



*save me a home amongst the gum trees*

# MUNGARRU LODGE SANCTUARY

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*Mahogany Glider – Cyclone Yasi - Info Bulletin 1 – 11/02/11 Daryl Dickson*

## **Mahogany Glider – Cyclone Yasi**

- The mahogany glider is one of Australia's most endangered mammals.
- There were estimated to be as few as 1500-2000 animals remaining (prior to Cyclone Yasi)
- The mahogany glider's habitat is restricted to a narrow coastal strip of eucalypt and melaleuca woodland between just south of Tully to Ollera Creek south of Ingham.
- Cyclone Yasi has severely affected this species.
- Aerial surveys have indicated extensive and severe damage to their entire habitat area.
- Surviving animals are struggling to find food and shelter as food and den resources have been destroyed.
- DERM, QPWS rangers and scientists have already commenced ground fauna survey works, where access can be obtained, to try to identify the condition of mahogany gliders that have survived this cyclone event.
- Feeding stations are urgently being prepared and will be placed in accessible areas of mahogany glider habitat.
- A den box program is being commenced to prepare emergency den shelters for the gliders that have lost the large den trees upon which they rely for shelter.
- Without support many of these animals will not survive.
- It is essential that we make every effort to protect remaining trees across the extent of the mahogany glider habitat and ensure that all vegetation is given the best opportunity to re grow – eucalypts and melaleucas will re-sprout if broken trees are trimmed and retained.
- You (the public) can assist this species by reporting sightings to the Terrain Office, Innisfail phone 40438000 where you may leave your name, location and telephone number and you will be contacted to discuss the details of your sighting.
- We are also seeking assistance from locals who live in or adjacent to mahogany glider habitat, willing to have a feed station located on their property. These stations will be installed and food supplies provided. If you think you can help, please contact 40438000 to leave your name and number and we will call you to discuss the details.

Mungarru Lodge Sanctuary is a private wildlife sanctuary. Our primary focus is the conservation of the endangered mahogany glider, *Petaurus gracilis* and the species that share its lowland coastal woodland habitat. The sanctuary is a members of the Humane Society International Wildlife Land Trust global wildlife sanctuary system, Queensland Land for Wildlife & a licensed wildlife rescue and rehabilitation shelter.