Reef Catchments sustainable agriculture

Project summary

Proponent: Reef Catchments
Value: $150,000
Project duration: 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

Project description

This project seeks to improve water quality, sustainable resource use and agricultural productivity by promoting and demonstrating aspirational or innovative practices appropriate to the grazing, horticultural and forestry industries.

The project increased engagement and participation by regional communities and groups, including professional farming system groups, industry, other community groups, and individuals in natural resource management activities through:

- An annual forum for the grazing industry focusing on innovation and sustainability
- Quarterly meetings with the grazing and horticulture industry-specific regional working groups
- Half-yearly meetings with the forestry industry-specific regional working group
- Technical workshops or training activities for each industry sector.

In addition, the project directly supported the adoption of land management practices which will improve the quality of water, including reducing the discharge of nutrients, sediments and chemicals to waterways and the Great Barrier Reef by:

- Establishing demonstration/trial sites for each target industry
- Holding field days for each industry.

Working through industry-specific regional working groups and existing extension service providers as well as catchment and Landcare groups, the program has ensured that farmers in the region are introduced to and receive advice on implementation of new and innovative management practices.

Further information

For further information on the sustainable agriculture project, please contact Reef Catchments.
Image 1 – Map of project location area