

Project Plan CF 2023-014

Species and Communities Assessment

BCS Species and Communities

Project Core Team

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X X Approved and active

Document endorsements and approvals as of Sept. 1, 2023, 4:42 p.m.

X X

Project Team granted

Program Leader granted

Directorate granted

Biometrician granted

Herbarium Curator not required

Animal Ethics Committee not required

Species and Communities Assessment Program

BCS Species and Communities

Departmental Service

Service 6: Conserving Habitats, Species and Communities

Project Staff

X X X **Role Person Time allocation (FTE)**

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Related Science Projects

2023 -041 Biodiversity Knowledge

Proposed period of the project

May 25, 2023 – June 30, 2025

Relevance and Outcomes

Background

This project is the ongoing work of the Species and Communities Assessment team. The team assesses applications for Ministerial Approvals under the Biodiversity Conservation Act and provides advice to other government decision makers on impacts to threatened species, ecological communities and other biodiversity components.

Aims

[variant=australian]Develop and maintain digital process and systems for administering authorisations under section 40 of the [variant=australian]Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 [variant=australian](BC Act).

Evaluate applications to take/modify under sections 40 and 45 of BC Act.

Provide advice to DWER and DMIRS for decisions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). This includes ensuring conditions and offsets are appropriate, aligned and based on best available scientific knowledge.

Provide advice to RFMS as required to support the Land Use Planning Branch (LUP).

[variant=australian]Publish and maintain public-facing guidelines, procedures and compliance documents to inform proponents regarding application processes for authorisation under sections 40 and 45 of the BC Act.

Expected outcome

[variant=australian]Digital systems that effectively integrate with other departmental and government processes to deliver a “one-stop-shop” for customers, contributing to Streamline WA objectives.

Scientifically robust information is available for assessment of applications to take and disturb threatened species and communities.

Accurate scientific information and advice is available to inform government environmental regulation and land use planning decisions.

[variant=australian]Timely, transparent, consistent and defensible decisions on authorising the take and disturbance of threatened species and modification of occurrences of threatened ecological communities.

[variant=australian]Up-to-date scientific knowledge is available for legislative decision making, and adaptive management.

Information regarding authorisations for proponents requiring section 40 or 45 approvals is available and updated as informed by best-practice science.

Information and instructions inform a process that is effective with a high level of compliance.

Knowledge transfer

All assessments are filed and shared as appropriate

Tasks and Milestones

References

Study design

Methodology

Biometrician’s Endorsement

granted

Data management

No. specimens

Herbarium Curator’s Endorsement

not required

Animal Ethics Committee’s Endorsement

not required

Data management

Budget

Consolidated Funds

to | X | X | X | X | X |
Source Year 1 Year 2 Year 3

FTE Scientist

FTE Technical

Equipment

Vehicle

Travel

Other

Total

External Funds

to | X | X | X | X |

Source Year 1 Year 2 Year 3

Salaries, Wages, Overtime

Overheads

Equipment

Vehicle

Travel

Other

Total
