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La herramienta de seguimiento, evaluación informe y mejora de Atlas of Living Australia (Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting & Improvement Tool - MERIT)



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- Se trata de una iniciativa promovida por el Departamento de Medio Ambiente del Gobierno de Australia.
- Responde a las necesidades del gobierno.
- Relaciona la información sobre biodiversidad con las tareas de conservación, tratando de comprender de qué manera afectan estas al estado de conservación de la biodiversidad.

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*Preservar/conservar entornos sostenibles
(naturales y agrícolas) para el futuro.*

Sustainable Environments

El Gobierno australiano ha invertido muchos recursos en la sostenibilidad del medio natural: en los últimos 5 años ha gastado unos 2.000 millones de dólares, financiando unos 750 proyectos individuales.

- La información no estaba coordinada.
- La gestión y los estándares de los datos dejaban de lado los proyectos individuales
- Los informes eran en .pdf, documentos de Word u hojas de cálculo.



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Está permitiendo investigaciones más profundas, con respecto a las contribuciones y resultados a la conservación de la biodiversidad en Australia

Mediciones los resultados relacionados con las inversiones y actividades en gestión adaptativa y en la conservación de la biodiversidad.

Apoya las actividades gubernamentales

Corta las cintas rojas/verdes

Proporciona herramientas para el descubrimiento y el análisis (dentro o a través de proyectos)

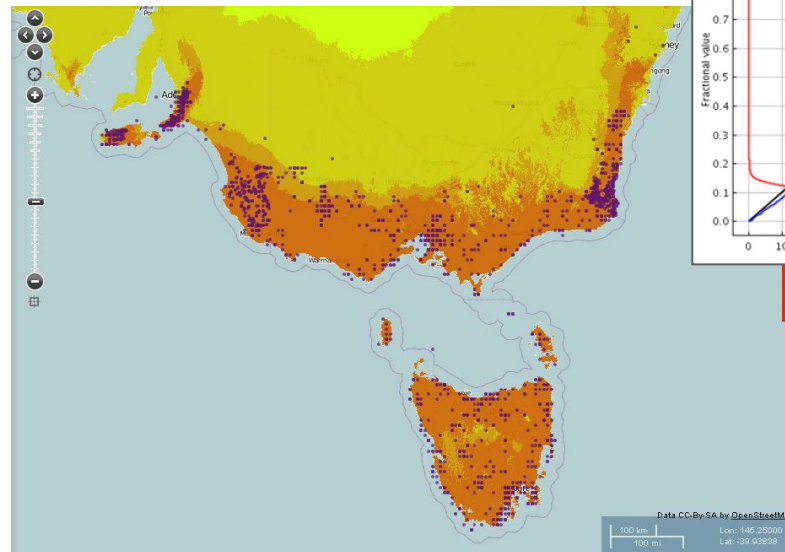
Promueve agregaciones significativas:

- Consistentes espacial y temporalmente
- Con terminología consistente
- Proporciona maneras consistentes de captura de datos.

Key messages

Los datos agregados permiten:

- Una visión nacional
- Investigaciones integradoras
- Planificar a largo plazo
- Resultados operacionales
- Estado de salud regional
- Monitoreos e informes
- Mejores políticas
- Sorpresas!



Maxent model for *Epacris impressa*

This [Maxent](#) v3 3.3a predictive model for *Epacris impressa* was created Fri Jul 29 13:27:52 EST 2011. Links at the bottom of this page to the raw data may be used for further analysis.

Model reference number: 1311909973484

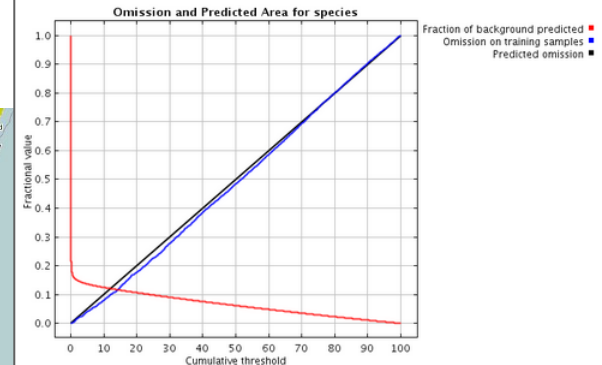
Species: *Epacris impressa* (species)

Layers:

- Precipitation - annual (Bio12) (bioclim_bio12)
- Precipitation - annual seasonality (srain0)
- Temperature - annual mean (Bio01) (bioclim_bio1)
- Temperature - annual range (Bio07) (bioclim_bio7)
- Aspect (aspect)
- Elevation (elevation)

Analysis of omission/commission

The following picture shows the omission rate and predicted area as a function of the cumulative threshold. The omission rate is calculated both on the training presence records, and (if test data are used) on the test records. The omission rate should be close to the predicted omission, because of the definition of the cumulative threshold.



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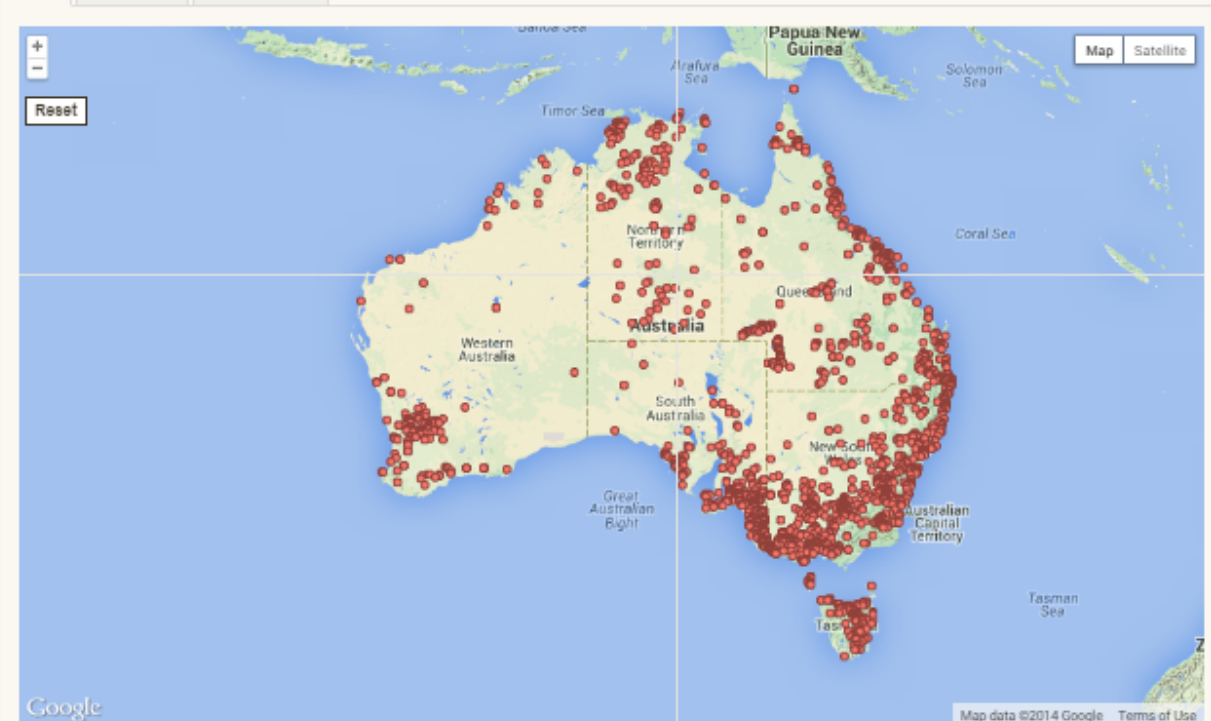
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788 projects with 3770 sites

