

DATELINE: October 1998 The World Heritage Committee Chairman and heritage experts from Europe and North America visited Kakadu National Park to consider whether the World Heritage listing for the area is in danger. The Kakadu area was listed in three stages in 1981, 1987 and 1992 for its outstanding natural and cultural features. However, the granting of Ranger and Jabiluka uranium mining leases within the National Park had put the World Heritage listing at risk. In July 1999, the World Heritage Committee voted not to place Kakadu on the World Heritage 'In Danger' list.

1. Why was Kakadu National Park listed as a World Heritage site?

2. Why is Kakadu in danger of losing the World Heritage listing?

3. Use the topographic map extract on page 115 of the *Jacaranda Atlas* showing part of Kakadu National Park to identify some of the amazing natural features found at the following grid and area references:
 - (a) GR659316 _____
 - (b) GR595262 _____
 - (c) GR574273 _____
 - (d) GR595275 _____
 - (e) GR505333 _____
 - (f) AR5431 _____
4. (a) Which one of Kakadu's amazing natural landforms is shown in the oblique aerial photograph on page 114 of the *Jacaranda Atlas*?

- (b) Complete the sketch map of this scene in the box on the right, using the following terms and the topographic map on page 115 to label your sketch map (pages 12-13 will be of help for terms you are unfamiliar with):
Jim Jim Creek, waterfall, escarpment, dense vegetation, medium vegetation, scattered vegetation.

