



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Last Days to Enter NT Threatened Species Art Competition**

There are only a few days left to enter this year's NT Threatened Species Art and Photography Competition, which closes on August 26.

Threatened Species Network NT coordinator Jarrad Holmes said the theme for this year's competition was threatened species, their habitats and their threats in the Northern Territory.

"Anyone regardless of age, gender, religion, State/Territory of residence, nationality, professional or amateur status can enter," he said.

"School and community groups are encouraged to enter.

"The works can be created using any medium, such as sculptures, screen printing, photographs, paintings, drawings, weaving, posters or banners.

"Last year we had over 30 adult works and 100 youth works, including a stone carving, a timber echidna, and a pig-nosed turtle made from recycled aluminium cans."

Mr Holmes said the competition was being held as part of National Threatened Species Day is held each year on September 7th, the day the last Tasmanian Tiger died in captivity at Hobart Zoo in 1936.

"The event is being held to raise awareness of threatened species in the NT," he said.

"Categories include Adult (18+) and youth (up to 18), in the categories of best photograph - adult and youth, best drawing - adult and youth, best painting - adult and youth, best other medium - adult and youth, best overall adult work, best overall school or community group and the people's choice.

"Prizes include \$250 for each adult first prize category and \$500 for best overall adult work and people's choice."

Mr Holmes said the pieces would be judged based on originality, educational value, relevance to theme, and aesthetically pleasing aspects.

The winners will be announced at the official opening at 6.30pm, September, 7, by Mr Robert Knight, Member for Daly.

Entries will remain on display at the Darwin Entertainment Centre Gallery on the 8-9<sup>th</sup> September 2006 (12- 8pm).

A selection of winning and central Australian entries will then be on display in the Alice Springs Library from the 15-30<sup>th</sup> September.

Ends

**Media Note – For more information contact Jarrad Holmes on 8941 4554**

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