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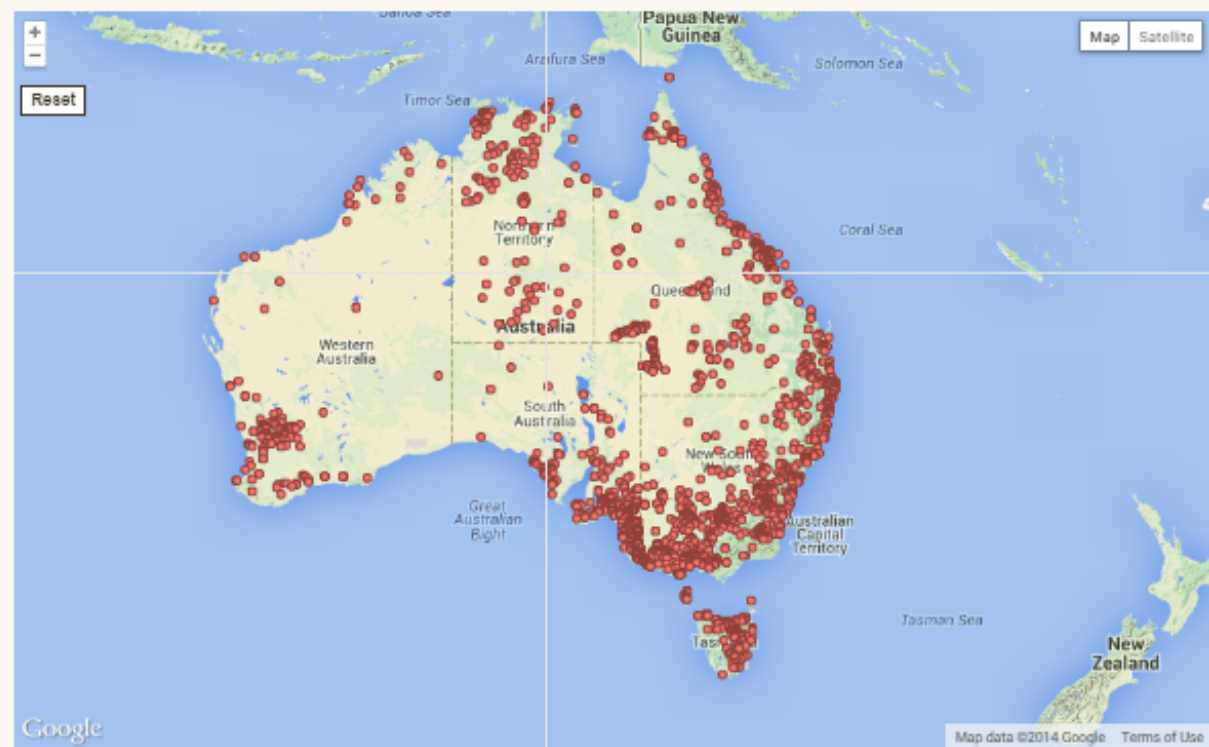
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MERIT Objectives

In future MERIT will deliver:

- Clear rules around the collection and collation of NRM related data and information;
- an online system that has an improved capacity to capture, store and communicate results from NRM investments; and
- the capacity for public analysis of data collected through Australian Government funded NRM programmes.

Past Reporting

Australian Government NRM project reporting was previously done on paper based reporting forms. This often caused variation in reporting between NRM projects and programs. In turn this made it difficult to collate information to tell a whole-of-program story about the impact of NRM investments.

Current Status

Since the introduction of MERIT the Australia Government has moved a large proportion of its NRM investment reporting to a web based format. This marks the start of a transition to collecting standardised NRM information across Australia, and enabling data to be rolled up to tell program and cross-program stories about NRM investments.

While MERIT is currently output focussed which allows for some conclusions to be drawn on NRM investments, it also allows for the measurement of

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Organisation

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- MURRAY MALLEE LOCAL ACTION PLANNING ASSOCIATION INC (2)
- The trustee for EJ Hermitage Farming Trust (1)
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- Biodiversity Fund (21)
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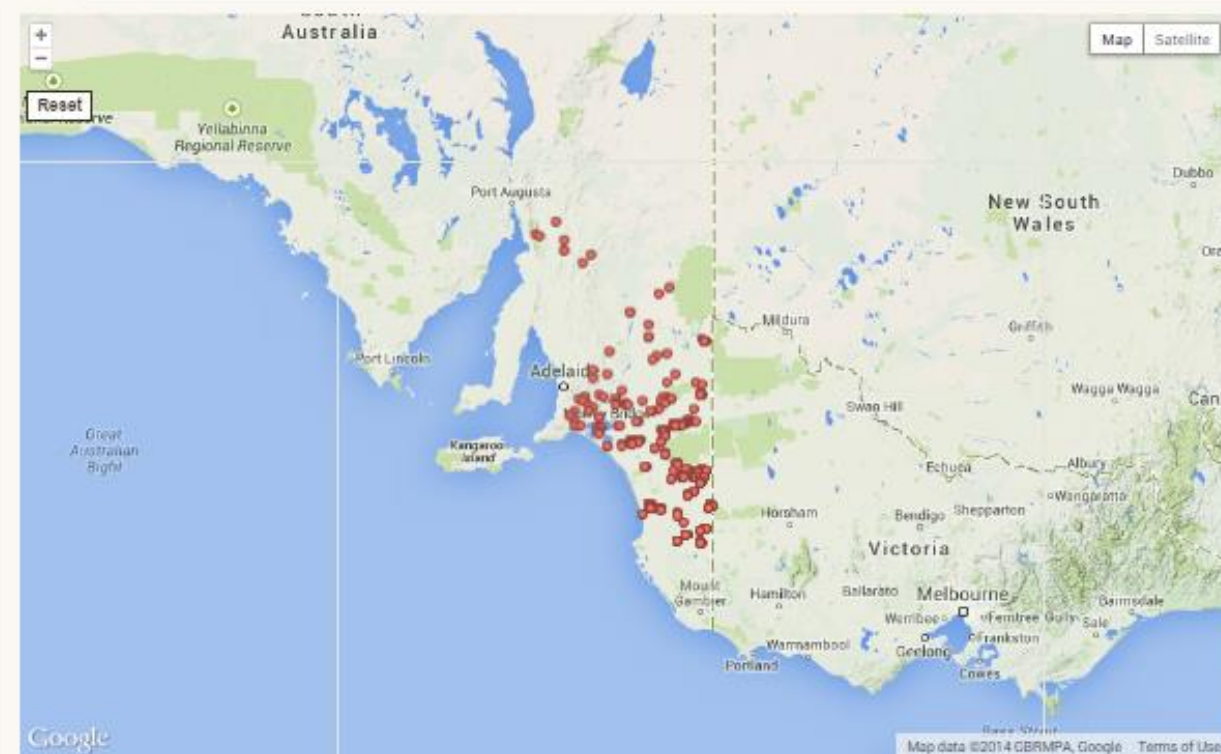
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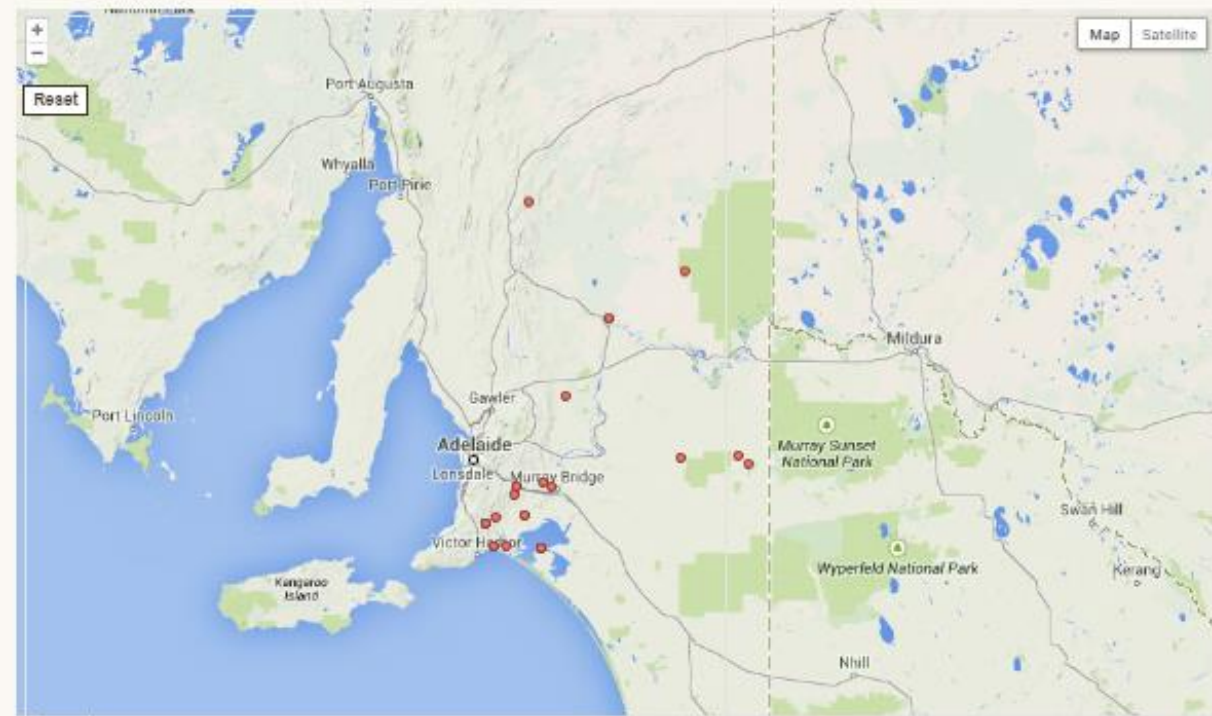
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▶ Restoration of the biodiversity along a warm temperate/subtropical rainforest wi	2014-09-09
▶ Linking and bridging remnant grassy woodlands to areas of high conservation	2014-09-09
▶ Restoring priority habitats through large scale revegetation in South Australia	2014-09-09
▶ Protect & improve biodiversity for Australias red centre national landscape	2014-09-08
▶ Peel-Harvey Rivers 2 Ramsar: Connecting River Coridors for Landscape Resilience	2014-09-08
▶ Carp Eradication Program Lake Sorell Tasmania	2014-09-08
▶ Protecting Species, Ecosystems, Coasts and Communities: Inland Sub-project	2014-09-05
▶ Revegetate Obi Obi Creek Providing Connectivity Between Areas of Biodiversity	2014-09-05
▶ Managing the ecosystem services provided by Palm Tree and Robinson creek wetland	2014-09-05
▶ Urban and Coastal Protection	2014-09-05

