Australian Government Bureau of Rural Sciences

DAINTREE RIVER

River Basin Summary

Population (2006):¹ 2,873 Major Towns:¹ None

Major Rivers:² Daintree River, East Normanby River (North Branch), Boolbun Creek

Surface Water Storages: 2, 3, 4

Largest known storages:

None

No. of storages:

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Storage capacity (ML):

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Licensed Irrigation:

Largest areas: None
Number of licenses: N/A

Average annual allocation (ML):

Since 1996-97: N/A
Minimum: N/A
Maximum: N/A

Average annual diversion (ML):

Since 1996-97: N/A
Minimum: N/A
Maximum: N/A

Groundwater:

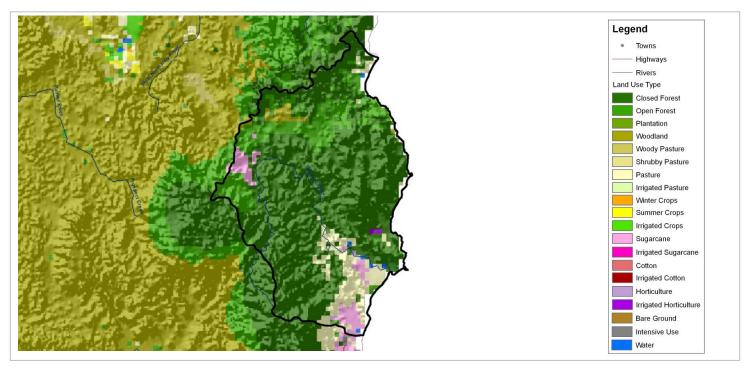
Number of production bores:⁷ 142

Recharge rate (mm/year): ⁸ Data being compiled Yield (ML/year): ⁸ Data being compiled Extraction (ML/year): ⁷ Data being compiled

Rainfall Reliability:

Chance of receiving average seasonal rainfall: Medium (4.5 to 5 yrs in 10)





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Modelled Annual Water Balance

Land Use Type	Area (sqkm)	Precipitation (ML)	Runoff (ML)	ET (ML)	Deep drainage (ML)	Irrigation (ML)	Return flow (ML)
Closed Forest	1,359	4,368,697	2,070,393	2,235,054	63,250	0	0
Open Forest	259	715,663	298,340	406,943	10,380	0	0
Plantation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	27	79,393	38,743	39,507	1,143	0	0
Woody Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrubby Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pasture	152	452,356	250,106	195,554	6,696	0	0
Irrigated Pasture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Winter Crops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summer / Fodder Crops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irrigated Crops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugarcane	70	186,331	76,788	100,840	8,703	0	0
Irrigated Sugarcane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cotton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irrigated Cotton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horticulture	2	5,903	2,726	3,093	84	0	0
Irrigated Horticulture	3	10,429	5,386	4,897	146	513	7
Bare Ground	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intensive Use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water	6	17,455	10,517	6,680	257	0	0
Entire Basin	1,912	5,940,760	2,752,998	3,097,103	90,659	513	7
NLWRA ¹	2,192	N/A	2,512,000	N/A	N/A	4,419	N/A
AWRC ²	2,130	N/A	3,560,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Data Sources: All climate data sourced from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology.

¹National Land and Water Resources Audit (2000); ²Australian Water Resource Council (1987)

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Average Annual Water Resource Summary (GL)

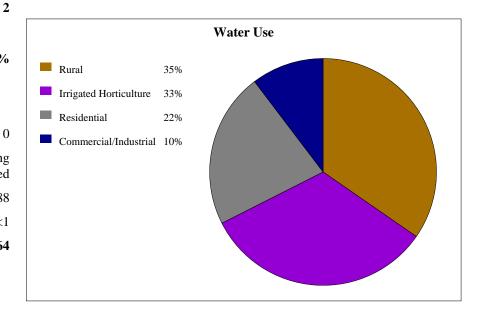
Water Supply		Seasonal Climate Variability	
Runoff: ¹	2,753	Potential Evapotranspiration —— Precipitation	
Transfers: ^{1, 2}	0	600-	
Groundwater Sustainable Yield: ³	21		
Total:	2,774	× 400-	
		Willimeters	
Water Use		W W	
Irrigation: ¹	<1	200-	
Residential: ¹	<1		
Commercial/Industrial: ³	<1		
Rural (Stock/Domestic): ³	<1	Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec	
Transfers: ^{1, 2}	0	1 ,	

Total Use (% of Supply): <1%

River Flows

Total:

Retained in Storage: 0
Environmental Flows: Data being compiled
Transmission Losses: 688
Return Flows: 1 <1
Outflow: 2,064



N/A = Not available

¹Bureau of Rural Sciences (2007); ²Australian Water Resource Council (1987); ³National Land and Water Resources Audit (2000) [#]Groundwater only; *Surface water only; ~5% of total storage; ^25% of runoff; ^xincomplete

[®] Surface water (supply - use - retention in storage - transmission losses + environmental flows + return flows)