



DOUBLE ISLAND POINT

TAKE HOME FACTS

Great Sandy National Park – Cooloola Section

WELCOME TO DOUBLE ISLAND POINT

This stunning coastal headland, known to the Kabi Kabi People as Double Island Point, lies within the Cooloola section of Great Sandy National Park, and is surrounded by waters of the Great Sandy Marine Park.

Here, towering sand dunes meet turquoise waters where ancient stories, unique wildlife, and modern conservation come together. Every visit connects you to an extraordinary landscape of land, sea, and living culture.



A RICH HISTORY



Captain James Cook was the first recorded European to name Double Island Point in 1770, mistaking its twin sand hills for two separate islands. Double Island Point's indigenous name is Gullirae.

The Double Island Point Lighthouse (1884) is one of Queensland's oldest operating lighthouses — once fueled by whale oil, later kerosene, then electric power, and today, solar energy.

The headland is the remnant of a 130-million-year-old volcanic outcrop, standing as the only rocky feature in a sea of shifting sand.

Wolf Rock, offshore, is sacred in Kabi Kabi Dreamtime stories — said to be the spirits of two brothers who ventured too far from shore and were turned to stone to remind others to respect the ocean's power.

Rainbow Beach's Coloured Sands were formed nearly 800,000 years ago and are steeped in the legend of the Rainbow Serpent, whose spirit still guards the cliffs today.



CULTURE AND CONNECTION



For thousands of years, Kabi Kabi people have cared for and lived in harmony with this coastline.



Smoke signals once rose from Teewah's dunes to Noosa's high points to communicate across Country, marking trading routes and cultural gatherings such as the Bunya Festival held near Teewah Village.



Red Canyon served as a sacred women's site for ceremony, birth, and gathering ochre pigments.



Many scar trees along the pathways show where routes were marked by the Kabi Kabi people.



The White-bellied Sea Eagle (Ganga) is a very spiritual animal for the Kabi Kabi people. They believe they are messengers to the spirit world, and they are used to indicate the start of the fishing season.

MARINE WILDLIFE



Double Island Point is one of the best places in Australia to encounter marine wildlife in its natural environment.

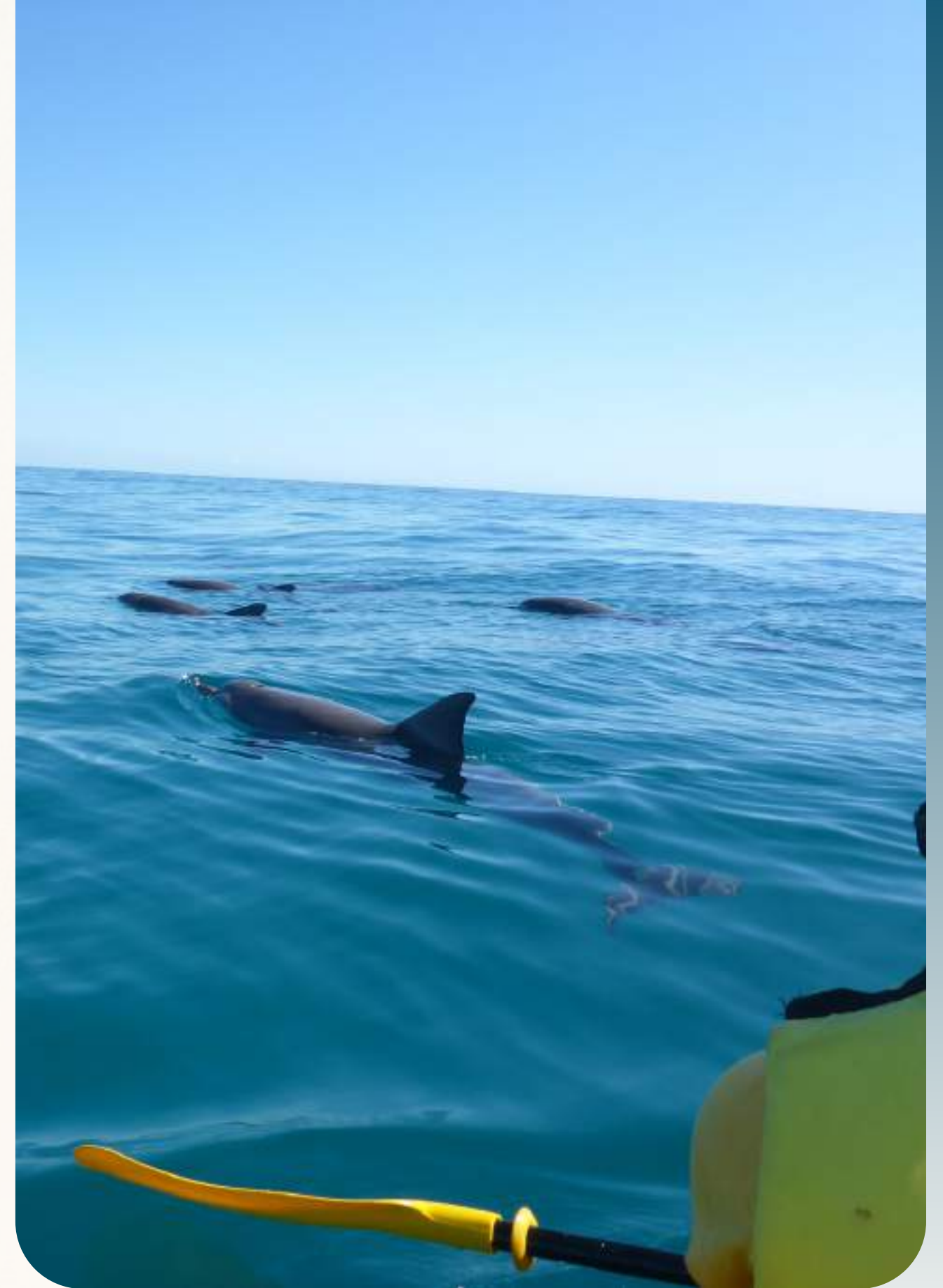
Resident Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins are often seen surfing the waves or hunting schools of fish near the headland. Green, loggerhead, and hawksbill turtles glide gracefully through the clear lagoons, feeding on seagrass beds and resting in the calm shallows. From June to October, migrating humpback whales pass close to shore with their calves, offering visitors unforgettable glimpses of these gentle giants.

