

# **Sharing Knowledge on Climate Change and Indigenous Communities**

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The Australian Conservation  
Foundation's  
Northern Australia Program

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# Northern Australia Program

- ACF is an environmental non-government organisation (ENGO) that advocates for policy and resource changes to better protect the environment.

*The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) is committed to inspiring people to achieve a healthy environment for all Australians. For 40 years we have been a strong voice for the environment, promoting solutions through research, consultation, education and partnerships. We work with the community, business and government to protect, restore and sustain our environment.*

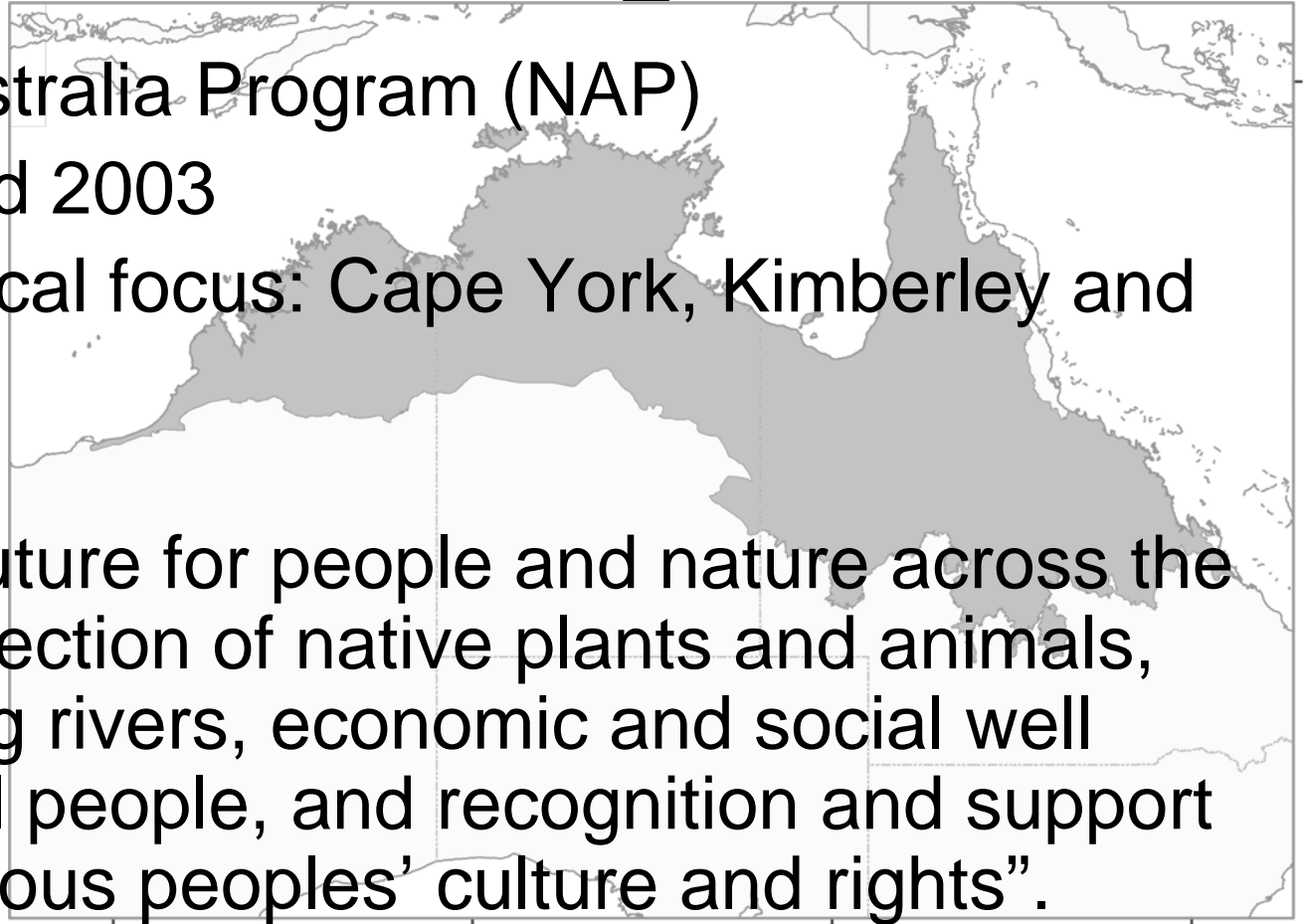
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## Northern Australia Program (NAP)