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Farm Management Practices

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Indigenous Capacity

Invasive Species Management - Pest Animals

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Natural Resources Management

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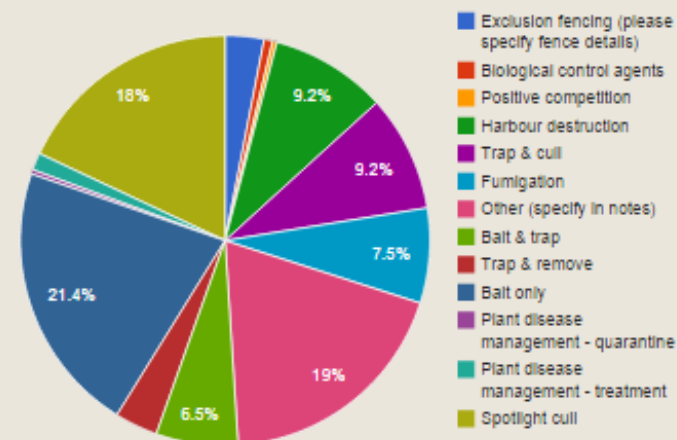
Indigenous Capacity

Invasive Species Management - Pest Animals

Pest Management Details

No. of activities undertaking pest management : 0

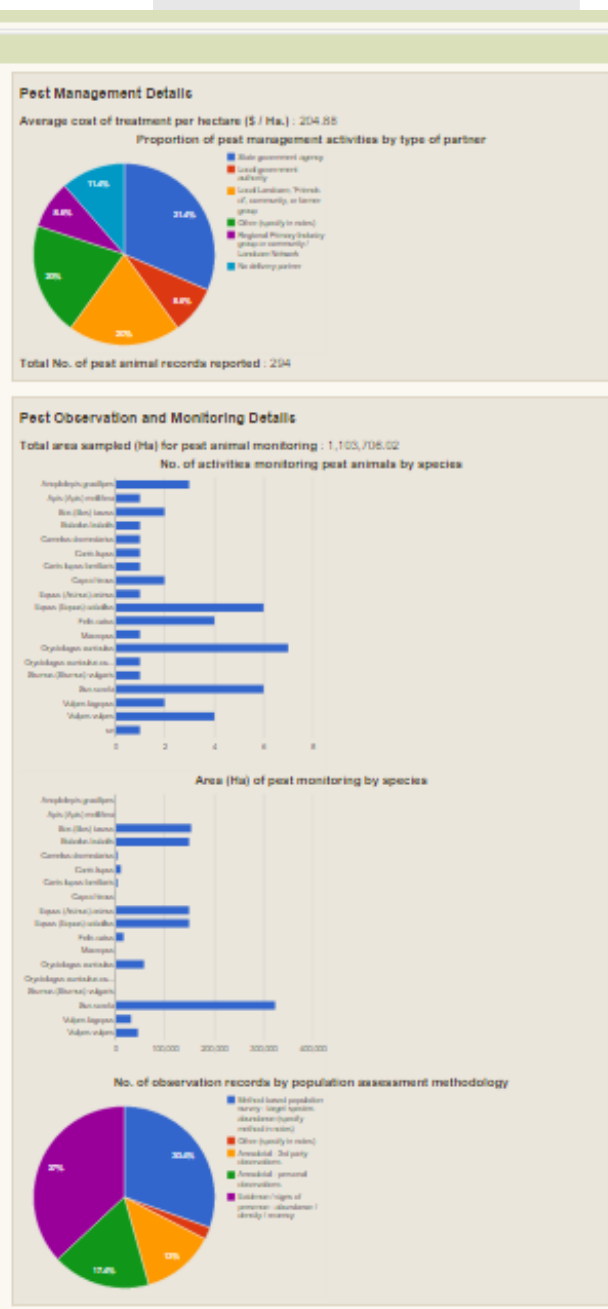
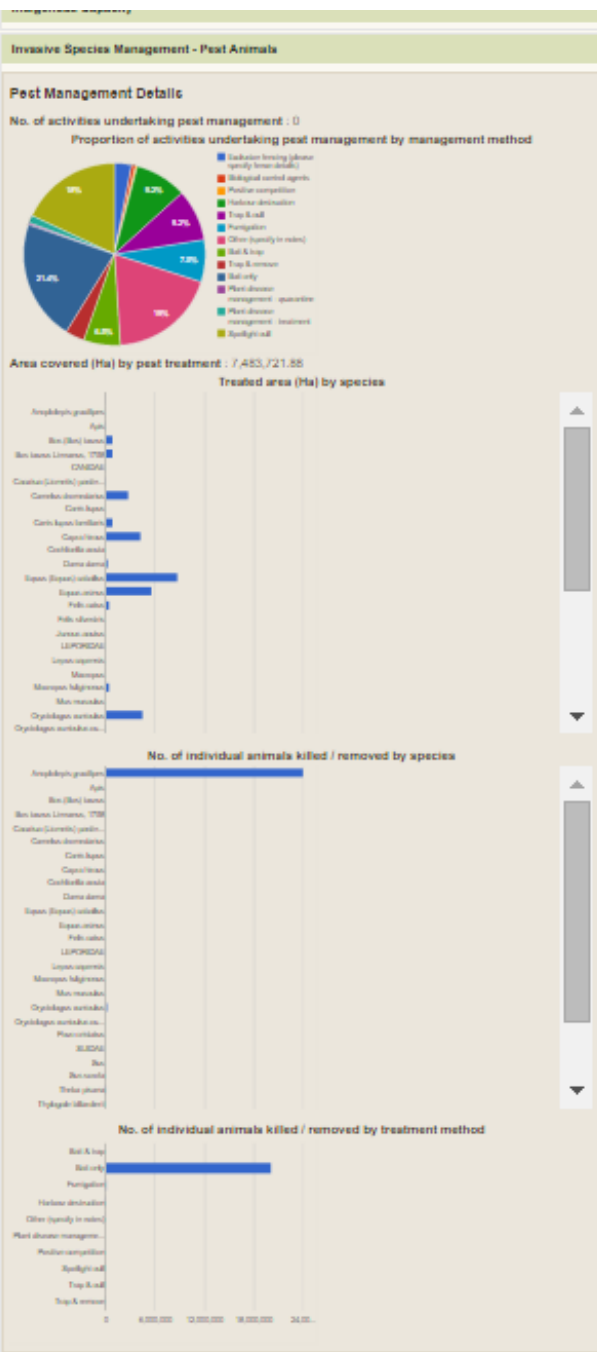
Proportion of activities undertaking pest management by management method



