NRM in the Burdekin Dry Tropics
Burdekin Dry Tropics

Burdekin Solutions Limited - trading as Burdekin Dry Tropics Board

Map 2.5: Local Government Areas of the Burdekin Dry Tropics region.
(Source: Map compiled by CSIRO from ABS, 1996a)
Burdekin Dry Tropics Board

- Chair – Mike Cannon
- Science – Vacant
- Social – Vacant
- LG East – John Woods (Cr Trina List nominated)
- LG West – Vacant
- BBIFMAC - Tony Chandler (Secretary)
- BRIG – Tony Allingham
- BSIG – Gary Martin
- NaREF – Steve McDermott
- Desert Uplands – Lesley Marshall
- TO – Phil Rist and Ms Deree King
Sub Regions

• Burdekin Rangelands
• Belyando Suttor
• Burdekin Bowen
• Townsville Thuringowa
• Desert Uplands
Accountability

• Regional groups are required to prepare a Regional NRM Plan and Investment Strategy
• The format and contents of the Plan are guided by Intergovernmental and Bilateral Agreements
• The Plans have to be accredited by a Joint Steering Committee – Commonwealth and State government representatives – before funds become available
• Due to lag time time for planning interim funds have been made available to groups e.g. Priority Action Projects (PAP)
The BDT Regional Planning Process

• Based on sub regional group processes with results combined for the Regional Plan

• Local government input was variable across sub regions
The BDT Regional Planning Process

Sub Regional Components

• Issue Identification
• Issue Prioritisation
• Issues Packaged
• Priority Packages Identified
• Targets Developed for Packages
• **Aspirational Targets** – Longer term goals (50 years)
• **Resource Condition Targets** – Medium term objectives (10 – 20 years)
• **Management Action Targets** – Short term achievements from implementation (1-5 years depending on actions)
The Regional Planning Process
- Regional Forum - April 5 & 6
Combining the Packages

- Soil and Pasture
- Biodiversity, Vegetation and Habitat
- Surface Water and Wetlands
- Groundwater
- Coastal and Marine
- Pests
- Pollutants
- Agriculture, Industrial and Urban Development
The Regional Planning Process
- Regional Forum - April 5 & 6

• Resource Condition Targets Reviewed
• Resource Condition Targets reduced from 86 to 48
• Attempt at prioritisation of Resource Condition Targets
• Vision, Goals and Principles defined
• Recognition of need to sort and refine Management Action Targets
The Regional Planning Process
- Investment Strategy

- Workshop 28 and 29 April – Pasture and Soils, Surface Water and Wetlands, and Pests packages dealt with

- Workshop 13 and 14 May – Biodiversity, Vegetation and Habitat, Groundwater, Coastal and Marine, Pollution, and Industrial and Urban Development and Traditional Owner package dealt with
The Regional Planning Process
- Back to the Plan

- Realisation that the Plan had to precede the RIS
- First Draft completed mid June
- Final draft to the Joint Steering Committee - 28 September 2004
- Public Release - 8 November 2004
- Comments by - 19 December 2004
- Regional Investment Strategy by February / March 2005
Issues Packages

- Land and Soils
- Biodiversity
- Surface Water and Groundwater
- Coastal and Marine
- Atmosphere

Enabling Packages

- Capacity Building
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Institutional Reform
Local Government NRM Capacity Building Project

- First NAP/NHT application submitted via Health and Environmental Services Regional Organisation of Councils (HESROC) - 2002
- Project reviewed, amended and resubmitted by HESROC – 2003 and 2004
- Proposal submitted to BDT Board to facilitate local government input to the Regional NRM Plan - 2004
- Revised project proposal submitted to CB07 – June 2004
- Funding through CB07 approved November 2004
Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

- Joint venture between HESROC and BDTB
- Approved by HESROC December 2003
- Accepted by BDTB February 2004
- Commenced March 2004
- Initial network established based on HESROC members and non-HESROC CEOs and Mayors
Strengthening the Network

• Commitment by individual Councils
• Development of communication and reporting processes
• Increasing capacity of network members to be involved in NRM at local, sub regional and regional levels.