Eagle rays, shovelnose rays, and leopard sharks move effortlessly across the sandy shallows, while Brahminy kites, ospreys and white bellied sea eagles (the Ganga) patrol the skies. Each species has a role in maintaining the balance of this fragile ecosystem — one that depends on our respect and protection.

COOL FACT



The Kabi Kabi people used to work together with the dolphins. Dolphins would push fish into rock caves, the Kabi Kabi people would catch the fish and give back to the dolphins.





ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND MICROPLASTICS

Marine pollution, especially plastic debris, is one of the greatest threats to the ocean. Turtles often mistake floating plastic for jellyfish, leading to choking or starvation. Microplastics, invisible to the eye, are consumed by plankton, fish, and eventually larger predators — even humans.

Research shows that more than 90% of sea turtles have ingested plastic in some form. By being conscious of our impact, we can all help protect these incredible animals.

YOU CAN HELP:

- Pick up litter — even tiny pieces count
- Avoid single-use plastics
- Use reef-safe sunscreen (apply 20 mins before swimming)
- Choose reusable bottles and containers
- Participate in beach clean-ups





Sustainability

AT EPIC OCEAN ADVENTURES

IT'S MORE THAN A POLICY — IT'S A PROMISE

OUR SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES:

- ECO-FRIENDLY EQUIPMENT CARE
- LOCAL SUPPLIER PARTNERSHIPS
- WILDLIFE-SAFE DISTANCES & EDUCATION
- STAFF TRAINING IN SUSTAINABILITY AND CULTURE
- “LEAVE NO TRACE” COMMITMENT
- “PADDLES UP, ENGINES OFF” MOTTO

ALL TOURS FOLLOW **MINIMAL-IMPACT** TOURISM PRINCIPLES AND COMPLY WITH QUEENSLAND PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE GUIDELINES. VEHICLES USE ONLY DESIGNATED BEACH ACCESS POINTS AND DRIVE AT LOW TIDE TO PROTECT DUNES AND NESTING HABITATS. **GUIDES ARE TRAINED** IN CULTURAL INTERPRETATION, SAFETY, AND MARINE ETHICS, ENSURING EVERY GUEST EXPERIENCE SUPPORTS BOTH CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY.

KAYAK SAFETY & RESPECT FOR WILDLIFE

GUIDES PROVIDE A QUICK SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BRIEFING BEFORE EVERY TOUR TO PROTECT GUESTS AND WILDLIFE. APPLY SUNSCREEN 20 MINUTES BEFORE ENTERING THE WATER, AND ALWAYS ADMIRE WILDLIFE FROM A DISTANCE — NO FEEDING, TOUCHING, OR CHASING.



**FACE THE WAVES WHEN
RE-ENTERING YOUR KAYAK**



OBSERVE, DON'T INTERFERE



**STAY CALM IF CAPSIZED –
FOLLOW YOUR GUIDE'S LEAD**



**RESPECT MARINE LIFE AT ALL
TIMES**



HOW YOU CAN HELP NOT TO DISTURBE OUR MARINE WILDLIFE?