Area covered (Ha) by pest treatment : 7,483,721.88

Treated area (Ha) by species

- Community Environment Grants 1314 (59)
 - Sheep Musteeze 2013/14 (27)
 - Target Area Grants - 2013/14 (22)
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- LCA**
- n/a (43)
 - Tablelands (H) (20)
 - (20)
 - Unincorporated SA (15)
 - Tasmanian (H) (13)
 - choose more...
- Major Vegetation Group**
- Cleared, non-native vegetation, buildings (419)
 - Eucalypt Woodlands (123)
 - Eucalypt Open Forests (92)
 - Eucalypt Grasslands (37)
 - Hairstoneda and Vine Thickets (36)
 - choose more...
- Biogeographic Regions**
- South Eastern Queensland (50)
 - Bigelow Shelf South (50)
 - Sydney Basin (45)
 - Murray Darling Depression (40)
 - South Eastern Highlands (39)
 - choose more...
- Marine Regions**
- n/a (555)
 - Northeast Shelf Province (10)
 - Spencer Gulf Shelf Province (7)
 - Central Eastern Shelf Transition (4)
 - Great Shelf Province (4)
 - choose more...
- Other Regions**
- GLER National Corridor (185)
 - North Coast (41)
 - Australian Tropical Savanna (38)
 - South East (34)
 - Hunter (21)
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Newcastle Riparian-Ramsar Connections

- Overview
- Plans & Reports
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Recipient: WETLANDCARE AUSTRALIA PTY LTD

Programme: Caring for Our Country 2 Target Area Grants - Expression of Interest 2013/14

Approved funding (GST inclusive): \$1,665,323.00

Project start: 01-07-2013 Project finish: 30-06-2017

Grant Id: X0000004443G

External Id: TAGEOI14P2-00238

NEWCASTLE RIPARIAN-RAMSAR CONNECTIONS improves the condition, function, resilience & biodiversity of a highly modified aquatic corridor from the top of Boatman Creek via SEPP 14 freshwater wetlands to the Ramsar-listed Hunter Wetlands Centre. On-ground works stabilise erosion, remove sediment, control sediment & nutrient inputs, treat weeds & install native vegetation. Strength-based community development builds stakeholder & indigenous participants capacity for NRM. A Communication, Education, Participation & Action program promotes skills & commitment to sustain results. The project is led by a highly effective national NGO in partnership with an established project team of land managers, community groups & education institutions.



Project documents

- Communication and Engagement Strategy**
WetlandCare Australia
- Minutes Project Control Group 2 Oct 13**
WetlandCare Australia
- Flyer - neighbour consultations**
WetlandCare Australia
- FLyer - Launch invitation**
WetlandCare Australia

News and events

At the end of year 1, WetlandCare Australia and our partners have made a great start restoring Boatman Creek Catchment. Indigenous trainees and our project partners have undertaken primary regeneration of 117ha of remnant bushland in the catchment.

Tom Farrell Institute at the University of Newcastle kicked off our engagement program by starting a Landcare Group on Campus and hosting habitat hikes and a Water Smart Design Workshop.

Our Indigenous lead team coordinated a range of activities to engage Indigenous people in the project. These included Cultural Competency training for the project team, Cultural



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This plan has been approved

Enter information into each activity. When all activities in a stage are finished (or cancelled or deferred) you can submit the stage for validation by clicking the 'report' button.

Planned Activities

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Stage	Actions	From	To	Description	Activity	Site	Status
Stage 1 Report Approved ✕ Withdraw approval		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Activity 1.1e: Project launch,	Community Participation and Engagement		finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Activity 1.5b: sub contract WSUD ..	Project Administration		finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Activity 1.1b prepare scopes and pro..	Project Administration		finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Activity 1.1c: establish Project Co..	Project Administration		finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Activity 1.1d: host inception meeting;	Project Administration		finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Activity 1.1f: recruit & engage CFOC P..	Project Administration		finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Activity 1.1e: Project launch,	Community Participation and Engagement		finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Vegetation Assessment Site 1.2	Vegetation Assessment - Commonwealth government methodology	Project area for X0000004443G	finished
		01-07-2013	31-12-2013	Veg assessment: Site 5.2	Vegetation Assessment - Commonwealth	Project area for X0000004443G	finished

	   	01-01-2014	30-06-2014	Activity 2.1: Governance: Control Gr..	Project Administration		finished 
	   	01-01-2014	30-06-2014	Activity 2.6: Site 6 Allowah Reser..	Community Participation and Engagement	Site 6 Allowah Street Reserve	finished 
	   	01-01-2014	30-06-2014	2.9e-Site 13 Hunter Wetlands Centr..	Weed Treatment	Site 13 Hunter Wetlands Centre	finished 
	   	01-01-2014	30-06-2014	2.9d-Site 13 Hunter Wetlands Centr..	Erosion Management	Project area for X0000004443G	finished 
	   	01-01-2014	30-06-2014	2.9c.Site 13 Hunter Wetlands Centre..	Management Plan Development	Site 13 Hunter Wetlands Centre	finished 
Stage 3 Current stage	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	A summary of overall project outcom..	Progress, Outcomes and Learning - stage report		planned 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.1: Governance - Control G..	Project Administration		started 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.2: MERI - Survey monitori..	Project Administration		planned 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.3: Bush regeneration continues	Revegetation		planned 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.4: Site 9 Warabrook Wetlan..	Revegetation		planned 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.5: Site 12 Newcastle Wetla..	Revegetation		planned 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.6: Site 13 HWCA: Chanel b..	Erosion Management		planned 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.7: Engagement Program c..	Community Participation and Engagement		planned 
	   	01-07-2014	31-12-2014	Activity 3.8: Indigenous Capacity pr..	Community Participation and Engagement		planned 
Stage 4	   	01-01-2015	30-06-2015	A summary of overall project outcom..	Progress, Outcomes and Learning - stage report		planned 
	   	01-01-2015	30-06-2015	Activity 4.1: Governance: Control Gr..	Project Administration		planned 
	   	01-01-2015	30-06-2015	Activity 4.2: Survey monitoring quad..	Project Administration		planned 
	   	01-01-2015	30-06-2015	Activity 4.2: Bush regeneration co..	Revegetation		planned 
	   	01-01-2015	30-06-2015	Activity 4.3: Site 6 Allowah Reserve ..	Revegetation		planned 

