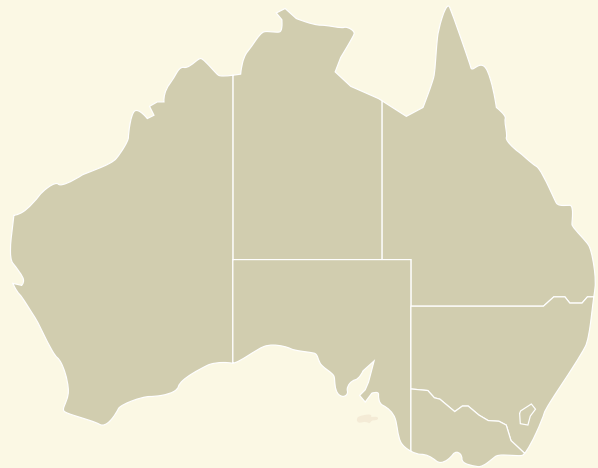




## HUON PINE TREE: A LIVING RECORD OF THE DINOSAUR AGE

In cool temperate forests, deep within the wilderness of Tasmania's Island Heritage lies one of the oldest living organisms on earth: the Huon pine. Endemic to Tasmania and found only on the West Coast, Central Plateau and Huon Valley, this slow growing tree can live for up to 3,000 years. The Huon pine tree is a relic of the dinosaur age, surviving for 135 million years. During colonial times, the tree was a valuable ship-building material because it was impervious to rot. Today, it still remains a prized material for ship building and furniture making.

The Tahune Forest walking trail offers visitors the chance to encounter the spectacular pine. On an air-walk suspended high above the forest floor visitors can view the Huon pine and the other unique tree species of Tasmania including eucalypts, celery top, King Billy pine, blackwood, sassafras, beech, myrtle and flowering leatherwood. For more information visit: [www.adventureforests.com.au](http://www.adventureforests.com.au)



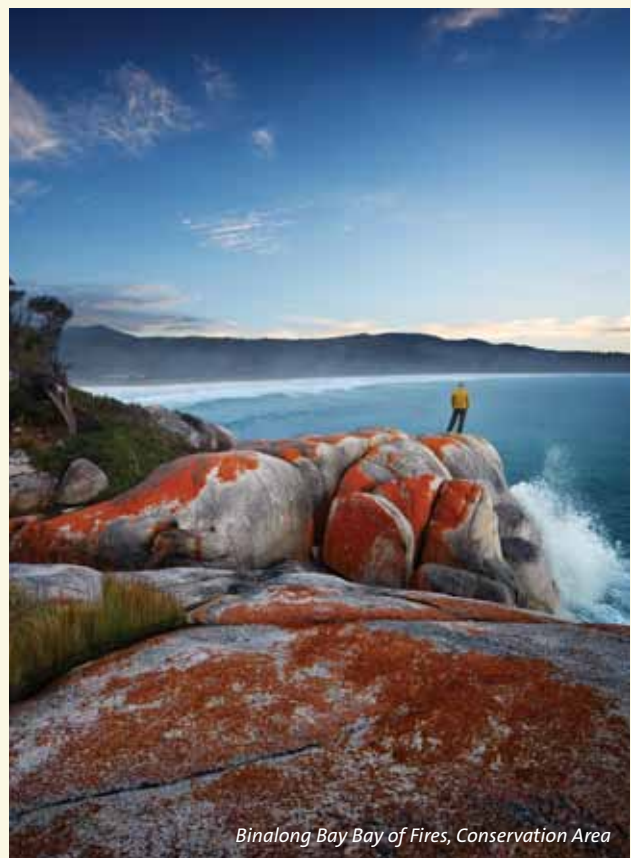
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## TASMANIAN TIGER: THE MYTH OF EXISTENCE CONTINUES

Once the world's largest carnivorous marsupial, the Tasmanian tiger once roamed the wilds of Tasmania. Also known as the thylacine, it was widespread throughout Papua New Guinea and Australia. Considered a threat to livestock by graziers, the offer of a bounty for its scalp accelerated its decline and the animal was hunted to extinction. The last known Tasmania tiger died at Hobart Zoo in 1936. While reported sightings of this striped dog-like creature continue, lack of supporting evidence has led to the conclusion that the species is extinct.

Visitors can find out more about the story of the Tasmanian tiger at the Wilderness Gallery at the Cradle Mountain Chateau. The gallery is host to a stunning collection of artefacts including photographs, rare film footage, a skeleton and unique rug made of Tasmanian tiger skins and a faithful reconstruction of a trappers hut. For more information visit: [www.puretasmania.com.au/default.asp?PID=400](http://www.puretasmania.com.au/default.asp?PID=400)



## AN EXPERIENCE WITH CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Why not make a contribution to preserving this precious environment as part of your Tasmania's Island Heritage experience? Conservation Volunteers offers several trips that combine guided tours of spectacular wilderness and conservation opportunities. For more information visit: [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/get-involved/holidays/tasmania/tasmania-experience](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/get-involved/holidays/tasmania/tasmania-experience)

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