

A plan for all Territorians

The Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan

Who is Territory Natural Resource Management?
Territory NRM is a community organisation that supports natural resource management projects in the Northern Territory. We work with landholders, Aboriginal groups, community groups, pastoralists, businesses, government and non-government organisations to help look after country, achieve good (NRM) outcomes and create a healthy environment into the future.

What is NRM?
Natural Resource Management, or NRM, is about managing natural resources such as land, water, soil, plants and animals, and

how management affects the lives of people, now and into the future. NRM includes the ongoing practice and maintenance of local knowledge and Indigenous Ecological Knowledge (IEK).

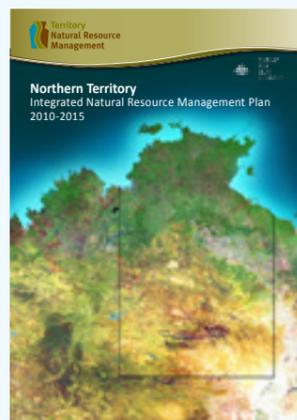
What's the Plan all about?
The Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan is for all Territorians. It has been put together by Territory NRM with the help of many people and groups involved in natural resource management around the Territory.

The INRM Plan is used for good planning and decision-making about natural resource management in the Territory.

Territory NRM funds and supports natural resource management activities based on this INRM Plan. Other organisations such as the NT Government will also help to meet the Plan targets through their activities.

The purpose of the INRM Plan is to:

- Guide NRM funding, support and activities from 2010–15
- Encourage more involvement in NRM in the Territory
- Identify opportunities for new partnerships and investors
- Inform government policies and priorities
- Encourage more funding for NRM in the Territory.



What we plan to do

FIRE

We will support coordinated fire management to strengthen culture, protect biodiversity, maximise productions and abate greenhouse gas emissions.

CONTROLLING WEEDS

We will support the coordination and management of weeds at the catchment scale, and deal with priority weed issues in the four NRM regions in the Territory.

FERAL ANIMALS

We will support landscape-scale feral animal management together with the community, focussing on areas of significant environmental impact and where control will be most effective.



BIOSECURITY

We will prevent the introduction of new weeds, pests and diseases to the Territory by assessing both the intentional and accidental introduction of new species.

CLIMATE CHANGE

We will identify the most significant climate change risks to the Territory environment and support Territory natural resource managers to use a range of options to better cope with climate change impacts.

ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINTS

We will support good planning and sustainable development that minimises the impact of growth on the broader environment and builds local capacity for environmental management.

ENTERING THE CONSERVATION ECONOMY

We will support the conservation economy where it can benefit people's lives and well-being, for example through carbon markets, wildlife harvest and rehabilitation of degraded lands.

SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY

We will collaborate with primary industries to ensure they are managed sustainably, efficiently and profitably for example through extension programs and addressing conflicts between production and conservation.



MANAGING LAND AND SEA COUNTRY

We will support the collection and mapping of information relating to ecosystems and species in the Territory; support monitoring of their condition and identification and management of key threats.

SUSTAINABLE USE

We will help establish policy, planning and legislation for more sustainable natural resource management based on scientific evidence, economic assessments and community input.

PROTECTING SIGNIFICANT SITES

We will support the management of culturally significant sites and NT Sites of Conservation Significance, addressing their key threats and management needs, and supporting Traditional Owners to manage culturally significant sites on their land.

SPECIES RECOVERY

We will support research relating to the conservation and management of marine mammals, small mammal decline in the Top End, and controlling cat and fox predation of threatened species in the Arid Lands.



BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY

We will support Indigenous people to maintain, pass on and store traditional ecological knowledge, and assist the collection, sharing and use of other types of knowledge to support natural resource management.

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

We will support community groups, especially volunteers, working to manage the Territory's natural resources and creating greater community awareness and active stewardship of natural resources.

The Plan contains fourteen program areas that are divided into four themes.

THREATS	ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS	MAKING IT HAPPEN

FIRE
Large-scale, unmanaged fires can have a damaging impact on native plants, animals, significant sites and pastoral production.

CONTROLLING WEEDS
Weeds can have a significant impact by adding fuel loads to fire, competing with native species, blocking access to waterways and degrading agricultural land.

FERAL ANIMALS
Feral animals can harm the environment by contaminating waterways, competing with and killing native animals or livestock, and over-grazing.

BIOSECURITY
Introduced weeds, pests and diseases can severely damage our soil, native plants, wildlife, crops and livestock.

CLIMATE CHANGE
We know that the earth is warming and sea levels are rising, but how is it going to affect us?

ENTERING THE CONSERVATION ECONOMY
Opportunities can arise whereby natural resource management activities such as conservation work can receive payment.

SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY
Sustainable primary industries are important to the long term conservation of natural resources and economic growth in the Territory.

ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINTS
The Territory's environment is in good condition. But as it grows, the Territory faces many challenges in managing waste, pollution and water and energy use.

SUSTAINABLE USE
Good planning, policy and law is needed to prevent environmentally damaging development, while supporting sustainable development and natural resource management.

MANAGING LAND AND SEA COUNTRY
To look after country well we need good information about species and ecosystems.

PROTECTING SIGNIFICANT SITES
The Territory has many sites that are considered important and require looking after, due to their cultural and conservation values.

SPECIES RECOVERY
Over 200 plant and animal species are considered threatened in the Northern Territory. We need to learn more about which species are declining and why.

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY
To effectively manage the Territory's natural resources, we need to share information and build our knowledge so we can be sure we are taking the right measures and have the best information available.

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY
To achieve good natural resource management in the Territory we need to work together across borders, landscapes and seascapes.

To get a hard copy of the NT INRM Plan, email info@territorynrm.org.au or visit www.territorynrm.org.au/inrm-plan for an online version.
If you would like to discuss how Territory NRM can support your group or organisation with a NRM project under any of the Plan themes, please contact your Regional Coordinator:
Top End: 08 8999 4102
Gulf Savanna: 08 8973 8837
Arid Lands: 08 8951 9284
Tablelands: 08 8951 9207

What activities are supported in the Plan?
Targets, management actions and measures for all the programs are included in the INRM Plan. Regional targets, management actions and measures are also included in separate Regional Actions Plans for the Top End, Gulf Savanna, Tablelands and Arid Lands, and are prioritised according to local resource conditions, and community capacity and aspirations.