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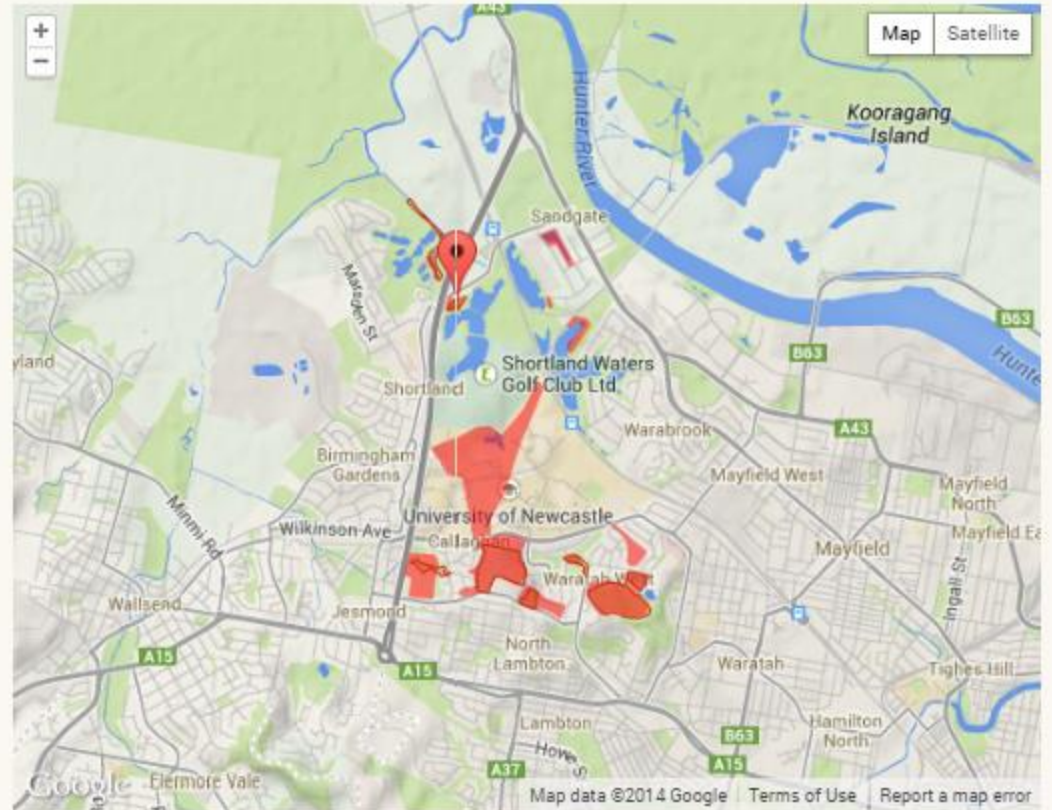
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Site 1 Braye Park

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Urban bushland reserve. Heavy weed infestation.

External Id: TCON Crown Reserve-Council as trustee Lot 7134 DP1149773 **Type:** Reserve **Area:** Not specified

State/territory: New South Wales (including Coastal Waters) **Local government area:** Newcastle (C) **NRM:** Hunter-Central Rivers

Locality: Not specified

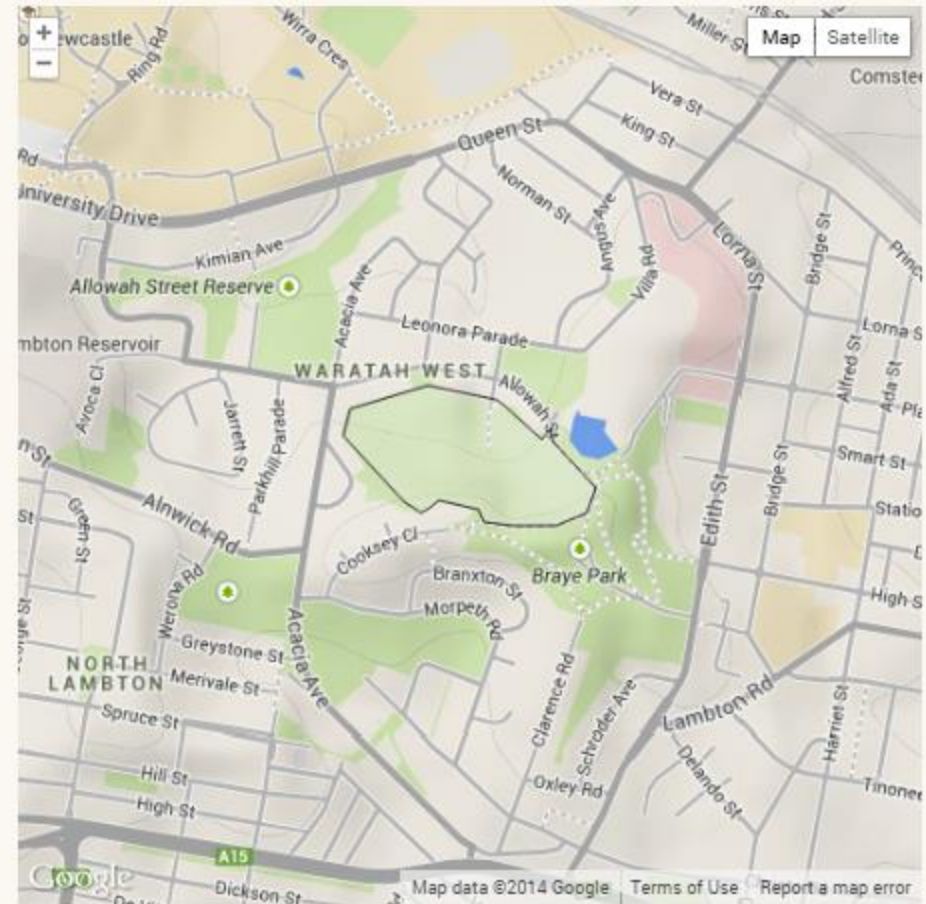
NVIS major vegetation group: Cleared, non-native vegetation, buildings

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Notes:

Projects associated with this site

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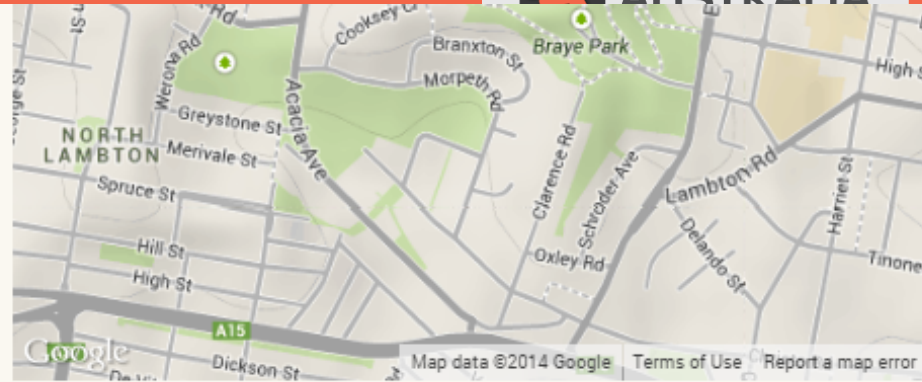

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Points of interest at this site

- Transect 1 SP
- Transect 2 SP
- Site 1 Photo Point 3
- Site 1 Photo point 4

Activities at this site

Click column titles to sort. Click activity type to view the activity details.

