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Climate Change impacts on our Aboriginal communities

A recently published report on Climate Change in northern Australia presents information specifically for Aboriginal people in northern Australia.

Produced by CSIRO and Griffith University, the report highlights expected changes in the monsoonal north.

Southern Gulf NRM Chief Executive Bob Wilson said for the Southern Gulf region, predicted sea level rises are a major concern for the extensive low-lying coastal ecosystems of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

'According to the report, over the last 20 years, sea levels in northern Australia have been rising from between 7 and 11 mm each year,' Mr Wilson said.

'Projected forward for several decades, these sea level rises will be the source of much change in our mangrove forests, our river estuaries and low lying coastal plains.'

The report highlights opportunities for Traditional Owners to contribute towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions through changes in the way fire is managed.

Early season burning is already widely practised in the Northern Territory, reducing emissions and providing revenue for the Traditional Owners who manage fire in this way.

Southern Gulf NRM has copies of the report to distribute to our regional Aboriginal communities and it can be found online at www.territorynrm.org.au

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INSERT – PHOTOS – Information on Climate Change for Aboriginal people living in the North.

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