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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2007**

### **HABITAT OBSERVES RAINFALL FOR BUREAU**

With the wet season well and truly upon us, The Rainforest Habitat Wildlife Sanctuary in Port Douglas is continuing in its official role of recording rainfall for the Bureau of Meteorology.

The Rainforest Habitat has the only Registered Rainfall Observation Station for the Bureau in Port Douglas, with the official station name of "Reef Park".

Staff at the Rainforest Habitat have been observing and recording rainfall data on a 24 hour basis since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006, recorded at 9am daily to the Bureau.

The Rainforest Habitat Curator Terry Carmichael said they use a special rain gauge used by the Bureau in tropical locations, located on the property in an obstruction free position.

"The rain gauge at our Reef Park location has a higher measuring capacity than standard gauges, so it can measure high daily totals without overflowing," he said.

The rainfall data is used by the Bureau of Meteorology for future forecasts, trends and is recorded on their rainfall data table on the BOM website.

**Situated in Port Douglas, The Rainforest Habitat is Australia's leading wildlife experience, providing visitors with a chance to observe up close a huge range of flora and fauna.**

**For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact The Rainforest Habitat Curator Terry Carmichael on 0417 626 597 or (07) 4099 3235.**