Type	Description	From	To	Status
Weed Treatment	Activity 2.4: site 1 bush regeneration commences	26-03-2014	30-06-2014	Finished

Created: 2014-08-10T02:08:39Z

Last updated: 2014-09-04T12:37:14Z

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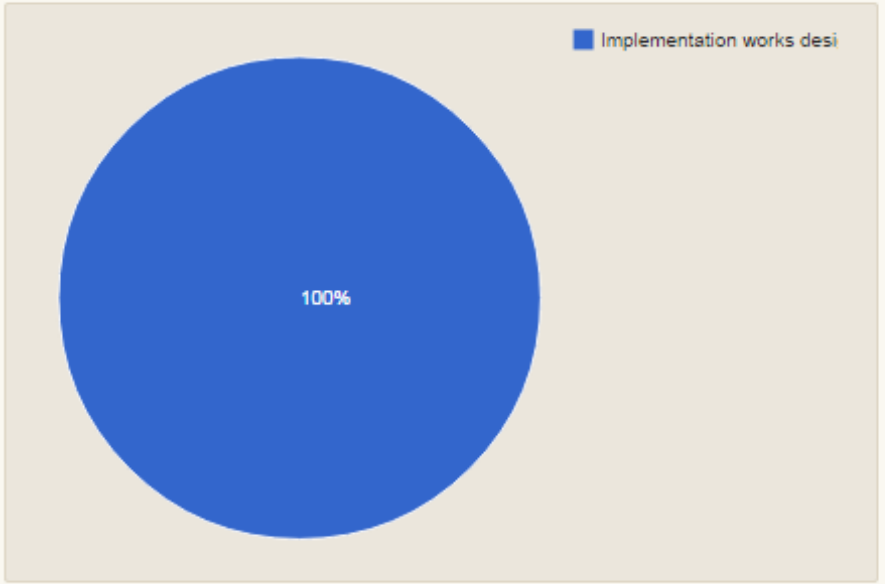
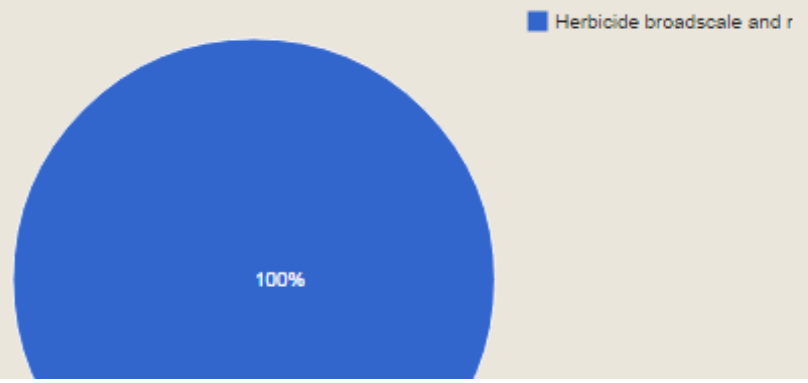
Revegetation Details

Total No. of species records : 281

Site Preparation Actions

Total area prepared (Ha) for follow-up treatment actions : 0.65

Area prepared (Ha) by type of preparation works



Debris Removal Details

Total No. of debris removal activities : 1

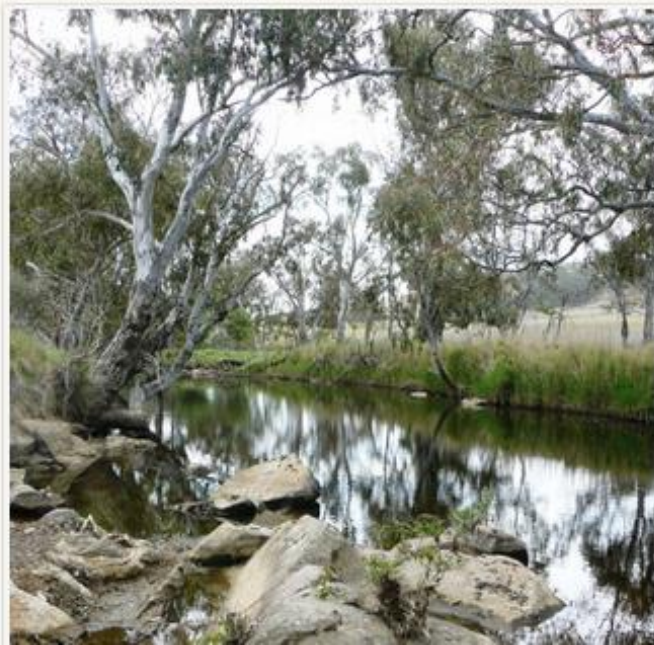
Rivers of Carbon: Southern Tablelands Riparian Linkages Project

[Overview](#) [Plans & Reports](#) [Sites](#) [Dashboard](#) [Admin](#)**Recipient: Australian River Restoration Centre Limited****Programme: Biodiversity Fund Round 1****Approved funding (GST inclusive): \$1,597,624.00****Project start: 01-07-2011 Project finish: 11-09-2017**

Grant Id: B0070000118G

External Id: LSP-933161-118

'Rivers of Carbon' will work in partnership with landholders, NRM Regional Bodies and other organisations in the Southern Tablelands region to link remnant vegetation and previously rehabilitated sites to form intact riparian corridors. The project will also extend riparian corridors into the wider terrestrial landscape to facilitate species movement in the face of climate change, as well as leveraging biodiverse Carbon Farming Initiatives in these highly productive areas. Science and local knowledge will be used to identify priority areas for on-ground works, and will focus on important threatened species habitat. The project is a collaboration between the Australian River Restoration Centre and Greening Australia Capital Region.



Project documents

[Rivers of Carbon Fact Sheet](#)

Australian River Restoration Centre

[Rivers of Carbon Technical Guideline](#)

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The Rivers of Carbon project now has 57 sites covering an area of 771.2 hectares and 123.3 kilometers of river/stream bank. Our target for river/stream bank has now been exceeded and we still have people keen to get involved with the project. We are really delighted with the project's progress and highlights over the past six months have included:

1. Production of RipRap Edition 37 - Rivers of Carbon, Rivers of Life. This RipRap has 72 pages packed full of stories from across Australia about work to achieve multiple benefits on farm through riparian restoration and rehabilitation.
2. Inclusion of five Rivers of Carbon stories on the Riverspace website (www.riverspace.com.au)
3. Presentation at the 7th Australian Stream Management Conference on the work being undertaken through the Rivers of Carbon project - this generated considerable interest in the approach.
4. Submitting a grant to the NSW Environmental Trust to extend the Rivers of Carbon work into the Yass River.
5. Organisation of a professional workshop on Rivers of Carbon at the International Riversymposium.

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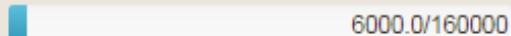
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Output Targets

Revegetation Details

Number of plants planted



Weed Treatment Details

Total area treated (Ha)



