

Strategic Objective 1: Communities managing landscapes to sustain long-term economic and social benefits from their environment

Strategic Outcome 1: Maintain and improve ecosystem services through sustainable management of local and regional landscapes

2014 to 2018 Intermediate Programme Outcome 1

By 2018, there has been a demonstrable increase in the quality of landscape-scale management to reduce environmental threats and pressures.

2014 to 2018 Key Performance Indicators – Regional Delivery:

- Regional NRM organisations will demonstrate an increase in the extent (area) of local and regional landscapes being managed that integrate biophysical, socio-economic and climate change information for improving NRM outcomes.
- Regional NRM organisations will demonstrate an increase in the level of integrated management across properties, tenures and regions to reduce threats to prioritised environmental assets.
- Regional NRM organisations have delivered outcomes against key priorities in relevant national strategies and regional natural resource management plans.

Strategic Objective 2: Farmers and fishers are increasing their long term return through better management of the natural resource base in a changing environment

Strategic Outcome 2: Increase in the number of farmers and fishers adopting practices that improve the quality of the natural resource base, and the area of land over which those practices are applied.

2014 to 2018 Intermediate Programme Outcome 2

By 2018, NLP investments have made a demonstrable contribution towards increasing the adoption of sustainable farming and fishing management practices with the intent to improve long term productivity through improvements to the resource base.

2014 to 2018 Key Performance Indicators – Regional Delivery:

- Regional NRM organisations and their partners will demonstrate an increase in the number of farmers and fishers that aim to adopt practices to improve their management of the natural resource base, leading to improved long term returns
- Increased quantities of regional level data about the natural resource base are included into relevant state or national knowledge and information collections.
- Regional NRM organisations and their partners will demonstrate long-term benefits to natural resources and production have been achieved as a result of co-ordinated weed and pest management activities.

Strategic Objective 3: Communities are involved in caring for their environment.

Strategic Outcome 3: Increase engagement and participation of the community, including landcare, farmers and Indigenous people, in sustainable natural resource management

2014 to 2018 Intermediate Programme Outcome 3

By 2018, there has been a demonstrable increase in the level of involvement by the NRM community in protecting, rehabilitating and/or restoring prioritised environmental assets and natural resource management.

2014 to 2018 Key Performance Indicators – Regional Delivery:

- Regional NRM organisations will demonstrate an increase in the level of:
 - involvement of the landcare community in the planning, decision making and delivery of initiatives to protect, rehabilitate and/or restore prioritised environmental assets.
 - Involvement of farmers, fishers and other land and sea managers in the planning and delivery of natural resource management initiatives.
 - participation, skill-development and/or employment of Indigenous Australians, supporting the Closing the Gap initiative.
- Regional NRM organisations will demonstrate sound governance, engagement and transparency in delivering collaborative projects with the landcare community; Indigenous people and farmers, fishers and other land and sea managers.

Strategic Objective 4: Communities are protecting species and natural assets

Strategic Outcome 4: Increase restoration and rehabilitation of the natural environment, including protecting and conserving nationally and internationally significant species, ecosystems, ecological communities, places and values

2014 to 2018 Intermediate Programme Outcome 4

By 2018, there has been a demonstrable increase in the level of protection, rehabilitation and/or restoration of prioritised environmental assets, threatened species, ecological communities and migratory species.

2014 to 2018 Key Performance Indicators – Regional Delivery:

- Regional NRM organisations will demonstrate a decrease, or maintenance, of the level of key threats to the abundance, health or diversity of threatened and migratory species, ecological communities and/or sites of significance e.g. Ramsar sites.
- Regional NRM organisations will demonstrate an improvement, or maintenance, in the abundance of threatened and migratory species populations.
- Regional NRM organisations will demonstrate how Indigenous ecological knowledge is being used in the protection, rehabilitation and/or restoration of prioritised environmental assets, threatened species, ecological communities and migratory species.

Note:

For the purposes of the National Landcare Programme it is recognised that the local landcare and NRM communities will likely differ between NRM regions. These terms capture the breadth of players in this sector and can include stakeholders such as: identified Landcare groups, ‘friends of’ groups and other community environment groups, non-government organisations, farmer/producer groups, Indigenous communities and organisations and individual land managers working in the landcare/NRM sector.