

Peuaria lobata (Kudzu)

Description: A perennial scrambling vine with alternate leaves. The large lobed leaves form in groups of three (like a dinosaur footprint). It produces purple pea like flowers and spreads rapidly when vines come in contact with the ground.

Distribution: All currently known infestations occur in the Mossman River catchment. Seed pods can be spread by sticking to clothing and the fur of animals.

Impacts: A fast growing vine which has the potential to encroach into thick rainforest and riparian zones smothering native vegetation. It poses a significant threat to agriculture and infrastructure. Can grow to over 30 metres in height smothering vegetation and infrastructure.

Key projects: A delimitation survey is in operation which aims to determine the full extent of Kudzu across Douglas Shire.

Biosecurity obligations and legal requirements

Obligations relating to restricted matter

Under the Act kudzu must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. Penalties apply.

- Under the Regulation kudzu may be disposed of by:
- Deep burial,
- Transporting to a waste facility securely (contact DSC 07 4099 9444),

General Biosecurity Obligation

The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical measures to minimise the biosecurity risks associated with kudzu under their control.

In the prevention zone

Contact DSC to report any suspect plants on 07 4099 9444.

Wherever practical ensure agricultural and raw materials are sourced from a reliable supplier and are from a kudzu free area.

In the containment zone

Contact DSC to report any suspect plants on 07 4099 9444.

You are responsible to ensure materials or products leaving your property are free from kudzu seed or plant material.

Landowner's or occupiers can assist DSC by maintaining easy access to infestations and by assisting with control activities.

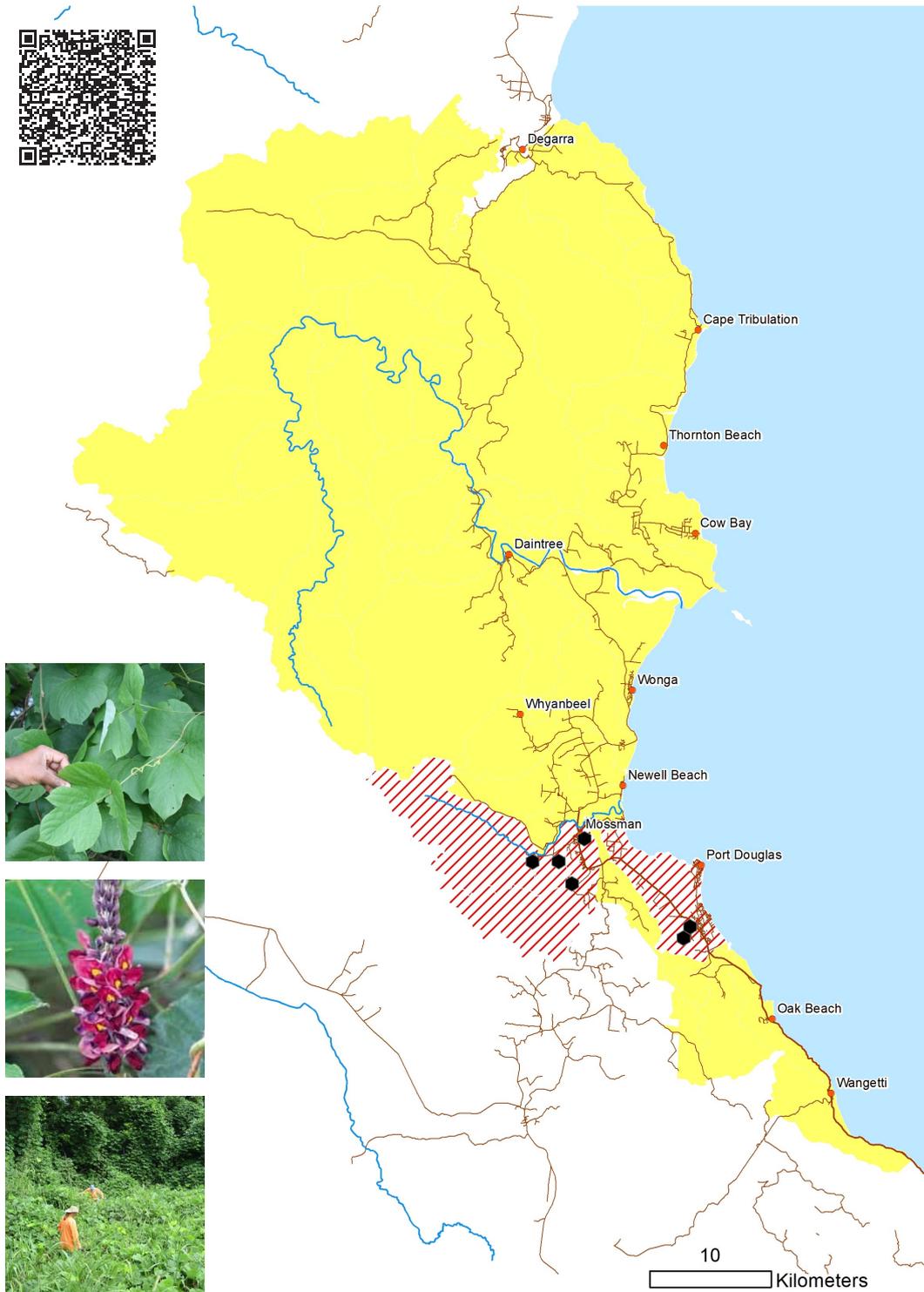
Do not disturb or remove soil and plant material from a known infestation location, even if no plants are visible.

You are responsible for ensuring machinery and vehicles avoid known infestation areas or undertake appropriate wash down procedures prior to leaving site.

For more information on using this biosecurity action plan fact sheet, and further information on control tools, refer to the Douglas Shire Biosecurity Management Plan available at douglas.qld.gov.au and customer service centres.



Management objectives and actions



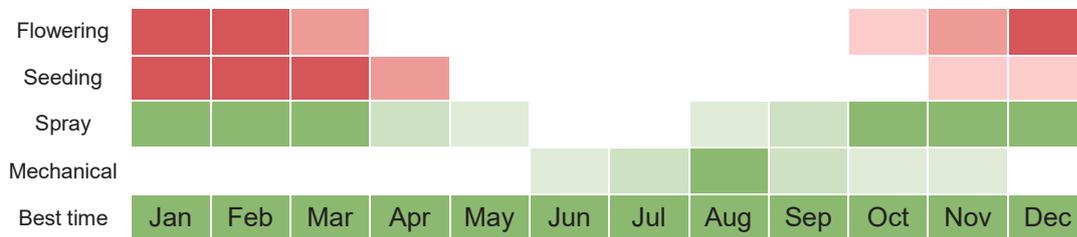
Biosecurity Act
Restricted matter
category

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Do not
distribute

Control



Spread



Key
 Peak ●
 First/last flush ●
 Occasional ●
 Optimal ●
 Good ●
 Marginal ●