Wet Tropics of Queensland Heritage Area – Good practices in heritage area conservation and management, and conflicts between conservation and development



# **Objectives**

Investigate useful measurements practiced that aims at conserving the heritage
Conservation and Management practices
Conflicts emerged

# Methodology

- Literature reviews
- Online resources

• Interviews

On-site observation

# Outline

- Introduction
- Sequence of development
- Good practices in conservation and management
- Conflicts versus conservation and management
- Reflection (using Hong Kong as a case study)

#### Introduction

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- Location of Atherton Tableland
- →Cairns Highland (West of Cairns)

→altitude 600-900m

• →32000 sq. km

#### Sequence of development

Late19th century Europeans
 →settled down for the purpose of mining
 →eg. Emerald, tin and gold

Gold mines went out
 →turn to lumbering
 →eg. The rich reserve of red cedar, kauri, oak

## Sequence of development

Nowadays,

Agriculture becomes the major industry
Plantation and dairy farming

→Ecotourism is recently promoted

 Granite are used to protect the soil to prevent soil compaction

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#### Signs for visitors to raise visitors' concern of conservation



The town of Atherton

began as a camp for cedar getters. It was known as Priors Pocket, after Thomas Prior who pastured his bullocks here. The town was to eventually take its name from John Atherton, one of the first European settlers on the Tablelands. His station Cashmere, introduced horses and cattle to the area. He was instrumental in the discovery of tin in the district which led to a rapid population increase and the subsequent growt of the area

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Placing of fences

Good design and planning of route

#### Good practices in management

- Emphasis in education
- Lots of visitors' information centers
- Control number of visitors (issuing license)

## Good practices in management

 Emphasis on ecology and environmental concern

Marine Deviluated in C.M.

Conflicts by development versus conservation and management

- Increasing population
- Increasing development projects
- Invasion into rainforest areas
  Introduction of exotic species
- Fires
- Tourism
- Local culture

Conflicts by development versus conservation and management

- Fragmented land
- Fires

Local culture

Tourism

#### The End!

Thanks for your attention!!!