



Communities & Livelihoods

The Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods (RIEL) conducts internationally recognised, impact-orientated environmental and livelihoods research. Our Communities and Livelihoods research is aimed at enhancing the wellbeing and sustainability of Indigenous and regional communities in Australia and near Asian-Pacific region.

PROJECTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Through collaboration and capacity building, RIEL strives to make a real-world impact and benefit the environment and communities with whom we engage.

Our research strengths include:

- > Working with Indigenous communities to strengthen land and sea management outcomes;
- > Engaging with Indigenous people and local communities to contribute to biodiversity conservation;
- > Understanding how Indigenous communities will be affected by climate change;
- > Researching the benefits that threatened species conservation can deliver to people globally;
- > Supporting rural agricultural and natural resource-based enterprises in aquaculture, fisheries and plant production in Indigenous communities;
- > Rehabilitation of blue carbon habitats and livelihoods.
- > Contributing to the sustainability of ecosystem services for the benefit of Indigenous communities and livelihoods in Australia and the Asia-Pacific.
- > Implementing a world-first program for a savanna burning carbon industry in northern Australia;

RESEARCH

Our researchers offer specialist knowledge and advice in the following areas:

- > Restoration, rehabilitation and collaborative management of mangroves;
- > Capacity building for natural resources management in terrestrial and marine environments;
- > Participatory land and sea management;
- > Gender, food security and rural livelihoods; and
- > Natural resource-based enterprise development.

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