AUSTRALIA’S KIMBERLEY COAST
IT’S LANDSCAPES, BIODIVERSITY AND HUMAN HISTORY

Written by educator and scientist Dr Alexander (Sandy) Scott, Australia’s Kimberley Coast provides a consolidated account of landforms, biodiversity and human history for this remote scenic region of Western Australia.

Sandy has written this well researched book in easy to understand language supported by many maps and tables making use of many research papers, other informed document sources and over 200 quality, full colour images. The opening chapters provide broad introductions to the principal geologic and climatic conditions governing land forming processes; the factors influencing the diversity of a wide variety of organisms both on the land and in aquatic environments; as well as features of the multiple Aboriginal clans that have lived in the region and subsequent visitors including European explorers, Macassans, pearlers, missionaries and European land settlers. The eight chapters that follow have interesting descriptions of over sixty sites Sandy has visited during his multiple annual visits over the past twenty years between the Lacepede Islands and the Berkeley River.

The book of 344 pages closes with a review of outstanding geologic and biologic features observed at these sites and future coastal conservation prospects. Reference sources are cited throughout the book and listed before a comprehensive bibliography and index.

In short this is an informative reference book on the little-known coastline of north western Australia that reflects the pristine charm and makeup of its diverse landforms and biota; explains some of the features of the main indigenous coastal clans; and relates stories of past foreign visitors to the coast.


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