

Balunbudjabin

First Nations Stewards

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Intro

We are apart of this land. Country runs through our blood and our blood runs through Country, we are not different we are the same, if you look after Country, Country will look after you – GOOLIMBOORIN



54%

FIRST NATIONS RIGHTS AND
INTERESTS IN LAND ARE FORMALLY
RECOGNISED

80%

OF THE WORLDS BIODIVERSITY

15.9M

HECTARES OF SEA COUNTRY IN
CONSULTATION



Change

- Indigenous centered Frameworks
- The industry needs to have genuine Indigenous Leadership and decision making roles by subject matter experts....
- Indigenous people at every level of the process from local to federal. we need more Blak Women in Leadership and Management roles.
- Fully informed partnerships and direct investment.
- Long term resourcing and investment. Program design and reporting
- Relationships of reciprocity and respect - Cultural Governance structure



Benefits of First Nations Stewards on Country for restoration

Localised
Traditional
knowledge
and practice

Empowerment
and self
determination

Cultural
continuum,
Intergenerational
Transfer of
Knowledge

Overall health
and wellbeing

Socio economic
benefits



Initiatives and Approaches

Sharing and collaboration-

- First Nations perspectives of Country
- Cultural Landscape science and methodology
- Collaboration with all stakeholders
- Two way Education resources
- Two way Knowledge Exchange
- Collaborative Lived experiences

Long Term Investment-

- Social and Cultural economic benefits
- Co management
- Self determination
- Indigenous leadership and decision Making
- Challenge structural Ideologies
- Overall health of Country and product supply.



Conclusion

This Country and its landscapes have been shaped by a long history of First Nations stewardship.





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