

<b>Northern Australia Irrigation Futures</b>	<b>Charles Darwin University</b>
<b>Tropical Rivers Inventory &amp; Assessment Project</b>	<b>NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment &amp; the Arts</b>

## **Teleconference**

**Monday 18 December 2006**

**10:30-11:30pm CST**

### **Present:**

Chair: Jeff Camkin, Northern Australia Irrigation Futures (NAIF), Michael Douglas, Charles Darwin University (CDU), Ian Lancaster, NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment & the Arts (NRETA)

### **Apologies:**

Keith Bristow (NAIF), Renee Bartolo, Tropical Rivers Inventory & Assessment Project (TRIAP), Rick van Dam, Tropical Rivers Inventory & Assessment Project (TRIAP)

### **Agenda:**

1. TRIAP Update
2. NRETA Update
3. CDU Update
4. NAIF Update
5. Collaborative arrangements/opportunities
6. Other business
7. Next Meeting

### **Minutes**

#### **1. TRIAP Update (Renee Bartolo) – provided by email**

The TRIAP update is as follows:

- A TRIAP workshop was held with Daly River catchment science stakeholders on Thursday 14 December. People from NRETA, DPIFM, Greening Australia-Katherine, WWF and CDU/TRACK attended. The aim of the workshop was to undertake a sensitivity analysis on the Relative Risk Model (RRM) developed for the Daly River using stakeholder perceptions and interval arithmetic. The data behind the RRM was also reviewed by the group and suggestions for improvement and inclusions were made. A follow-up workshop will be conducted in late February.
- Work has commenced on negotiating the roll-over into TRACK of data sourced, collated, compiled and derived through the TRIAP, for use by the various themes and consortium partners.
- A proposal is being compiled for the production of a TRIAP communications product, most likely in the form of a stand-alone GIS on DVD along with reports etc. The release of such a product would be aimed in the first half of 2007.
- TRIAP representatives attended the TRACK meeting held in Darwin recently. Direct links have been made with Theme 3 in classifying riverscapes where the geomorphic and hydrological characterisation work developed under the TRIAP can contribute. Other links are with Theme 1 in scenario testing and various other components of themes.

#### **2. NRETA Update (Ian Lancaster)**

- DRMAC will meet again 28 February – 2 March and will focus on clearing issues. The aim is to have a water plan available in 2008. A surface water plan will be based on maintaining flows in the Katherine River. DRMAC is then likely to meet again in May-June.

- Katherine Water Advisory Committee will have an introductory meeting prior to the end February. Aim is to prepare a plan for approval in early 2008 but the timeframe for delivery will be up to the community.
- It would be beneficial for NAIF to be present at both the DRMAC and KWAC meetings in February to talk about NAIF and the sustainability framework.

*Action: Ian Lancaster to discuss NAIF attendance at DRMAC and KWAC with Chairs.*

### **3. CDU Update (Michael Douglas)**

- TRACK meeting on 5-6 December was attended by approximately 50 people
- Day 1 focussed on updating attendees on TRACK, Day 2 on scoping project proposals
- Focus catchments are likely to be Fitzroy (WA), Daly (NT) and Mitchell (QLD) with some activity in Darwin Harbour.

### **4. NAIF Update (Jeff Camkin)**

- NAIF received the CRC for Irrigation Futures 2006 Teamwork and Collaboration Award.
- Development of the NAIF sustainability framework will be focussed on the Lower Burdekin catchment.

### **5. Collaborative arrangements / Opportunities**

- Presentation and discussion on NAIF and the sustainability framework proposed for next DRMAC and KWAC meetings.

### **6. Other Business**

- No meeting in January.

### **7. Next meeting**

Thursday 01 February 2007 at 10.30 CST.