

Introduction

The attached map of the Bingil Bay area shows land under the management of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council. These areas of remnant vegetation have high natural and biodiversity value and for that reason are protected under a variety of State and Local laws and are included within the Conservation Zone and Recreational Precinct in the Council Planning Scheme.



World Heritage values

All the high country immediately south of Bingil Bay is National Park and Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. The Bingil Bay marine environment is part of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. The Council managed land at Bingil Bay helps link the Wet Tropics and Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Areas.



Vegetation

Most of the vegetation on the Council managed land is mapped as remnant vegetation, and includes a range of rainforest dominant communities. There is a huge diversity of plant species present. Common native species include milky pine, damson, native nutmeg, white apple, quandong, alexandra palm, solitaire palm, ginger and pandanus. Rare and threatened plant species include the king fern and arenga palm. This native vegetation helps stabilise the steep banks of the watercourses and also provides a scenic green backdrop to people's homes.

The natural value of these remnant areas can be easily degraded by a range of impacts. One major impact is from environmental weeds such as african tulip, bamboo, guinea grass, pond apple, sanchezia, singapore daisy, syngonium and thunbergia. Many of these weeds have escaped from neighbouring gardens.



Waterways

These areas of land managed by Council include watercourses and their associated riparian zones.

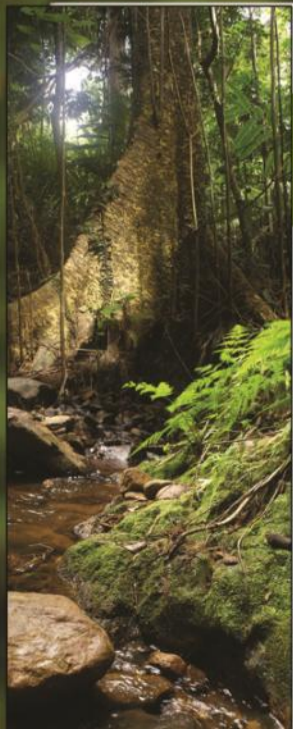
These watercourses provide drainage to prevent flooding in this high rainfall area. They all flow into Bingil Bay and therefore any reduction in the water quality within these water-courses may impact on swimming and the marine environment.

Fauna

These areas also provide habitat for native fauna, including the endangered cassowary, fruit eating pigeons and butterflies such as the beautiful Cairns birdwing and Ulysses. They provide valuable corridors for wildlife movement between sources of food and water.



Council Managed Reserves at Bingil Bay



Please Help

You can help maintain and enhance the natural values of this Council-managed land at Bingil Bay in the following ways:

- Dumping on Council-managed land is unlawful. Don't dump waste, including fill, garden clippings or wastewater onto the Council managed land. This can smother native vegetation, introduce weeds, degrade water quality and habitat, and cause erosion and health and safety issues.
- Removing or damaging vegetation on Council managed land is unlawful. Please inform Council if you see this happening and contact Council first if trees or vegetation are presenting a problem to your property.
- Become actively involved by supporting future Council managed revegetation and weed control and rubbish removal projects to restore degraded areas.

For further information please contact the Cassowary Coast Regional Council on 4068 0055.





Legend

- Council managed land (excluding roads)
- Property Boundaries

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