Outputs without targets

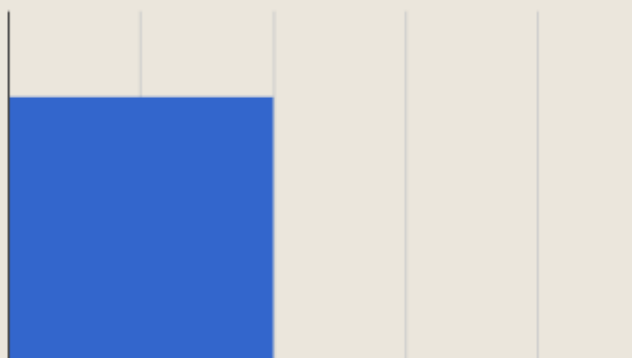
Revegetation Details

Area of revegetation works (Ha) : 171

Length (kilometres) of waterway / coastline revegetated : 0

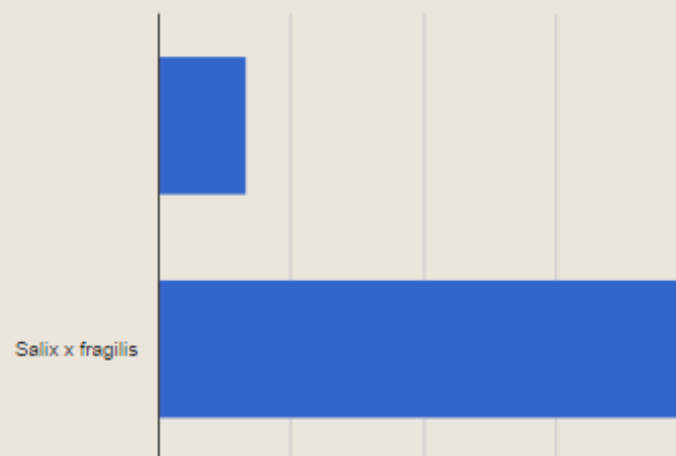
Total No. of species records : 1

No. of plants planted by species



Weed Treatment Details

Proportion of activities treating weeds by species



36 different activity based forms

Actividades incluidas

- Evaluaciones de la biodiversidad
- Proyectos de ciencia ciudadana
- Evaluaciones de las condiciones de la vegetación y de los emplazamientos
- Metodología basada en inventarios de flora y fauna
- Monitoreo de desbroces y plagas
- Monitoreo de la regeneración vegetal y de inventarios
- Comunidades participativas, entrenamiento y desarrollo de aptitudes
- Participación indígena
- Colecciones de semillas
- Un amplio rango de intervenciones en actividades tales como:
 - Reforestación
 - Gestión y tratamientos de desbroces y plagas
 - Gestión de la erosión, incendios y del acceso al agua
 - Cambios en las prácticas de gestión.

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Recipient: Commonwealth Department of Environment

Programme: Environmental Stewardship

Approved funding (GST inclusive): \$1.00

Project start: 01-04-2014 Project finish: 31-12-2020

Grant Id: BnnnnnnnG

External Id: LSP-xxxxxxx

Manager: Person responsible for delivering the project

This project is a demonstrator for general user familiarisation, particularly for different activity types. The project description goes in this space and will be pre-populated from the description in the project application.



Dorrigo Mountain Top Landcare Group

—http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/publications/making_a_difference_a_celebration_of_landcare/section_2_-_the_landcare_framework



Project documents

- MERIT editor User Guide - module 1**
DoE
- Dorrigo Mountain Top Landcare Group**
http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/publications/making_a_difference_the_landcare_framework
- Dorrigo Mountain Top Landcare Group - Now!**
http://www.daff.gov.au/natural-resources/landcare/publications/making_a_difference_the_landcare_framework
- Summary of system updates (June 2014)**
- How to embed a link to your project in another web site**
- MERIT Ready Reckoner Aug 2014**
- MERIT Schema June 2014**
- e

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Login to this project

To see the range of available activity forms you will need to log into this project with the following credentials:

user name: merit.demo@ala.org.au
password: MERITdemo#1

Note: This project is provided for the benefit of all system users. **Please DO NOT add any data to activity forms or add or change sites in this project.**

Tip

Use this space to publish any news and event information that you want share with the general public about the project. Project administrators can create and update this information via the ADMIN tab.

Note that activities are grouped into 4 broad categories:

- Implementation actions** - Activities that are undertaken to deliver the project outputs and outcomes.
- Assessment & monitoring activities** - Those involved in collecting data about the condition / status of a resource or the effectiveness of implementation actions.

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Planned Activities

Tabular Gantt chart

Stage	Actions	From	To	Description	Activity	Site	Status
Stage 1 Report not submitted Submit report Preview		01-04-2014	24-05-2014	Activity 1. Sample form for the community particip..	Community Participation and Engagement		started
		16-04-2014	25-05-2014	Activity 2. Sample form for the conservation grazing m..	Conservation Grazing Management		cancelled
		01-05-2014	31-05-2014	Activity 3. Sample form for the debris removal act..	Debris Removal		started
		16-05-2014	15-06-2014	Activity 4. Sample form for the disea..	Disease Management		planned
		01-06-2014	30-06-2014	Activity 5. Sample form for the erosi..	Erosion Management	Project area for MERIT demonstrator project	started
Stage 2 Current stage		16-06-2014	15-07-2014	Activity 6. Sample form for the fencing activity. Use..	Fencing	Project area for MERIT demonstrator project	deferred
		01-07-2014	31-07-2014	Activity 7. Sample form for the fire management activ..	Fire Management		planned
		16-07-2014	15-08-2014	Activity 8. Sample form for the heritage conserva..	Heritage Conservation	Some place	started
		01-09-2014	30-09-2014	Activity 9. Sample form for the management pla..	Management Plan Development		planned
		16-09-2014	15-10-2014	Activity 10. Sample form for the management practice change activity..	Management Practice Change		planned

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Site: Leave blank if this activity is not associated with a specific site.

Activity: Fire Management

Environmental Stewardship

Major theme

Project stage: Stage 1

Planned start date: 01-07-2014

Actual start date *

Description:

Activity 7. Sample form for the fire management activity. Use to record the details of actions undertaken to manage fire events or potential fire risk, or where fire is used as a natural resource management tool.

Activity progress: started

Planned end date: 31-07-2014

Actual end date *



Fire Management Details

Please enter as much information about this fire activity as possible. If the type of fire event is 'Fire prevention works' and fire was not used as a tool (eg. for fuel reduction), then please ignore any non-relevant questions.

Ignition source:


Type of event:


Fire prevention works (if applicable):


- Fire trail construction
- Fire break construction
- Woody vegetation removal


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Ignition source: 

Type of event: 

- Reason(s) for burn:  *
- Fire fuel reduction
 - Asset protection
 - Weed management
 - Pest animal management
 - Ecology management
 - Unplanned fire event
 - Other (specify in notes)


Area of fire ground (Ha):  *


Actual burnt area (% of fire ground area): 


Previous burn date:  

Time since last burn: 

Temperature of burn: 


Duration of this activity (Hrs): 


- Fire prevention works (if applicable): 
- Fire trail construction
 - Fire break construction
 - Woody vegetation removal
 - Grass slashing
 - Water point construction
 - Airstrip / helipad construction
 - Other (specify in notes)

- Machinery used: 
- Light tanker
 - Heavy tanker
 - Bulldozer / tractor / grader
 - Hand tools
 - Aircraft - fixed wing
 - Aircraft - helicopter

Total machinery hours: 

Length of control line - machinery (km): 

Length of control line - hand tools (km): 

Did the fire stay with initial control lines?: 

Participant Information

No. of
volunteers (ie.
not employed
on project): ?*

No. of
Indigenous
volunteers (ie.
not employed
on project): ?*

No. of new
people
attending
project
activities: ?*

No. of farming
entities
participating
in project
activities for
the first time:
?*

No. of
community
groups (non
delivery
partners)
participating:
?*

No. of
Indigenous
on-country
visits: ?*

Photo Points

Note: Photo points are created and managed as a part of the site definition. In order to record a photo point you first need to add a 'point of interest' to the site with a type of 'photo point'. When the site is selected for this activity, a row for each defined photo point will then appear in the table below, allowing you to upload your image taken at the time of the survey.

