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Working together on country for healthy country and MPA management

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BEST PRACTICE INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT FOR HEALTHY
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Joint Management

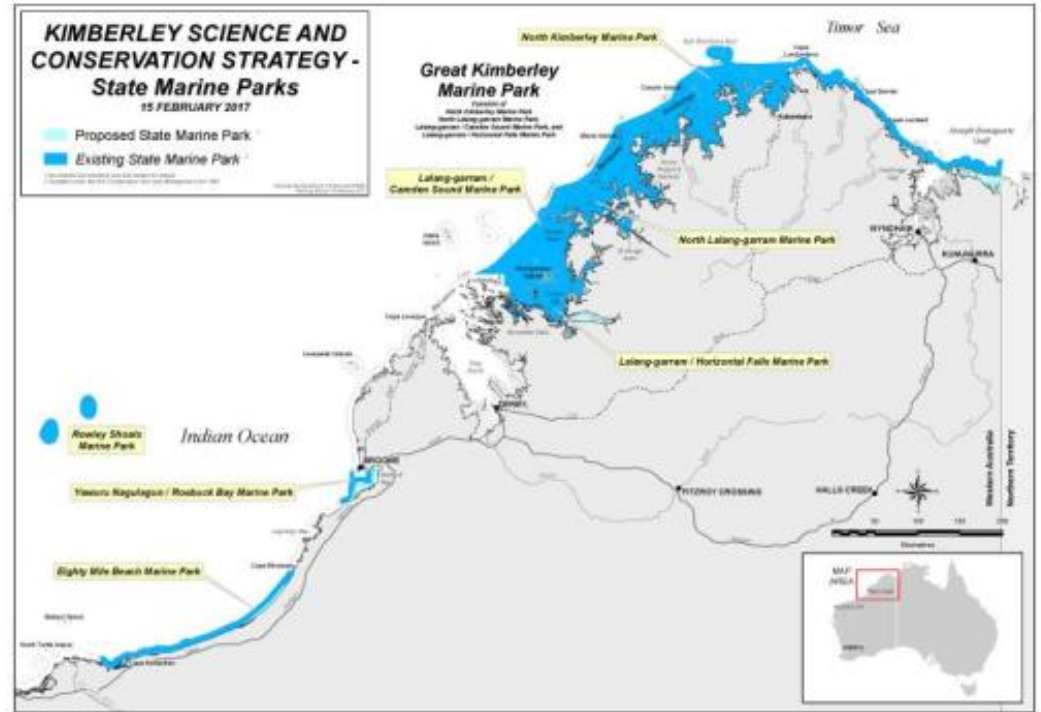


‘A partnership by which two or more relevant social actors collectively negotiate, agree upon, guarantee and implement a fair share of management function, benefits and responsibilities for a particular territory, area or set of natural resources’.

(Borrini-Feyerabend et al. 2004)

Marine Park Area

- 5 Marine Parks established in the Kimberley Region
- The combined area of Kimberley Marine Parks is **3,379,432ha**
 - 29% of WA's total "coastal waters"
- 7 Joint Management Arrangements with 6 Traditional Owner/ Native Title groups.



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- Strong relationships built on trust, respect and mutual understandings
- Re-evaluating the way we do things – together
- Learning by doing





On country meetings





Managing country



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Understanding
Worrora people working on country
Being fair
More training
Meaningful
TO's managing country
Workshops to help
Training
Respect

Together on same level
Engagement
TO's back on country
On country
Trust

Trust
When using high words please explain
Cultural and scientific education
Understanding each other
Strong relationship

TO's back on country
Happiness
Employment
Good relationship
Long term relationship
Meeting on country
Keeping promises
Resolving problems
Rangers work properly
Honesty
Productive

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