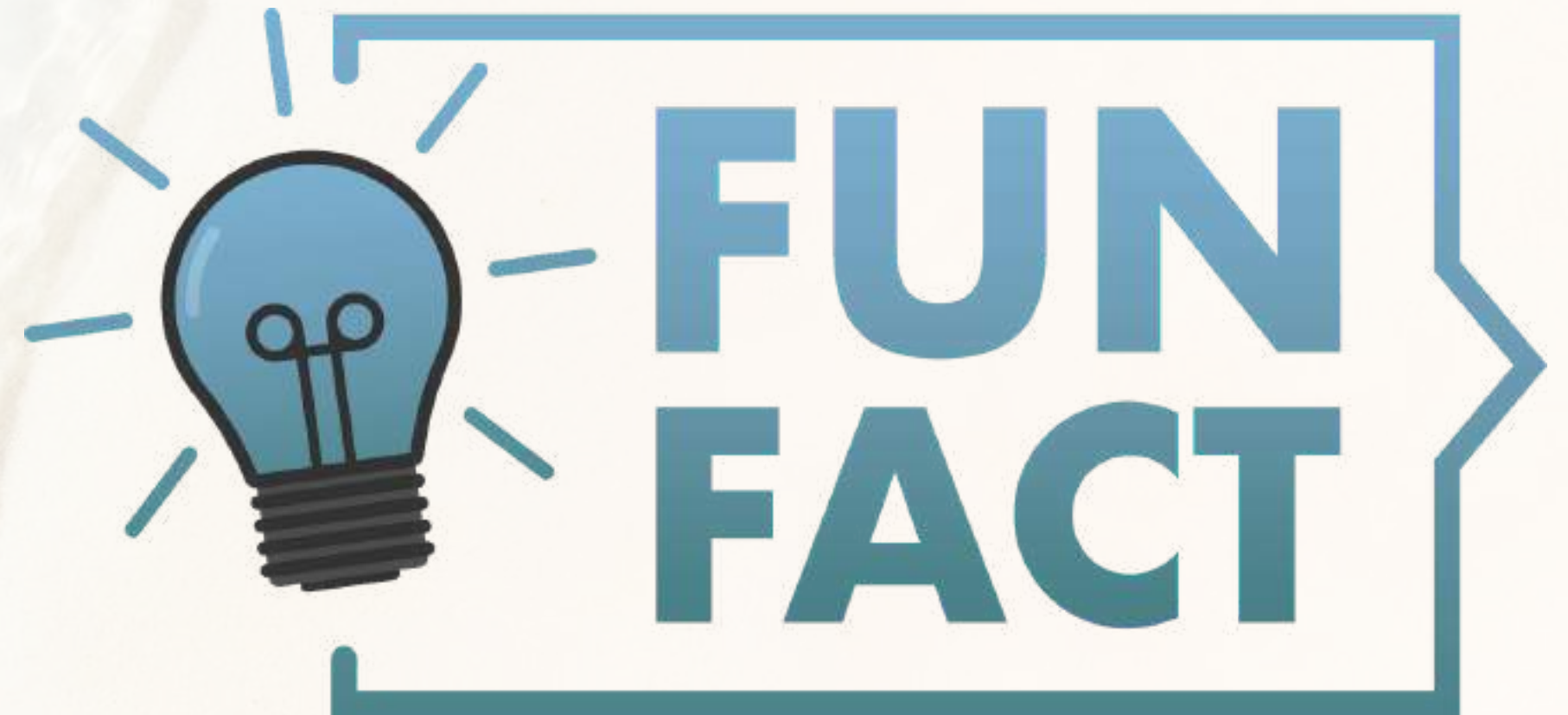
Everyone plays a role in protecting our marine wildlife. Whether you're paddling, swimming, or using any other form of water vessels or equipment — your actions matter.

Simple steps:

- If driving over to sand, stay on wet sand and follow existing tracks to avoid dune erosion & protect turtle nesting sites.
- Take all rubbish with you (and some that isn't yours!)
- Avoid loud noises near wildlife. If using a vessel or jetski, follow strict speed limits (max 6kph) and wildlife distances.
- Use reusable bottles and plastic-free packaging
- Support local eco-initiatives and Indigenous-led programs
- Join beach clean-ups



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- “TEEWAH” MEANS “NOT EARTH” IN THE KABI KABI LANGUAGE.
 - THE TEEWAH RAINBOW FISH IS FOUND ONLY IN THIS REGION.
 - HONEYMOON BAY IS ONE OF QUEENSLAND’S MOST SHELTERED NATURAL LAGOONS.
 - THE ARTHUR HARROLD NATURE REFUGE NEARBY PROTECTS WETLANDS AND IS HOME TO KOALAS, WALLABIES, AND MIGRATORY BIRDS.
 - SOLDIER CRABS CAN OFTEN BE SEEN MARCHING ACROSS THE FLATS BY THE THOUSANDS!
 - WOLF ROCKS IS A REMINDER OF THE OCEAN’S POWER THROUGH A DREAMSEA STORY ABOUT TWO LITTLE BOYS PADDLING OUT TO FAR & TURNING INTO STONE.



IT'S TIME TO VISIT THIS PARADISE!

Respect this place, protect its wildlife, and carry its story forward
— because Double Island Point's magic depends on you.

