

ANZSCP 2017

Come and join us at the

Daintree Rainforest Observatory –
Cape Tribulation

Immerse yourself in science and World
Heritage Listed landscapes

Daintree Rainforest Observatory



- Fully equipped research station nestled between the Daintree National Park and Great Barrier Reef
- Accommodation for 50 people (dormitory style), commercial kitchen, large lecture theater, indoor and outdoor laboratories
- 2.5kms south of Cape Tribulation, within walking distance of beaches, swimming holes, restaurants
- Close to boutique and resort style accommodation options
- Spend your spare time bird watching, spotlighting, relaxing around the camp fire, star gazing or visit the Discovery Centre
- Book yourself in locally for horse riding, electric bicycles, snorkeling, croc tours, wildlife tours, 4WD tours, fishing tours, tropical fruit tasting or zip-lining
- Or take a day trip to Mossman Gorge, Port Douglas, Cooktown (weather dependent) or Cairns
- Take a tour into the rainforest at the research station to visit the only rainforest canopy crane in Australia and to hear a rundown of the current research being conducted by JCU staff and students

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- Constructed in Nov 1998 (ACCRS)
- First in the southern hemisphere
- Funded by the Australian Research Councils' Competitive Infrastructure Scheme
- Owned by James Cook University (since 2006)
- Sustained by JCU, MTSRF and TERN (from 2010)
- Refurbished 2014- open July

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- Accommodate up to 50 researchers, students and visitors
- Air-conditioned “clean” and open air “dirty” teaching laboratories
- Lecture theatre (capacity 80)
- Large, commercial quality communal kitchen
- Laundry facilities
- Satellite broadband available
- Site Manager and Crane Operator live permanently on site



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Why this Location?



- Wet Tropics World Heritage Area
- Biodiversity



- Evolutionary importance
- Number of endemic species
- Two World Heritage sites

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- DRO provides research opportunities unmatched anywhere else in Australasia
 - unbroken access from atmosphere to substrate
 - continental to leaf scales