



Local Law Declared Pest Plant for K'gari

Coastal morning glory

(*Ipomoea cairica*)



ORIGIN: Tropical Africa and Asia.

DESCRIPTION: This is a fast-growing vine that can climb 4-5m into the forest canopy and smothers native vegetations. Leaves are hairless, 3-10cm long and wide, and divided into 5 or 7 narrow lobes like fingers of a hand. Flowers are funnel-shaped, pink-lavender with a deep coloured throat. Seeds are dark brown to black in colour, and flowers throughout most of the year.

SPREAD: By seed and spreading stems.

AREAS FOUND: Coastal areas.

CONTROL METHODS: Manually remove using brush hook or similar tool. Dig out and remove crown and roots to prevent regrowth. Herbicides are effective on larger infestations.

Before using any herbicide always read the label carefully and apply strictly in accordance with directions on the label.

OBLIGATION OF LANDOWNERS: A local law declared pest plant is one that has been targeted for control under Local Government legislation.

This provides for the protection of the environment, public health, safety, and amenity within the local government's area.

Declaration under the Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2011, and Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2011 imposes a legal responsibility for control by all landowners on K'gari.

All landowners on K'gari have an obligation to:

- Eradicate where possible.
- Prevent the spread; and
- Reduce the existing size of infestations,

particularly where they have or could have significant economic, environmental, or social impact. This declaration also prohibits the sale, introduction, or propagation of Coastal morning glory on K'gari.

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