



Local Law Declared Pest Plant for K'gari

Umbrella tree

(Schefflera actinophylla)



ORIGIN: Australia, New Guinea and Java.

DESCRIPTION: This is a multi-trunked, evergreen tree that grows up to 15m tall. The bark is smooth and grey, with leaves up to 40cm long. Flowers are red, fruit is dark red, and seeds are pale brown, and it flowers mainly in Spring and Summer, with fruit appearing during winter.

SPREAD: Seeds are spread by birds, particularly through native bushland. Dried fruits and seeds float readily in water and have a high level of dormancy.

AREAS FOUND: The plant prefers native bushland, national parks, and undisturbed sites. It is also found in backyards.

CONTROL METHODS: Physical control includes cutting down or digging up depending on size. The stump must be treated with herbicide to prevent re-shooting.

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 Umbrella trees on K'gari.


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