

and be approved by relevant government agencies as necessary.

### Credit Submission: Design Rating

- ☐ Protection, Mitigation and/or Compensation Strategy Report which includes:
  - Narrative and marked-up location maps describing the extent of natural system assets to be protected, destroyed, and to be created on the site post-development;
  - Calculations, summarising total site area, protection area and/or compensation area (in hectares), the % of significant and/or valuable assets to be retained and protected, and the area replacement ratio;
  - Consideration of set-back requirements;
  - Details of the off-site compensation area allocated for habitat creation, including site location;
  - Response to Natural Systems Assessment (NS-R1) identifying any site constraints and demonstrating site suitability for habitat creation; confirmation of approval from landowner to establish and maintain the habitat; and details of consultation with EAD; and
  - A strategy for habitat creation, including source of plant stock, temporary irrigation (if required), weed/pest control, and establishment of soil base.
- ☐ CV of the appointed *suitably qualified environmental professional*;
- ☐ UPC approval of the strategy;
- ☐ EAD approval of the strategy (where on-site mitigation and/or off-site compensation is proposed);
- ☐ Draft Construction Environmental Management Plan detailing the measures that will be put in place to protect significant and valuable assets from construction impacts:
  - Potential risks to the natural systems assets from project works, and the measures to be put in place to mitigate these risks; and
  - Limits of development, buffer areas and setbacks. Works areas shall be clearly identified on an aerial photograph of existing conditions.
- ☐ Copies of approvals from all relevant government agencies for projects involving dredging, reclamation and/or shoreline modification.

### Credit Submission: Construction Rating

- ☐ Construction Environmental Management Plan, containing:
  - Evidence that on and off site features of ecological value have been protected during construction and that appropriate set-back requirements have been considered; and
  - Photographs of areas of protection, mitigation and/or compensation.
- ☐ Updated calculations summarising final total site area, protection, mitigation and/or compensation area (in hectares), the % of significant and valuable assets that were retained and protected, and the area replacement ratio achieved.

### Calculations and Methodology

- Protection setback requirements are to be determined by the *suitably qualified environmental professional* depending on the nature of the asset (in consultation with UPC). In the absence of any policy for a specific habitat type, or clear justification for setback, any component of the proposed project is to be:
- Setback at least 100 meters from identified coastal and marine priority habitats (intertidal, coral, seagrass);
  - Setback at least 50 meters from mangrove and vegetated sandy beaches;
  - Setback at least 10 meters from wadis, sand-sheets and low dunes, interdunal plains and high dunes, alluvial plains and jebels;
  - Setback from trees to be protected through use of barriers located either at the outer edge of branch spread or half the height of the tree, whichever is the greater; and
  - Setback from other habitat areas through use of barriers located minimum 1 meter from the outer edge.