

# How does Rainforest Explorer link to the SOSE Strands?

**Rainforest Explorer** addresses concepts in all four of the SOSE strands.

*Time, Continuity and Change Key Concepts:* **Rainforest Explorer** covers all concepts in the *TCC* strand. In particular, the concept of *heritage* is explored in depth, as is the concept of *change and continuities* in terms of the changing relationship of humans with the Wet Tropics environment. There is a strong focus on *cause and effect* relating to human impacts on their environment.

*Place and Space Key Concepts:* **Rainforest Explorer** addresses the *PS* concepts in depth. *Environmental processes* relating to rainforest functions are addressed in Question 1. The overall purpose of the resource is to promote the notion of *stewardship* of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area. *Significance of place* is addressed particularly by focusing on Rainforest Aboriginal people in Question 3. Finally, there is a strong emphasis on the concept of *human-environment relationships*.

*Culture and Identity Key Concepts:* **Rainforest Explorer** addresses the *CI* strand particularly with its focus on Rainforest Aboriginal people's connection to country. This helps students explore the concept of *belonging*. *Cultural change* is also addressed by asking students to investigate the change in *perception* that saw the Wet Tropics evolve from being logged to being perpetually protected.

*Systems, Resources and Power Key Concepts:* **Rainforest Explorer** addresses all concepts in the *SRP* strand. There is a strong focus on the *interactions between the ecological system* of rainforests and other social and *economic* systems. The nature of critical inquiry allows students the opportunity to investigate how certain stakeholders *access power* and maintain power in Wet Tropics *decision making*.