



National Environmental
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TROPICAL ECOSYSTEMS *hub*

Forum: What does the future hold for Torres Strait and its Indigenous People?

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PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS

- Keeping an eye on the reefs of Torres Strait (Hugh Sweatman, AIMS)
- Developing Indigenous management outcomes from dugong research in Torres Strait (Helene Marsh, JCU)
- Hazard analysis for Torres Strait water quality (Jon Brodie, JCU)
- Mangrove and freshwater habitat status (Damien Burrows, JCU)
- Future scenarios for Torres Strait communities (Erin Bohensky, CSIRO)





FORUM FOCUS QUESTIONS:

- Turtles and dugongs are culturally and environmentally important to the Torres Strait.
 - How do we protect populations with the threats of increased shipping, illegal fishing and water quality contaminants in the Torres Strait?
- What role should researchers play in addressing topics such as indigenous hunting, in the ongoing media debate?



FORUM FOCUS QUESTIONS:

- Coral bleaching, COTS and coral diseases are being detected in the Torres Strait.
 - Can and should the GBRMPA extend its research and monitoring activities into the Torres Strait to cover the GBR reefs north of the Marine Park boundary?
- Are there any other issues you consider to be a threat to the region?

