

Taking to the skies as the country dries: *early burning on southern Cape York*



Early burns are designed to reduce fuel loads and connect fire breaks on a landscape-wide scale. In 2020, Cape York NRM partnered with South Cape York Catchments and Cape York Weeds and Feral Animals Inc. to install effective breaks over 17 properties, thanks to the cooperation of property managers.



While the aim of the program is to ease the threats of wildfires on Cape York, the effectiveness of the program will become more evident at the end of the 2020-21 wildfire and storm burn season when an evaluation will be conducted. An aerial burning operation is continuing this year, 2021, expanding to include more properties.