Ichthys LNG Coastal Management Offset – Successful Round 7 Grants

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| Applicant | Title | Project Description | Duration |
| Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation | Equipment, safety and new opportunities for Sea Country management in the Laynhapuy IPA | This grant addresses vessel and equipment needs identified in the Laynhapuy IPA management Plan and drafted Yirralka Sea Country Plan. This project will enable effective, sustainable, and self-determined delivery of Ranger operations in the region as outlined in the Sea Country plan. | 1 year |
| Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Indigenous Corporation | Yanyuwa sea country planning and management | For decades, Yanyuwa people have called for stronger protection over their sea country. Ongoing issues around sacred sites being breached and degraded, overfishing, habitat degradation, and threatened species entanglements have not been met with any management intervention. This is driving a growing urgency to implement a system of Indigenous-led protection over sea country. Yanyuwa people wish to consider these sea country-specific impacts and draw on their deep knowledge and governance systems to develop a Sea Country Management Plan which should be the foundation of future management arrangements on the elders behalf. | 3 years |
| Anindilyakwa Land Council | Anindilyakwa Sea Country Management Plan | Anindilyakwa Land & Sea Rangers requested funding to develop a comprehensive Sea Country Management Plan to serve as an overarching management plan for works undertaken by the Rangers across the sea country of the Anindilyakwa Indigenous Protected Area. The Plan will incorporate insights from sea country mapping undertaken by ALC’s Anthropology Department to help identify sites of cultural significance and identify relevant clan boundaries across the sea country to better support planning and decision making, and improve management and conservation outcomes for this ecologically and culturally significant environment. | 2 years |
| Northern Land Council – South East Arnhem Land Sea Country IPA | SEAL Sea Country IPA Seagrass surveys and development of ranger-led monitoring program | During 2024-2034 IPA Management Plan discussions, TOs prioritized safeguarding seagrass beds, dugong, and turtle habitats. SEAL SCIPA funds enabled researchers to survey 1,638 intertidal seagrass sites across 99 meadows. Researchers identified potential monitoring locations, allowing rangers to independently conduct future monitoring with proper training. However, for a complete understanding of seagrass habitats in the region and for a comprehensive monitoring project to be implemented, subtidal seagrass habitats still need to be mapped. The project’s next phase will deliver the subtidal baseline survey and implement ranger-led monitoring. | 4 years |
| Northern Land Council – Kenbi Rangers | In survey (2C) vessel for marine operations for Kenbi Rangers | Kenbi Rangers currently operate across extensive sea country areas of Bynoe Harbour and the islands and declared areas of the Kenbi ALT. The rangers have conducted a range of sea country research and fee for service projects over the past decade using 2 current vessels which are both ageing and have limited capacity. The request for a new 2C in survey vessel, with enhanced on water capabilities, is to conduct a range of new activities related to a concurrent grant application regarding sea turtle conservation and cultural site management, as well as to continue with existing workloads across the sea country estate of the Kenbi ALT. | 1 year |
| Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation | Larrakia Rangers Offshore Vessel | This vessel will be used on existing marine research projects such as the ARC linkage grant and ARGP joint ranger project marine megafauna research and Larakia Biodiversity project.  This vessel is also be used for marine fee for service works in and around Darwin harbour and to link up with neighboring ranger groups for joint operations and reduce reliance on hiring larger vessels for whale migration monitoring. | 2 years |
| Northern Land Council – Kenbi Rangers | Sea turtle conservation and cultural site management under the Kenbi Open Area Declaration | This grant will support the development and collaboration of rangers to monitor and educate users around Kenbi Sea country and contribute to sea turtle nesting monitoring throughout Kenbi ALT at Indian Is and Bare Sand Is over 3 years.  Significant concerns have been raised about increased visitor activity on Bare Sand Is which is impacting on nesting Flatback turtles and hatchlings. Traditional Owners have long held concerns about visitor access and activities as granted in the Kenbi Open Area Declaration (OAD) and the impact this could have on both important cultural sites and threatened fauna in the area (ie nesting sea turtles). | 3 years |
| TIWI RESOURCES PTY LTD as trustee for the Tiwi Resources Trust | Tiwi Islands seagrass surveys and development of ranger-led monitoring program | Tiwi Sea Country estate has high cultural and biodiversity significance, but this is poorly documented. Outside of the Gulf of Carpentaria, the Tiwi-Cobourg region supports the second highest density of dugongs in the NT. It also supports important populations of the six turtle species found in Australia, and inshore dolphin species. While the presence of important species is known, the presence of habitats important to these species has not been quantified. As the Tiwi people progress their sea country aspirations of increased knowledge and protection, they are seeking a deeper understanding of Tiwi biodiversity values. | 4 years |