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Living with Extreme Weather:

Knowledge and Resilience in Coastal Communities in North-Eastern Australia

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Australia has a long history of extreme weather which has profoundly influenced how people have lived on the continent for some 70,000 years. In Northeast Queensland, cyclones and monsoonal rains frequently cause severe flooding of a complex network of local waterways. Local Aboriginal societies as well as white settlers, who first arrived in the 1860s, successfully adapted to the prevailing environmental conditions. In this paper, we explore how communication, consultation and knowledge transfer about environmental issues between Indigenous people and settlers have occurred and how such knowledge has influenced local people's resilience under extreme environmental conditions.

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