- Established 2003
- Geographical focus: Cape York, Kimberley and Kakadu

## Our Vision

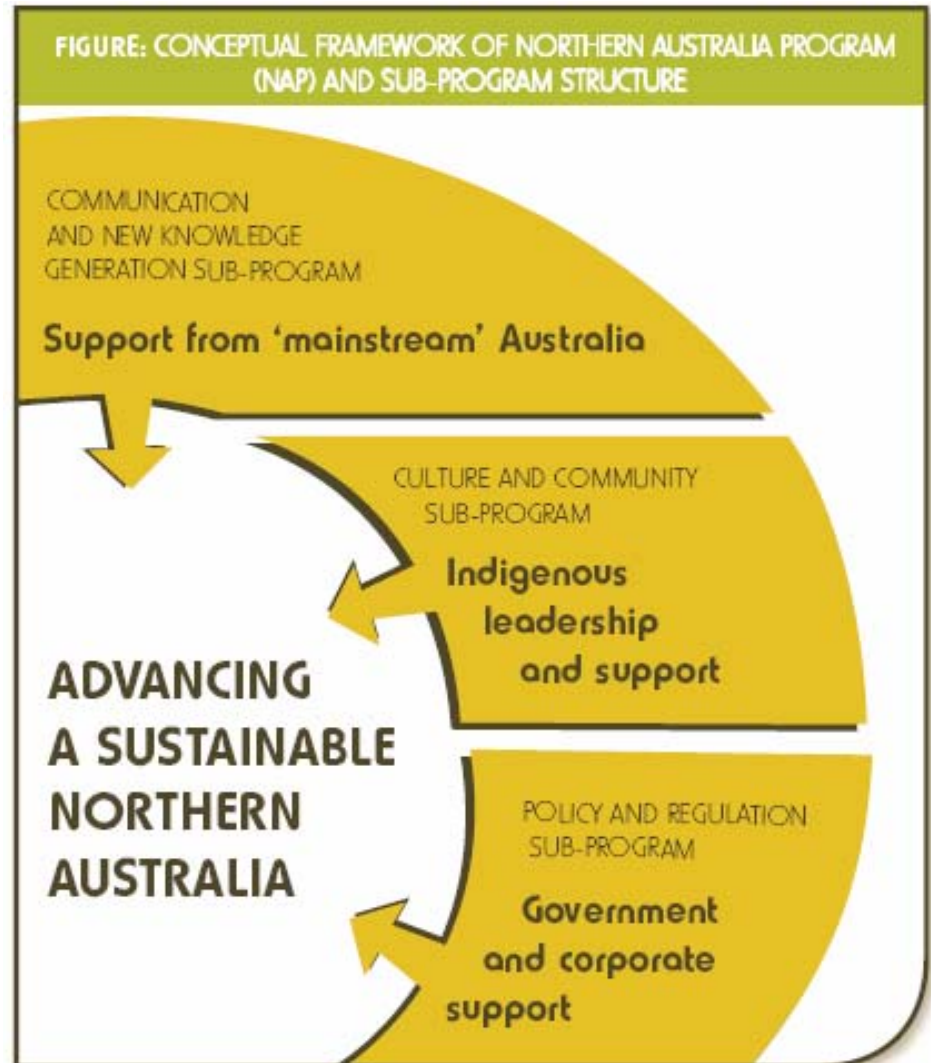
“A better future for people and nature across the north. Protection of native plants and animals, free flowing rivers, economic and social well being of all people, and recognition and support for Indigenous peoples’ culture and rights”.



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## How We Work

- Community and Culture
- Policy and Regulation
- Communication and Knowledge



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## Our Work and Partners

*Cape York:* land tenure and joint management (Balkanu, CYLC)

*Kimberley:* GM cotton and Fitzroy River (KLC and EK)

*Kakadu:* park management and post mining future (Gundjehmi)

# Climate Change

## ACF Organisational Capacity

- Sustainability Campaign: Kyoto; abatement of GHG emissions, renewables
- Collaborations with Australian Medical Association (AMA); CSIRO; and Business Leaders Roundtable
- Impacts on northern Australia WH sites e.g. Kakadu, GBRMP
- Impacts on remote Indigenous communities, Traditional Lands, and culture?

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## Organisational Capacity

- Strengthen links between NAP and Sustainability campaigns
- Expand debate to adaptation not just abatement
- Expand debate to impacts on livelihoods, culture and nature

# Climate Change

**Impacts on Northern Australia and Indigenous People is not on the radar.**

- Is this an issue?
- How should this be done?
- Who is needed?