economy



Social & Cultural Values

We use the report cards as a basis to....

Communicate progress towards meeting local targets and management objectives

Identify knowledge gaps and provide guidance on management priorities

Enhance the community's understanding of the health of local waterways and the Reef and associated management issues

Which will....

Enhance our decision-making on management and investment for Townsville's waterways and the Reef

Empower the community to make positive behaviour changes at home, work and recreation

With transparent and evidence-based decisions, appropriate levels of investment and an informed community, we can....

Improve the ecological, social and economic outcomes for the Townsville Dry Tropics region

Our local work is integrated with other Reef-related report cards and similar initiatives to....

Communicate performance towards the achievement of regional and Reef 2050 Plan targets and management objectives

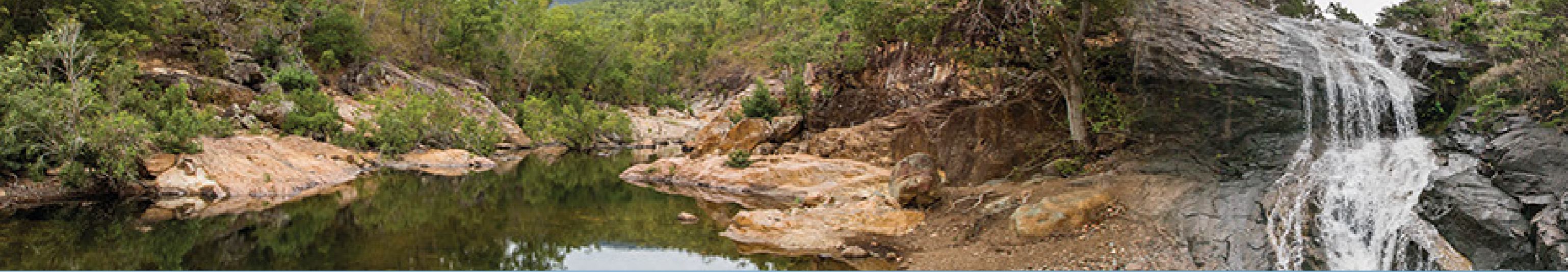
Provide advice and guidance on knowledge gaps and management priorities across the Reef and its catchment

Which will....

Positively influence the management of the region's waterways and Reef

We acknowledge the Bindal, Manbarra, Nywaigi and Wulgurukaba people as the Traditional Owners of the land and sea country of the Report Card Region.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



## OUR VISION

# Healthy waterways, Reef and a

## OUR STRATEGIC OUTCOMES FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS (2020 - 2023)

### OUTCOME 1

#### ENGAGED COMMUNITY

The Townsville Dry Tropics community actively uses the Report Card and the Partnership's science and collective knowledge to improve waterway and Reef health.

- 1.1 Ensure that the Townsville Dry Tropics Report Card and associated communication products highlight information and initiatives that relate to community concerns and values.
- 1.2 Enhance cross-collaboration between the five Great Barrier Reef regional report card partnerships and other key stakeholders to develop and share consistent key messages on waterway and Reef health issues.
- 1.3 A communication, marketing and capacity building strategy is in place that identifies community priorities and concerns to inform and enhance the Partnership's report card and initiatives.

## OUR PRIORITY STRATEGIES

## HOW WE WILL MEASURE AND TRACK OUR PERFORMANCE

### INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

- Awareness of both the Dry Tropics Partnership and the Regional report cards continues to increase among key stakeholders.
- The stakeholders of the Partnership are increasingly viewing and using the Report Card and associated communication products.

### OUTCOME 2

The Townsville community uses a rigorous international framework that assesses the region's waterway health.

- 2.1 The Townsville community annually assesses the health of important waterways.
- 2.2 The Townsville community is embedded in the regional assessment and marine monitoring framework.
- 2.3 Data automation and digital tools enhance community engagement.
- 2.4 Priority marine monitoring is included in the updated regional assessment framework.

### INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

- The Townsville community is assessed by the Independent Panel of Experts from well established international frameworks.
- The Townsville community management is integrated into waterway health monitoring.



# thriving Townsville community

## OUTCOME 2 ROBUST REPORT CARD

The Dry Tropics Report Card is part of an integrated monitoring and evaluation system that informs the management of the rivers, creeks and ecosystems.

The Townsville Dry Tropics Report Card is produced annually and incorporates data that is available and accessible to Partners.

The Townsville Dry Tropics Report Card is produced within a regionally integrated monitoring and evaluation framework for freshwater, estuarine and marine waters.

The quality of information and visualisation is improved to support content management and communication.

Management actions are identified and linked to key regional strategies, such as the Regional Water Quality Improvement Plan.

## INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

The Dry Tropics Report Card is regularly reviewed by an Independent Science Panel and uses credible data from established monitoring programs.

The Dry Tropics Report Card is used to influence management actions that make a substantial improvement in water health.

## OUTCOME 3 ENDURING PARTNERSHIP

The Partnership is sustained by a strong and stable funding base, leadership, and partners who are committed to influencing positive change in the region.

- 3.1 The Partnership's reports and activities, including networking events, reflect individual needs and motivations of the members.
- 3.2 The communication, marketing and capacity building strategy of the Partnership aligns with agreed priorities and values of the members.
- 3.3 Maintain strong collaboration with other Great Barrier Reef Regional Report Card Partnerships to share learnings and collaborate on projects.
- 3.4 Professional development and succession plans are developed for all Partnership staff.
- 3.5 Confirm the spatial scope of the Report Card to ensure it reflects the needs of the Townsville Dry Tropics community and key stakeholders.

## INDICATORS OF PROGRESS

- Maintain adequate funding so that key products and activities are delivered.
- Partners maintain their membership and actively contribute their time and resources.
- The Partnership continues to grow and involve representatives from each of the key sectors within the region.