

of the Karantijpa ALTs in the Tennant Creek region in relation to the proposed upgrade, realignment and access restrictions for the Warrego to Lajamanu track.

SUBOUTPUT 1.2

Provide research and assistance as required to Aboriginal landowners and other Aboriginal people to manage land and sea and to undertake activities consistent with their ambitions and the sustainability of their resources.

A number of key approaches underpinned CLC support for Aboriginal people in the management and sustainable development of their land in 2005-2006.

IMPROVED LAND RESOURCE INFORMATION

- completed Resource Conditional Analysis Reports for each of the 9 CLC sub-regions

Each report provides comprehensive information on cultural geography, land ownership, natural and cultural resource values of Aboriginal land in each sub-region (eg. threatened and culturally important plant and animal species, culturally and biologically important wetlands, biodiversity 'hotspots'), land use and natural resource management (NRM) issues threatening those values.

A series of related thematic maps accompanies each report.

An assessment is also made of known community aspirations and local resource support against priority natural and cultural resource management actions identified for each region to provide strategic direction to the CLC's efforts in building 'on-ground' NRM

capacity.

- established a new position of Land Resource Information Officer to maintain an up-to-date database of the natural and cultural resource values on Aboriginal land and environmental issues threatening those values.

The position also provides related specialist advice to assist traditional owners to make informed decisions in relation to land use and development proposals affecting their country.

In the four months since being appointed the position has achieved the follow:

- four checklists on natural resource values over applications for exploration licenses prepared for consideration by traditional owners in related decision-making consultations

- provided GIS support to a range of land management projects: GIS database set up, datasets acquired and maps/data prepared for seven projects

- initiated a data sharing agreement (covering a range of natural resource data) with the NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts (NRETA);

- initiated collation and analysis of flora and fauna datasets to support the plan of management for the proposed Northern Tanami Indigenous Protected Area (IPA)

- supported traditional owner participation in biodiversity monitoring for a proposed grazing licence on the Haasts Bluff Aboriginal Land Trust.

- provided input into the Australian Collaborative Rangeland Information System (ACRIS) strategy for rangeland monitoring on Aboriginal land.

STRUCTURED COMMUNITY-BASED LAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Priority cultural and natural resource management (CNRM)

actions identified in CLC sub-regional Resource Condition Analysis Reports were addressed during the year through support provided for the development and resourcing of structured community-based NRM programs.

This primarily took the form of implementation and co-ordination assistance for established indigenous community ranger programs, emerging groups and 'seeding' projects.

CDEP support and collaboration with local community councils and resource centres was critical for maintaining the momentum of these activities and significant growth in direct engagement of traditional owners in addressing NRM issues on Aboriginal land was achieved as a result.

Such initiatives enjoy a high level of community support, participation and ownership, have the supervision and involvement of traditional owners, build critical individual confidence and community self-esteem while delivering considerable social, environmental, cultural, employment and other economic benefits to traditional land owners and their communities.

Co-ordination and supervision was provided to four established ranger programs in the region providing CNRM support to traditional owners and contract environmental management services to industry.

Their capacity was consolidated during the year through implementation of existing projects and efforts to source longer term funding and contract income to put them on a more sustainable footing, as follows:

Ntaria (Hermannsburg) – Tjuwanpa Ranger Group

- successful MOU between CLC and Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre for six months co-ordination and funding arrangement to reinstate the Tjuwanpa