



**SUMMARY of Tenure, Vesting and Management recommendations for Cocanarup Timber Reserve and related Unallocated Crown Land**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Report &amp; Organisation</b>	<b>Cocanarup Timber Reserve recommendation</b>	<b>UCL recommendation</b>
1974	Director, Dept. of Fisheries & Fauna to CTRC	Recommends Flora & Fauna Reserve	
1974	Conservation Through Reserves Committee report to Environmental Protection Agency (The Green Book)	Purpose be amended to Conservation of Flora and Fauna, A Class, vested in WA Wildlife Authority	The UCL south of Cocanarup Timber Reserve, approx. east to Phillips R., be added to the Fitzgerald River National Park
1976	Environmental Protection Agency, <i>Conservation Reserves for Western Australia</i> (The Red Book)	Continue to be managed by Forests Dept. but more attention given to its multiple use for conservation and management of flora and fauna as well as timber production	The EPA reserved any recommendations regarding additions to the FRNP due to uncertainty about demands for agricultural land and 'mineral potential areas'.
1978	The Fitzgerald River National Park (FRNP) was designated a Biosphere Reserve under the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme. The 'Proposed Class A Reserve' area including Cocanarup Timber Reserve was in designated Buffer area.		
1980	Forests Department, <i>Management Plan for Cocanarup Timber Reserve C30795</i>	Southern Area Priority - managed for Conservation of Flora and Fauna. Northern area priority - managed for forest produce to favour regeneration. In long term, review managing authority: foreshadowed vesting with either National Parks Board or Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife	
1992	Dept of Conservation and Land Management, South Coast Regional Management Plan	The northern portion of Reserve to be State Forest, available for timber cutting (Jam Posts)(R15, 16); and the southern portion (R17) to be Nature Reserve	All the land between Belli Rd, south to the boundary of the Fitzgerald River National Park, and east to the Hopetoun-Ravensthorpe Rd, with the exception of the northern portion of Cocanarup Timber Reserve (to retain as Timber Reserve), was proposed as Nature Reserve.



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	The focus since the South Coast Region Management Plan was adopted has been on ecosystem linkages and management of habitat rather than on tenure per se. Hence the following reports and developments.		
1996	Sanders <i>'Conservation value of Fitzgerald River Biosphere Reserve buffer/transition zone'</i> Dept of CALM & ANCA	Fauna trapping project (with community involvement) with aim to provide sound base for management of uncleared lands in Biosphere buffer/transition zones. Results showed high fauna conservation value for these zones, showing they contain or have potential to contain all fauna species of the 'core' zone (i.e. FRNP).	
2002	Gondwana Link Project established	An ambitious landscape restoration project with the aims of: 'protecting what bushland remains, restoring the critical gaps, and maintaining the extraordinary nature of south-western Australia. And do it at a scale readily visible from space.'	
2006	Wilkins et al. <i>'The WA South Coast macro-corridor Network - a Bioregional Strategy for Nature Conservation'</i>	Strategy identifies large-scale corridors in the Biosphere. The Ravensthorpe Range Corridor is shown to be outstanding for its width, degree of 'intactness' and its continuity. It is clearly shown as a strong link between the FRNP and the Great Western Woodlands.	
2012	WA Department of Environment & Conservation, Albany, <i>'Fitzgerald Biosphere Recovery Plan: A landscape approach to threatened species and ecological communities recovery and biodiversity conservation'</i>	A comprehensive plan which takes a landscape approach to threatened species recovery and threat abatement. Identifies Cocanarup as one of five 'priority areas' in the Biosphere. Emphasises the importance of connectivity of remnant vegetation. Re-iterates the significance of the Ravensthorpe Range corridor.	
2017	Fitzgerald Biosphere - renomination accepted. Zones were redrawn and most of the 'Proposed Class A Reserve' area is now designated Transition Zone, rather than Buffer Zone		