ABORIGINAL LAND MANAGEMENT - INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREAS

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TOWARDS INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREAS
• 1991 COMPREHENSIVE ADEQUATE AND REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM OF PROTECTED AREAS (C.A.R)
• INTRIM BIOREGIONALISATION OF AUSTRALIA (IBRA)
• INCLUSION OF ABORIGINAL LANDS?
• IDEA OF INDIGENOUS PROTECTED AREAS (IPA)
• APPLYING IUCN GUIDELINES

WHAT IS AN IPA?
• ABORIGINAL OWNED LANDS
• VOLUNTARILY DECLARED AND MANAGED FOR CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL LANDSCAPE
• SELF DECLARATION
• COMMUNITY GOVERNED
• CONSISTENT WITH IUCN CATEGORIES
• FUNDING SUPPORT FROM ENVIRONMENT AUSTRALIA AND STATE AGENCIES
• CONTRIBUTES REGIONAL PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT
**HOW DOES AN IPA HAPPEN?**

- STAGE 1: CONSULTATION
- STAGE 2: COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION
- STAGE 3: PLAN OF MANAGEMENT
- STAGE 4: INCLUSION OF IUCN CATEGORIES
- STAGE 5: DECLARATION
- STAGE 6: IMPLEMENTATION

**CASE STUDY**

**ABORIGINAL LANDHOLDERS VISION FOR THEIR LAND**

- Relationship between people & land/water restored
  - Healthy waters & land
- Past damage to land & waters rehabilitated
- Cultural attachment respected & kept strong
- Healthy communities with strong economies
  - Strong beneficial relationships with non-Aboriginal people & Governments
- Adequate resources for effective on-going management
- Economic opportunity for future generations

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

- Nantawarrina IPA
- 110 properties or 26% of state.
- From 10 to 102,000km²
- Land granted & bought
- Much land degraded.
**HISTORY OF NANTAWARRINA IPA**

- 1975 – LAND RETURNED
- 1990 – TREE PLANTING AND FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT
- 1995 – IPA DISCUSSION
- 1998 – IPA DECLARATION

**BENEFITS OF IPA**

- MEETING ABORIGINAL ASPIRATIONS
- DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS
- REGIONALISING ONGROUND OUTCOMES
- CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES
- YOUTH TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
- EMPLOYMENT
- COMMUNITY PRIDE AND ESTEEM
- HEALTHY COUNTRY = HEALTHY PEOPLE

**GOVERNANCE OF IPA**

- NEPABUNNA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
- ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST
- COMMUNITY LANDCARE OFFICER
- ENVIRONMENT AUSTRALIA
- MONITORS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

**FINANCING IPA**

- DEVELOPMENT FUNDING FROM ENVIRONMENT AUSTRALIA
- ANNUAL FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION
- FUNDING FROM OTHER PARTNERS
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (CDEP)
- ECOMONIC REVENUE (TOURISM, FERAL ANIMALS, PASTORALISM)
- POTENTIAL FOR OTHER FUNDING (GRANTS, SPONSORSHIP)
Thank You

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