



## JCU scientists honoured at awards



**PASSIONATE:** Dr Mariana Fuentes has won an award for her sea turtle research

A YOUNG scientist investigating the effects of climate change on Australia's sea turtles has received a prestigious award.

The work of Dr Mariana Fuentes, from the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies, was recognised at the 2011 Queensland Young Tall Poppy Science Awards.

The awards recognise excellence in early career research across all sciences.

Dr Fuentes, who is based at James Cook University, has developed an international reputation for her sea turtle research, contributing to the global understanding of how they will be impacted by global warming.

She was joined by JCU colleague Dr Natalie Ban who has received a Tall Poppy award for her work in designing marine protected areas to allow sustainable human activities while reducing environmental damage.

Both researchers are passionate about science and how it can inform the management of the world's species and biodiversity.