

*" Keep country clean and healthy
– and still make money from carbon.
That's what we want to do! "*

– Tiwi Traditional Owner 2022

Image: David Hancock

The Tiwi Fire & Carbon Project



What is it all about?

- Burning country makes smoke. Smoke from bush fires on the Tiwi Islands adds to greenhouse gases which are causing global warming. The Earth is getting hotter, the climate is changing, and sea levels are rising.
- Tiwi can help with climate change by burning country in **Kimirrakinari – early in the Dry Season**. Kimirrakinari fires make less smoke. They also keep Tiwi country healthy.
- By burning early and not burning too much country Tiwi can earn **CARBON CREDITS!** The government calls this 'Carbon Farming'.
- Because there is a lot of land on the Tiwi Islands, good money can be made from carbon farming.
- Carbon Credits are valuable. Each year the government awards them to the Tiwi Fire & Carbon project. Tiwi Resources hold the Carbon Credits – then sells them when the price is right.

" We set up that carbon program, if we burn that country wrong way, that money goes up in smoke! "

– Tiwi Traditional Owner 2022

- Profits from Carbon Credit sales flow back to all Tiwi. **The money goes to land, sea and community benefit projects** that provide jobs and training, keep country healthy, strengthen culture and support youth programs – now and into the future.

Who looks after it?

Tiwi Resources, which is owned by the eight landowning groups, manages the Tiwi Fire & Carbon Project. In 2016 the project was registered with the Australian Government and has been earning Australian Carbon Credit Units since 2018. The Tiwi Fire Officer and the Rangers do the burning each year.

What are the benefits for Tiwi?

- More training and job opportunities

“The next generation needs to learn about fire, more training, more jobs for young people.”

– Tiwi Traditional Owner 2022

- Support to keep country healthy and protect plants and animals
- Better feral animal and weed management

“We must bring together our knowledge of the past with the new science. What do the fires do? What’s happening with the animals and plants?”

– Tiwi Ranger 2022

- More opportunities for people to spend time on country

“People need to get involved in the fire project; young people need to be part of the burning.”

– Tiwi Traditional Owner 2022

- Support to strengthen culture e.g., Kurlama and cultural knowledge programs for kids
- Projects for the whole community e.g., culture, childcare, aged care, and sports projects.

Where does the money from selling Tiwi Carbon Credits go?



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