



HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

The Aboriginal Partnerships team help the SAAL NRM Board better connect with Aboriginal communities in the SA Arid Lands and provide opportunities for Aboriginal communities to successfully achieve NRM project outcomes. Does your community have a project in mind? Call 8648 5300.

The Nipapanha area in the North Flinders district

Nipapanha carbon farming trial

Leonard Cohen, Director, Canopy

The Nipapanha community in the North Flinders has secured a grant to investigate the feasibility of mounting a carbon farming project under the Australian Government's *Indigenous Carbon Farming Fund*.

The grant will provide the community with access to training and assistance to develop business ideas for gaining additional income by creating carbon credits.

It will also allow the community to use their existing skills in vegetation management and business development, and it is seen as a potential model for other Aboriginal communities who may seek to manage their country in this way.

The focus of the work will be on Nantawarrina Indigenous Protected Area, 58,000 hectares of land located between the Flinders Ranges and Gammon Ranges National Parks which is managed by rangers from the nearby Nipapanha community.

This land is believed to be capable, in part, of regeneration through replanting and by controlling pests and erosion.

Greening Australia will soon undertake vegetation surveys with the community as part of evaluating Nantawarrina's natural resources.

The income stream from carbon in the SA Arid Lands where rainfall is low and erratic is likely to be small as it is driven by water availability.

However, good outcomes for the Nipapanha community are expected to flow from careful advance planning and from finding appropriate funding for vegetation management which complies with the system for generating carbon credits.

The work is being coordinated by Alan Smith, Nantawarrina IPA Coordinator, and Greg Moore, CEO of Nipapanha in conjunction with Canopy and Greening Australia.

The team will be working with Natural Resources SA Arid Lands staff to ensure knowledge and information on the Carbon Farming Initiative is shared in a participatory and culturally appropriate manner.

The community has said that it may model its efforts in part on the Jabalbina Yalanji Land Trust's work to derive carbon credits from reforestation in Far North Queensland.

Further information

For further information on carbon farming opportunities contact the Aboriginal Partnerships team, Natural Resources SA Arid Lands 8648 5300.