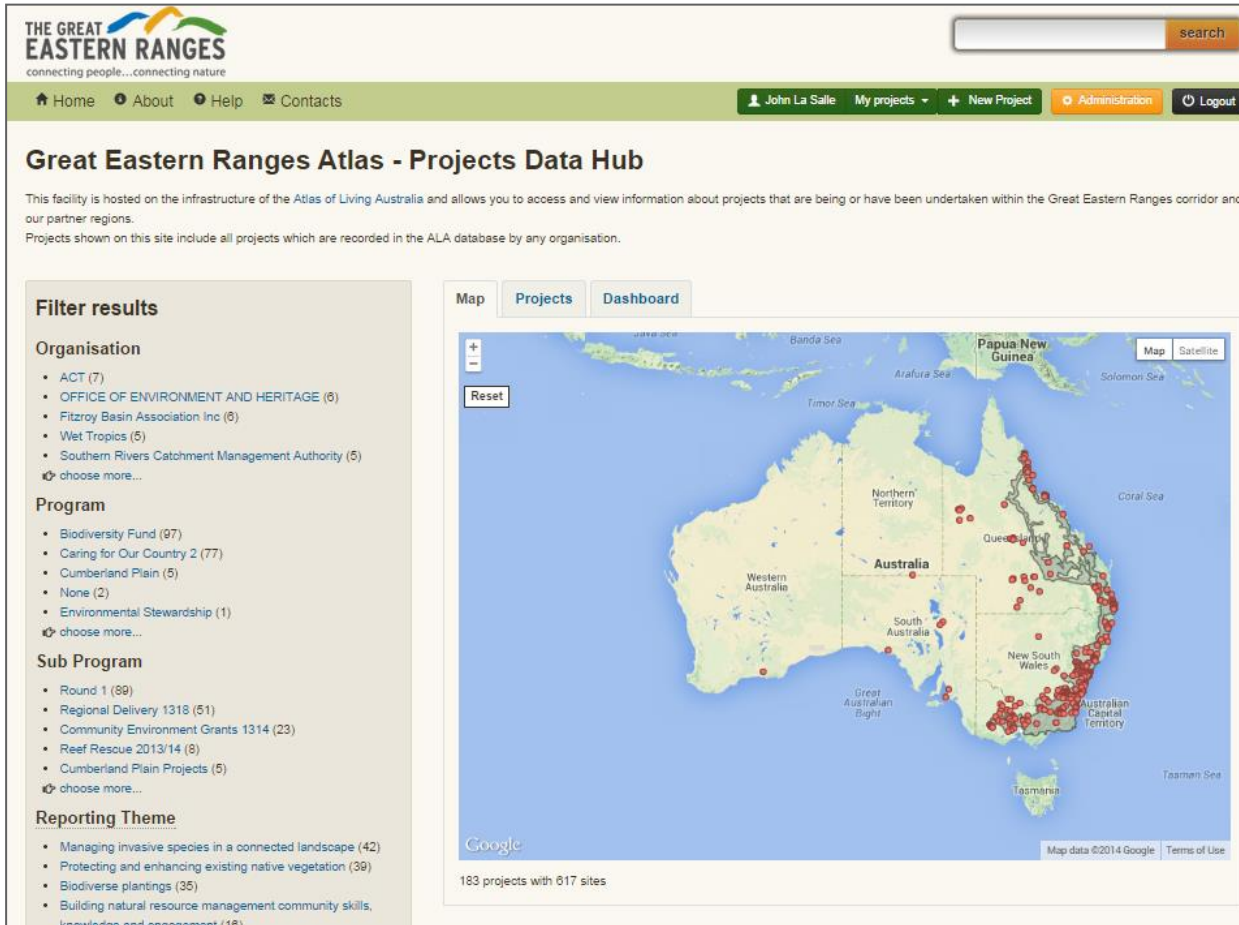
Note: A site has not yet been selected for this activity. In order to upload a photo point image you must select the site at which this activity is being undertaken, and the site must have the photo point location recorded as a 'point of interest'.

Photo point	Photo(s)	Comment	
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 Mark this activity as finished.

Points to future outcomes

Existe un interés adicional por parte de los grupos de NRM por emplear la plataforma MERIT para la gestión de sus propios datos, colecciones y proyectos



The screenshot shows the 'Great Eastern Ranges Atlas - Projects Data Hub' interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation links for Home, About, Help, and Contacts. A user profile for John La Salle is visible, along with options for My projects, New Project, Administration, and Logout. The main heading is 'Great Eastern Ranges Atlas - Projects Data Hub'. Below this, a brief description states that the facility is hosted on the Atlas of Living Australia infrastructure and allows access to project information. A note mentions that projects shown are recorded in the ALA database. On the left, a 'Filter results' sidebar lists categories: Organisation (ACT, Office of Environment and Heritage, Fitzroy Basin Association Inc, Wet Tropics, Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority), Program (Biodiversity Fund, Caring for Our Country 2, Cumberland Plain, None, Environmental Stewardship), Sub Program (Round 1, Regional Delivery 1318, Community Environment Grants 1314, Reef Rescue 2013/14, Cumberland Plain Projects), and Reporting Theme (Managing invasive species, Protecting and enhancing existing native vegetation, Biodiverse plantings, Building natural resource management community skills, knowledge and engagement). The main content area features a map of Australia with red pins indicating project locations, primarily along the eastern coast. The map includes a 'Reset' button and a 'Map/Satellite' toggle. At the bottom of the map, it states '183 projects with 617 sites'. The Google logo and 'Map data ©2014 Google' are also visible.

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MERIT Features

- Proyectos y lugares de actividad están georreferenciados.
- Permite el seguimiento de la evolución de los proyectos casi a tiempo real.
- Permite a los “proponentes” del proyecto comunicar el progreso y los resultados de sus proyectos.
- Apoya la captura de datos e imágenes en asociación con actividades
- Da soporte permitiendo la carga de archivos en diferentes formatos dando a los participantes múltiples canales para poder comunicar los resultados de sus proyectos. (Aspecto particularmente importante para las comunidades indígenas)
- Al nivel de proyectos y programas lleva a cabo un seguimiento de los objetivos mensurables.
- Incorpora flujos que vinculan la gestión de las donaciones externas y los procesos de auditoría.
- Está construida sobre una arquitectura de servicios web diseñada para permitir la interoperabilidad con sistemas externos

Diseñado para ser una plataforma estable para los usuarios, independientemente del gobierno actual o las políticas

Points to future outcomes

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Algunos ejemplos actuales donde MERIT (o algo parecido a MERIT) podría apoyar actividades **NACIONALES**:

- **Leyes de protección del medio ambiente y conservación de la biodiversidad (EPBC)**
- **Informe sobre el Estado del Medio Ambiente**
- **Informes ambientales a nivel regional y nacional y un indicador principal acerca del estado del medio ambiente.**
- **Infraestructura nacional sobre información ambiental**
- **Programa nacional sobre ciencias ambientales**
- **Conocimiento local**

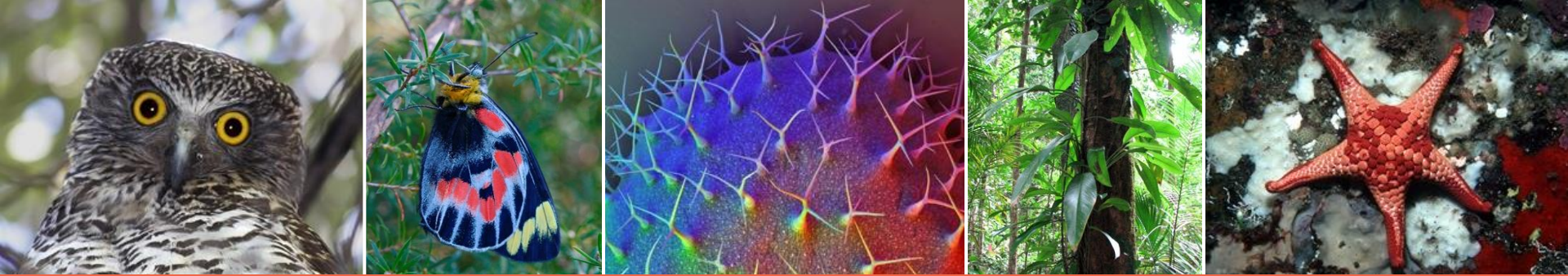
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- **IPBES**
- **Informe CBD**
- **???**

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