

R-CM 19: Local Action on Local Invasives

Develop collaborative, practical biosecurity protocols and undertake an integrated approach to managing invasive 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>Developing a collaborative invasive species protocol, which is supported and implemented by all stakeholders, will help in the ongoing management of new and emerging weed species, resulting in a range of benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification of weed risk potential before the problem becomes too widespread. ▪ An increased capacity of landholders and other stakeholders to more effectively manage and prioritise invasive species. ▪ Improved weed seed hygiene protocols for stakeholders moving throughout the landscape.
Justification	<p>Building on existing partnerships and improving the capacity of local groups and individuals to manage invasive species can provide good outcomes for weed management across the region. Landholders are often time poor, with many conflicting demands – protocols which focus on preventing weeds from arriving and establishing and providing access to good information and advice can make the most of the time and resources available. A collaborative approach provides landholders with a united voice on the issue of invasive species, providing a better opportunity to instigate and maintain action.</p>
Key steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify relevant stakeholders to be involved in the process. 2) Investigate and review existing information to identify gaps and opportunities. 3) Develop draft protocols to identify and manage invasive species, which are supported by all relevant stakeholders. 4) Regularly assess effectiveness and review and adapt approach.
Feasibility considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaboration between all stakeholders provides opportunities to share resources and information. ✓ Raising the capacity of groups and individuals to understand and manage invasive species provides more opportunities to keep up with on ground management. ✓ Support to landholders from outside organisations can help with sharing the load and increase their ability to continue to tackle the problem in the future. ✓ There is already good collaboration and effort around managing invasive species in the region, which could be built on to maximise efforts. ✗ Weed management is a time consuming and ongoing task, requiring a long term investment of time and resources. ✗ The problem can seem overwhelming and never ending.

Local Landscape Projects	Local Landscape Project	Location
	UH1 Support for Weed Management	Upper Herbert
	UH2 Upper Herbert Biosecurity Protocol	Upper Herbert