

# 8. Supporting Document

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1. Describe & Define Noosa Biosphere
2. Cultural Heritage & Settlement
3. Sustainable Development
4. Conservation
5. Flora Species List
6. Fauna Species List
7. Research Activities
8. Supporting document – Acronyms, Bibliography, Glossary

The content of all these documents is fairly scientific and designed to appeal to a more academic audience.

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## 1. ACRONYMS

SEQ – South East Queensland

WHA – World Heritage Area

IUCN – The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

JAMBA - Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

CAMBA - China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement

NICA - Noosa Integrated Catchment Association

SEQRWQMS – South East Queensland Regional Water Quality Management Strategy

MBWCP – Moreton Bay Waterways and Catchment Partnership

CBC – Convention on Biodiversity Conservation

USESL - United States Endangered Species Legislation

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### 3. GLOSSARY

**Biodiversity** - diversity among and within plant and animal species in an environment.

[Dictionary.com]

**Biogeography** - the study of the geographical distribution of living things.

[Dictionary.com]

**Bioprospecting** - the collecting and testing of biological samples (plants, animals, micro-organisms) and the collecting of indigenous knowledge to help in discovering and exploiting genetic or biochemical resources.

[The Free Dictionary by Farlex]

**Bioregions** - An area constituting a natural ecological community with characteristic flora, fauna, and environmental conditions and bounded by natural rather than artificial borders.

[Dictionary.com]

**Biosphere** – Biosphere reserves are areas of terrestrial and coastal/marine ecosystems, or a combination thereof, which are internationally recognised within the framework of UNESCO's Program of Man and the Biosphere (MAB). They are established to promote and demonstrate a balanced relationship between humans and the biosphere.

[UNESCO]

**Ecologically Sustainable Development** – Human development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability for future generations to meet their needs. The term Ecologically Sustainable Development is used to emphasise the environmental component of sustainable development. It can be achieved through the implementation of the following principles: the precautionary principle, namely that if there are threats of serious or irreversible environmental damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation; intergenerational equity, namely that the present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations; conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity should be a fundamental consideration; and improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms, namely that environmental factors should be included in the valuation of assets and services.

[The Free Dictionary by Farlex]

**Ecotone** - the transition zone between two different plant communities.

[Dictionary.com]

**Ecoregion** - an area defined by environmental conditions and natural features; a region defined by its ecology.

[Dictionary.com]

**Ecotourism** - tourism to places having unspoiled natural resources, with minimal impact on the environment being a primary concern.

[Dictionary.com]

**Endangered Regional ecosystems** – ecosystems where less than 10% of the pre-clearing extent remains, or 10-30% of the pre-clearing extent remains (if the area of remnant vegetation is less than 10 000 hectares).

[Queensland Vegetation Management Act]

**Endemic** – found exclusively in a particular place.

[Dictionary.com]

**Geomorphology** - the study of the characteristics, origin, and development of landforms.

[Dictionary.com]

**Iconic** - a representative species of an area.

[Dictionary.com]

**Microclimate** - the climate of a small area.

[Dictionary.com]

Of Concern - Regional ecosystems are defined as Of Concern if 10-30% of the pre-clearing extent remains, or more than 30% of the pre-clearing extent remains (if the area of remnant vegetation is less than 10 000 hectares).

[Queensland Vegetation Management Act]

**Refugia** - an area where special environmental circumstances have enabled a species or a community of species to survive after extinction in surrounding areas.

[Dictionary.com]

**Sea level rise** – an increase in sea level that may inundate terrestrial areas.

[The Free Dictionary by Farlex]