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A savannah burning carbon project has brought great social, environmental and economic development benefits to Traditional Owners on Cape York Peninsula.

In partnership with Aurukun rangers managed by Aak Puul Ngantam (APN) located in Cape York the Aboriginal Carbon Foundation has traded 10,000 carbon credits to the National Australia Bank earning traditional owners significant revenue from the project.

Utilising the savannah burning carbon farming methodology, which implements early dry season burning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and wildfires, APN Cape York Rangers based out of Aurukun on the western cape were pleased with the outcome of their hard work.

APN Cape York General Manager Sandy Whyte stated, "APN will utilise the funds from carbon farming to assist Traditional Owners in return to their homelands. Without this income, many Traditional Owners would be unable to be on country and pass on their knowledge to their children and grandchildren".

Similar to a number of other projects on the cape, Aboriginal Carbon Foundation General Manager Rowan Foley said "the beautiful balance between implementing a project that has great environmental value matched with strong economic returns for Traditional Owners is a sustainable manner to build a carbon economy which addresses the disadvantage that most communities face in the region".

"This project has many benefits. It helps NAB meet our carbon neutral commitments, it supports employment in Indigenous communities, and it benefits the environment. Having visited Far North Queensland last year with the Aboriginal Carbon Foundation, I've seen the benefits of the project first hand and fully appreciate its impact" said Alison Read, NAB's Head of Enterprise Sustainability.

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