

K'gari Celebrates 30 Years of World Heritage-listed Paradise

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Today marks 30 years since K'gari (Fraser Island) was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list, in 1992.

In honour of the anniversary, a celebration was held at Kingfisher Bay Resort; the destination's sustainably developed eco accommodation, joined by the island's Traditional Owners, the Butchulla people, Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon and the World Heritage Advisory Committee.

Stretching 123 kilometres long, expanding to 22km at its widest point and covering 1840sq/km, K'gari is the largest sand island in the world.

In achieving heritage status, the island was formally recognised for meeting three key criteria: outstanding universal value, ongoing biological and ecological processes, and as an example of superlative natural phenomena, becoming Queensland's fourth listed World Heritage environmental area at the time.

K'gari comprises towering rainforests growing from sand, over 100 freshwater lakes and ever-evolving dune systems, and it is this unique and exceptional natural beauty that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to the destination each year.

Kingfisher Bay Resort General Manager and board member of the World Heritage advisory committee, David Hay, said how informing visitors about this pristine environment is essential to ensure K'gari is preserved for many years to come.

"It's not lost on us, at how fortunate we are to work here and witness the natural wonder that is K'gari, on a daily basis".

With Kingfisher Bay Resort also commemorating 30 years of ecotourism this year, the resort's six-strong Eco Ranger team continue to provide an essential connection between nature and learning to its visitors.

"K'gari is brimming with rich history and cultural significance. Paired with the island's unique flora, fauna and diverse ecosystems, it is unlike anywhere else in the world", said Senior Ranger Cassandra Duncan.

"The nature-based experiences we create for travellers, are centred on forming a greater understanding and appreciation for this remarkable environment", said Ms Duncan.

More information about Kingfisher Bay Resort's ecotourism accommodation and immersive guided experiences can be found at www.kingfisherbay.com

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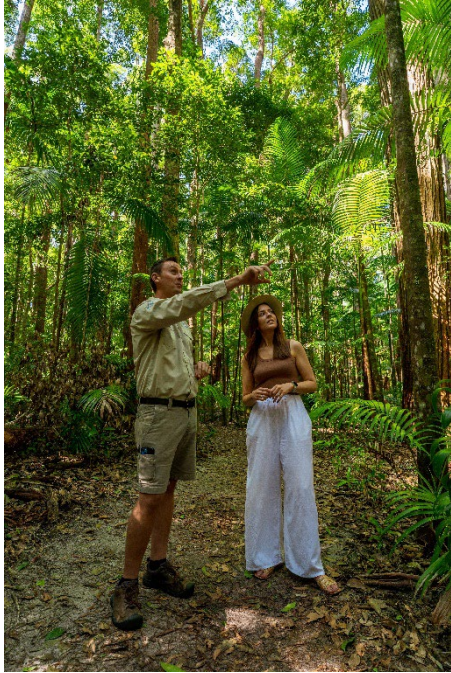
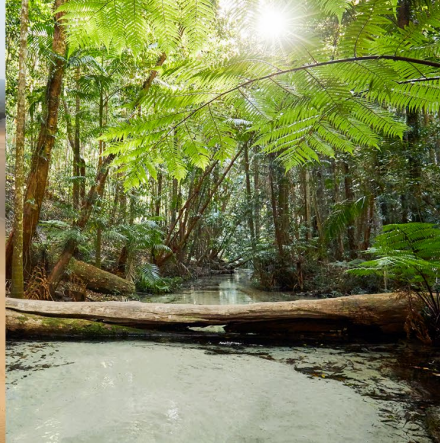
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K'gari is one of just two places in the world where ancient rainforests grow from sand.



The 100 freshwater lakes of K'gari are an example of superlative natural phenomena. Lake McKenzie (Boorangoora) is one of 40 perched dune lakes on the island.



K'gari is home to the purest species of Wongari (dingo) in Australia, and are one of the island's many unique wildlife.



The island's ever-evolving and desert-like dune systems are a spectacular sight, and an example of ongoing biological and ecological processes; a criteria for the island's World Heritage listing.