

R-PP 4: Supporting Implementation of Threatened Species Recovery Plans

Incorporate priorities and actions identified through Threatened Species Recovery Plans into local projects to facilitate community stewardship of, and action towards, recovery of threatened species.

This strategy delivers on these Regional Themes	Biodiversity	Biosecurity	Coastal Systems	Sustainable Industries	Water
	✓	✓	✓		
This strategy delivers on these Strategic Outcomes	Supportive, policies, plans and regulations	Collaborative, adaptive planning and action	Traditional Owner Benefits	Sustained and diverse resourcing	Community stewardship, values and action
	✓	✓			✓

Outcome	<p>Incorporating actions and priorities identified in Threatened Species Recovery Plans into local projects will bring a range of significant benefits, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Broader implementation of important strategies to aid recovery of threatened species. ▪ A more strategic approach to threatened species management, with many groups accessing and using the same information. ▪ Many small contributions from a range of groups and projects all contributing to improved threatened species management. ▪ Raising the profile of threatened species due to the involvement of a range of groups. ▪ Enabling different groups to focus and deliver on their particular area of interest / skill / capacity (eg. revegetation, education, community engagement) and still make a meaningful contribution to broader threatened species recovery.
Justification	<p>Threatened species management and recovery is a difficult and complex undertaking, requiring a whole suite of planning and management considerations, as well as collaboration across all levels of government, industry and community. Policy and regulatory mechanisms are in place to support this process. Recovery Plans, which are prepared using the latest science and with a high level of community consultation, provide an important foundation for planning and implementation of actions to support the recovery of threatened species. Ensuring priorities from these plans are considered in local level planning and projects provides the most effective way to gain wide-spread adoption and implementation of priorities identified through the Recovery Planning process, as well as ensuring strong community stewardship of the process.</p>
Key steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify relevant Recovery Plans for the Wet Tropics region. 2) Identify relevant community groups within the region who could potentially be involved in implementing actions and priorities identified in Recovery Plans. 3) Conduct a simple communications plan to ensure relevant stakeholders are aware of the Recovery Planning process, particularly plans developed for this region. 4) Encourage consideration and incorporation of Recovery Plan priorities into local project planning and implementation.

Feasibility considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recovery plans are prepared with thorough community consultation and incorporation of important science, providing the best foundation for guiding the recovery of threatened species. ✓ Many community groups and other stakeholders are involved in the development of recovery plans and are already well aware of significant actions and priorities identified. ✓ Recovery Plans provide a strategic, prioritised process for guiding recovery of threatened species. ✗ Recovery of threatened species is a long and complex process, with many challenges. 	
Local Landscape Projects	Local Landscape Project	Location
	RM4 Habitat Creation for Cassowaries	Lower areas of Babinda Creek
	SC16 Mahogany Glider Habitat	Corridors identified in Mahogany Glider Recovery Plan
	NC12 Protecting Wildlife from Human Activities	Cassowary Coast