

# **Fox Den Detection Dogs**

### Seeking Community support with locating foxes to protect marine turtles!

#### Foxes impact marine turtles

Fox predation is a major threat to local marine turtle populations through predation on eggs and hatchlings. Predation particularly affects the endangered Loggerhead turtle that visits the Woongarra coastline for nesting.

#### Fox Den Detection Dog team

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) have funding from the Nest to Ocean Turtle Protection Program to protect nesting marine turtles. This funding is a joint initiative of the State and Federal Governments.

Queensland Parks and Wildlife (QPWS), Bundaberg Regional Council, Gidarjil Development Corporation and Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG) have partnered to implement a combined approach to surveying, monitoring and controlling foxes in an area from the Kolan River to Elliott Heads and 8km inland. We are working with a Fox Den Detection Dog team to assist with this program.

#### You can help protect marine turtles

Thank you to everyone who has helped so far. Local residents have been instrumental in the high success of this program, with no Fox predation at Mon Repos for 4 seasons now. Den Detection dogs are trained to find presence of foxes and fox dens that can then be monitored or controlled. We had great community support in 2015 and as a result saw reduced fox activity on Mon Repos beach during the 2015-16 turtle breeding season.

#### **Report fox sightings**

Do you have a large rural block or farm? Have you seen evidence of fox activities or fox den sites on your property?

If so we would like you to complete the attached Fox Sighting Report Form and email it back to parksadministration@bundaberg.qld.gov.au at Bundaberg Regional Council between 1 - 18 May 2020.

Council will provide all of the sighting reports to QPWS who will contact each landowner to discuss the details of your fox sighting. With landowner consent, a QPWS contractor will inspect the property to locate the den and undertake agreed control measures at no cost to the landowner.

#### Funding for the program

This program is made possible by grant funding from the Nest to Ocean Turtle Protection Program, a Commonwealth and State Government initiative, and the Qld Better Partnerships Program.

#### Enquiries

For further enquiries please contact Bundaberg Regional Council on **1300 883 699** and ask for James Anderson, Land Protection Officer.











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# Fox sighting report form

### Landowner details

Name

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Residential address		
Property or farm address		
Contact phone number		
Email		
Fox sighting information		
O Live fox or O Fox den		
Date of fox sighting	Time of fox sighting	
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Specific location of fox sighting		

Thank you for participating in our program. Please email the Fox Sighting Report Form to parksadministration@bundaberg.qld.gov.au.

QPWS or its Authorised Agent will contact you to discuss your fox sighting and where required arrange a contactless inspection time.

If you have any questions in relation to the program please call Bundaberg Regional Council on **1300 883 699** and ask to speak to James Anderson, Land Protection Officer.









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