Local Law Declared Pest Plant for K'gari

Sisal hemp

(Agave sisalana)

ORIGIN: Native to Mexico, the plant was originally cultivated for its fibre.

DESCRIPTION: This is a tough succulent, with a rosette of thick sword-shaped leaves. It has greenish yellow clusters of flowers on a long central stem which can grow to over 5 metres. The edges of the leaves are smooth, can grow to about 2 metres tall. Rhizomes sucker from the base.

SPREAD: This is a prolific reproducer and can rapidly form dense stands.

AREAS FOUND: Rocky hill slopes, roadsides and on beach dunes.

CONTROL METHODS: Hand pull when plants are small. Chemical control by applying glyphosate through stem injection, or cut, scrape and paint. Apply picloram & triclopyr (e.g. Access R) at 1:60 mix with diesel using basal bark method.

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 plan 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 Sisal Hemp on K'gari.