



Coloured sand art depicting the Butchulla creation story with the creation spirit, Yindingie. Artwork by the Butchulla Land & Sea Rangers for the Junior Ranger Program

Environmental Biosecurity

Caring for Country





Caring for country is honouring the first
Butchulla Lore:

Minang galangoor gu, djaa kalim baya-m.
What is good for the land comes first.

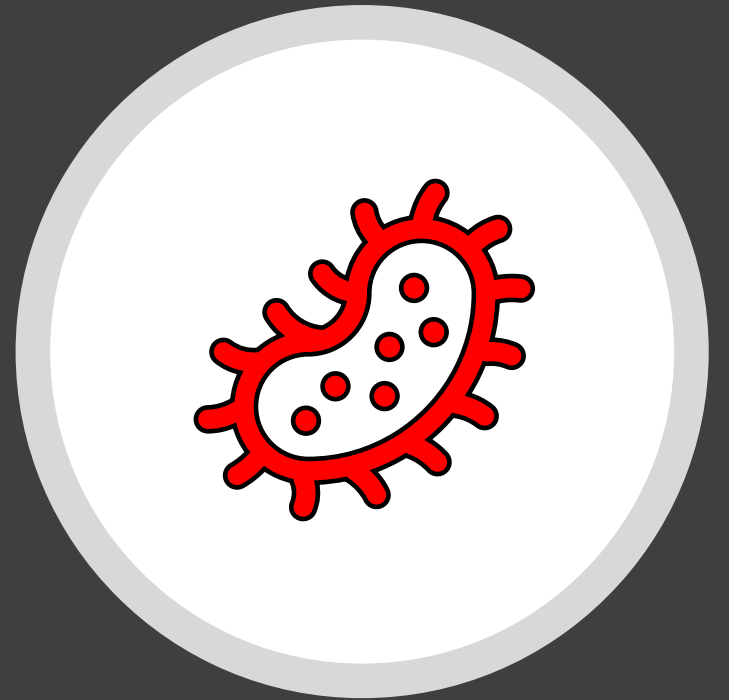
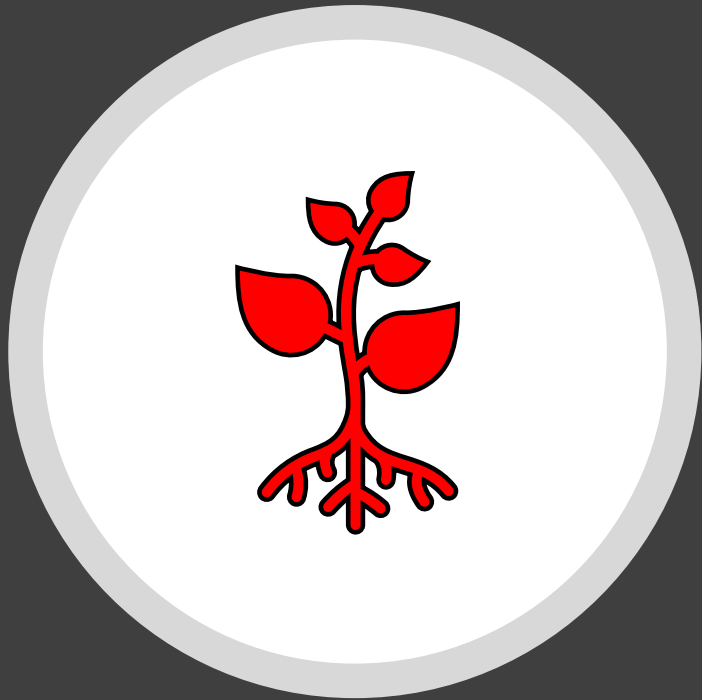
Translation by Butchulla community
linguist, Aunty Joyce.



Butchulla Land & Sea Rangers & Skilling Queenslanders trainees building cane toad pole traps to use on K'gari with Don & Lesley from FINIA.

What is Environmental Biosecurity?

Environmental Biosecurity is protecting our precious country (natural environment), flora (native plants) & fauna (native wildlife) from Biosecurity Baddies like Wicked Weeds, Pesky Pests & Despicable Diseases.



Meet the Biosecurity Baddies
Wicked Weeds, Pesky Pests & Despicable Diseases

Wicked Weeds, what are they?

Weeds are exotic (non-native) plants that harm our country (natural environment), flora (native plants) & fauna (native wildlife).

Weeds do not naturally belong on this country.

They take over the native plants which destroys the habitats & food sources of native wildlife.

Weeds also take over traditional food, medicine & other plants that are culturally important to Indigenous people.

Some weeds can be poisonous too!





Bitou bush takes over our dunes & makes our country sick



Lantana takes over our country & makes the land sick.



Aquatic weeds take over our lakes & waterways, making them sick.

Pesky Pests, what are they?

Pests are exotic (non-native) insects, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds & mammals that harm our country (natural environment), flora (native plants) & fauna (native wildlife).

Pests do not naturally belong on this country.

Pests often destroy native plants, take away the food & homes of native wildlife, & eat too many of the native species.

Pests can also destroy traditional food, medicine & other species of flora & fauna that are culturally important to Indigenous people.





The Jamella leafhopper causes dieback & death in winnam (pandanus palms).



The ornate rainbowfish,
native to K'gari.



The mosquito fish harms native fish, invertebrates & frogs.

The endangered,
Cooloola sedge frog.
1 of the 4 species of acid
frogs that live on K'gari.



CHECK YOUR LOAD, DON'T CARRY A CANE TOAD!

The vulnerable,
Eastern ground parrot,
another resident on K'gari .



DON'T TAKE PETS TO K'GARI & DON'T LET PET CATS OUTSIDE!



DO NOT BRING PETS TO K'GARI!

Worms & diseases in pets' poop make our wang'ari (dingoes) sick.

Despicable Diseases, what are they?

Exotic (non-native) environmental diseases harm our country (natural environment), flora (native plants) & fauna (native wildlife).

Exotic environmental diseases do not belong on this country.

These diseases harm & sometimes destroy entire populations of flora (native plants) & fauna (native wildlife).

Diseases can also destroy traditional food, medicine & other species of flora & fauna that are culturally important to Indigenous people.





MATE, HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR BAIT?
Remember if you caught it there, use it there.



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Dr Geoff Pegg, DAF





Myrtle rust monitoring on K'gari

The Butchulla Land & Sea Rangers with Forest Pathologists from the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries



Stop the Spread of Biosecurity Baddies – Come Clean, Go Clean

Stop the spread of Wicked Weeds, Pesky Pests & Despicable Diseases by coming clean & going clean.



Bust the Biosecurity Baddies – Recognise & Report

Help to defeat Wicked Weeds, Pesky Pests & Despicable Diseases by recognising & reporting them.

Together, we can care for beautiful Butchulla country!



Butchulla women learning about myrtle rust with Dr. Louise Shuey, DAF.

Junior Rangers can help to defeat Wicked Weeds, Pesky Pests & Despicable Diseases, remember to:

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Come Clean & Go Clean



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