Mackay–Whitsunday Paddock to Reef

Project summary

Proponent: Reef Catchments

Value: $106,000

Project duration: 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

Project description

The Paddock to Reef program, jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments, is a highly innovative approach to collecting and integrating data and information on agricultural management practices, catchment indicators, catchment loads and the health of the Great Barrier Reef.

Through this project, Reef Catchments has supported local industries to achieve the ambitious targets outlined in the Reef Water Quality Protection Plan 2013. The knowledge generated through the Paddock to Reef program has been disseminated back through to the people that make change on the ground. Reef Catchments has continued to build off existing mechanisms consolidating and integrating the latest scientific information through the technical steering group, local and regional workshops and a close relationship with the peak industry groups and the landholders.

Reef Catchments has assisted in delivering outcomes to the Paddock to Reef program through the provision of data for the production of the Report Card. This data includes the management practice adoption datasets and additional datasets that add value to the program, such as pesticide and nutrient use and coordination of the wetland monitoring component.

In delivering the program in the region, Reef Catchments has collaborated closely with program leaders to ensure the most representative and accurate information is sourced and provided in the formats which are suitable for the program. In addition, the data collected through the activities has been used to better inform Reef Catchments to prioritise investments and target on-ground activities.

The program has worked with the relevant state agencies, local industry, growers and other NRM regions to deliver an agreed set of activities and ensure a consistent approach is employed.

Further information

For further information on the Mackay Whitsunday Paddock to Reef project, please contact Reef Catchments.
Image 1 – Map of project location area