

Conservation status: RARE, ENDANGERED

What is Coastal Complex on King Island?

- As the name suggests, *Coastal Complex on King Island* occurs only on King Island in Bass Strait. The complex is characterised by its coastal location on King Island and relatively high number of plant species in a small area. This reflects rapid changes in exposure to wind and salt spray along the coastal zone.
- *Coastal Complex on King Island* grows on granite and volcanic rocky outcrops along the western, southern and south-eastern wind-swept coastal areas of the island. On very rocky and exposed locations, such as near Boggy Creek, upright shrubs and trees have been replaced by open fields of grasses, herbs, sedges and small low-growing shrubs.



Where can I see examples of Coastal Complex on King Island?

- The largest and most important sites occur at Seal Rocks and the Dripping Wells, south of Yellow Rock, near the mouth of the Pass River and south of Quarantine Bay.
- Small patches of this community occur near Red Hut Point, and eastwards towards Grassy.

Why is Coastal Complex on King Island important and what are its management issues?

- *Coastal Complex on King Island* in good condition has very high species diversity, especially in the number of species of herbs, daisies and low-growing shrubs. Some of these species, such as southern pellitory (*Parietaria debilis*) and swainsons lesser-pea (*Swainsona lessertifolia*), are rare on the island.
- This complex has been extensively modified through stock grazing, kelp collecting and coastal recreational activities, with most patches now occurring in a degraded condition. The main management issues are inappropriate grazing regimes, physical damage caused by kelp collecting and coastal recreational activities (mostly through vehicle use) and the introduction of weeds (e.g. marram grass, exotic pasture grasses and herbs, boxthorn and mirror bush).



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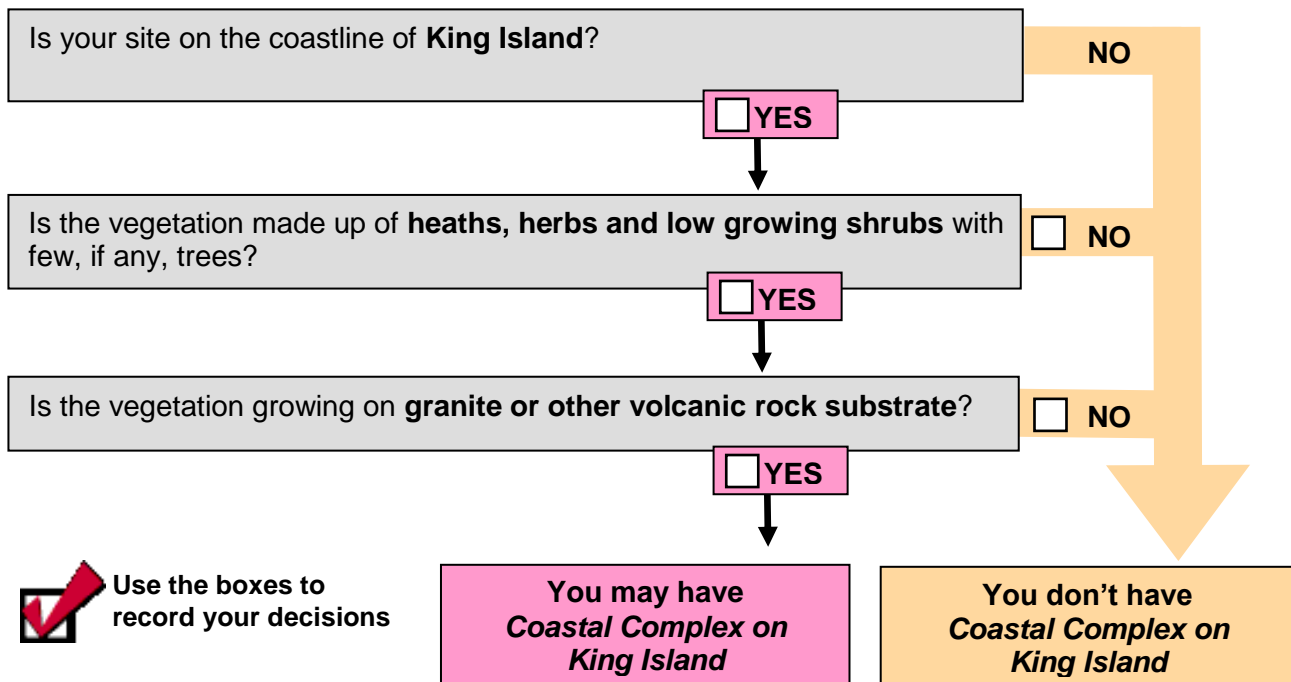
Do I have *Coastal Complex on King Island* on my property?



Need help?

Contact the FPA or TFGA

The flow chart will help you to decide if *Coastal Complex on King Island* may be on your property.



What does it mean if I have *Coastal Complex on King Island* on my property?

- If you want to **clear and convert** an area that **may be *Coastal Complex on King Island*** you will need a forest practices plan. You should seek advice from the Forest Practices Authority. **Please check if you are in doubt.**
- Information on ways to make sure your grazing and fire management are compatible with environmental values can be obtained from the the Forest Practices Authority or Dept of Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment.



Need help or more information on threatened native vegetation communities?

Forest Practices Authority: 30 Patrick St, Hobart 7000; phone – 6233 7966; Online - www.fpa.tas.gov.au

DPIPWE: 134 Macquarie St, Hobart 7000; phone – 6233 8538; Online – www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au

Information and assistance for landholders is also available from the Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association: cnr Cimitiere and Charles St, Launceston 7250; phone – 6332 1800