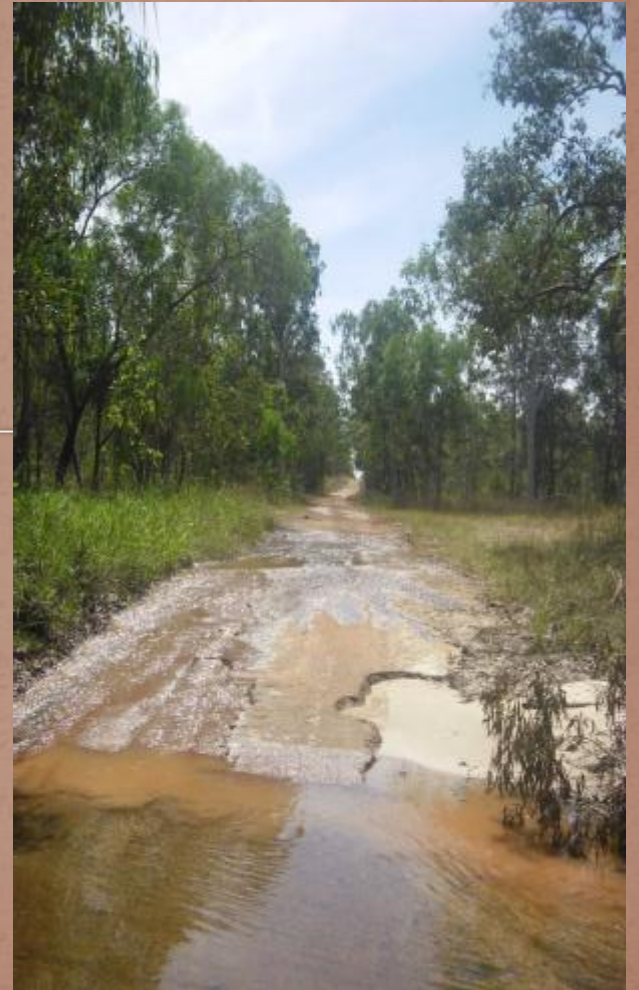


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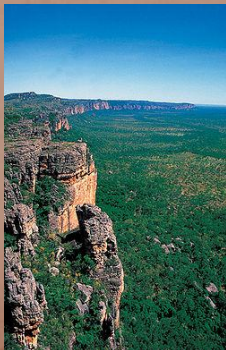
Characteristics of the park:

- Animals: Kakadu national park is home to many animals including the crocodile, dingo, jabiru, kookaburra, wallabies and kangaroos. There are also introduced animals in the Kakadu National Park such as bintang, brumbies and wild pigs. Pictures of Kakadu animals...[pictures of kakadu animals](#)
- Plants: Kakadu has a variety of plants due to its large changes in landscape as you travel through the area. Some of the plants in Kakadu are salt and freshwater mangroves, eucalypts trees, rosella, pandanus, casuarinas and flowers such as hibiscus and purple, white and pink lily's.....[Pictures of Kakadu plants](#)

Landscape change of Kakadu:



- Kakadu has a vast area of land. This land is spread out over 19804km² of area.
- The different environments of Kakadu are white sandy beaches on the coast line, up from that there large billabongs then fields of spear grass. In the middle of Kakadu there are various rivers such as south, east and west alligator and rocky mountain ranges.



History of the Park

- This park includes a lot of history of the tribes back in the 17 and 18 centuries who lived off the land. In the nature walks you have the chance to read the information boards on the paintings there are also areas where you can see how they lived and where they lived back then.



Facilities



- If you were to visit Kakadu as a tourist there are facilities for your use such as:
- Toilets
- Car parking
- Caravan parks
- Freshwater
- Motels
- Restaurants
- Hiking tours
- Boat lunches and tours
- Fishing trips
- Information desks and boards
- Fuel stops
- Essentials shop



Management and human impact

- For Kakadu National Park to run there are things that are to be included the job such as keeping the roads safe, the bush overgrowth under control and animal population under control. There is on entrance fee but in a few months there might be a fee of \$25.
- Some of the ways they control the park is by burning the bush back, culling or handling the animals, bringing in heavy machinery and unwanted materials into the land. There is also mining that has to be taken to account and should be kept away from the national park.

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- By doing this the animals and environment of the land will be affected in most ways such as:
- Bringing in heavy machinery = cutting down bush land and killing unsuspecting animals who and which are in the way.
- Culling animals = they might over cull and anyway it so cruel.
- Handling animals = this is bad for both races. We shouldn't handle the animals it is like being take from your home we might not know as much as we thought about them and potentially kill them or spread a diseases or create an injury for the handler.
- Burning the bush = you might think you have to burn back the spear grass. Although if you burn down more than you expect of the bush it is like deforestation and has all the effects to. The effects are lose of homes, killing of both animals and plants and the well being of the communities in the area. What is the fire becomes out of control!!!
- There is more on this topic if you visit:
<http://www.wildplaces.net.au/enviro.htm>

We have to remember that with the job of management these tasks need to be carried out. Things we can do to reduce the effects on the environments:

- Instead of burning the grass, wiper snip the spear grass in human inhabitant areas such as roads and communities.
- You could improve the environment by planting trees in the community.
- Put large restrictions on culling.
- There should be hunting range rules reinforced and should be done with a supervisor so that the hunter doesn't over hunt and not eat what he/she has sacrificed.
- Some of these rules on the other hand have been reinforced but as people visiting or camping in the land we need to remember that there are reasons for them and they are there to be followed.

My analysis

- What do you think the best aspects of the park are?

I think that the best aspect of the park is the change in landscape and the accessible facilities.

What do you think the main difficulties in managing the park?

I think that the difficulties in running the park would be keeping the visitors happy and money problems.

What would you do over the next five years to improve the park?

I would: enforce permits, have days were clients plant trees in the communities and more information advertised about the park.

To make these ideas work I would hire experts on animals and plants to see if I can improve in those areas, and hire bills in hunting for extra money for the park.

Map of Kakadu



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