



Tips to streamline a translocation approval process

Contact the approval authority

- Contact the relevant state or territory conservation agency responsible for the species and project locations to initially discuss the concept, and to seek in-principle support.
- Contact potential partners and advisory bodies before initiating project design to explain the nature of proposal and to establish project-focussed dialogue.
 - This includes contacting the relevant state or territory conservation agency responsible for the species and project locations to initially discuss the concept, and to seek in-principle support.
- Draft a succinct proposal (a few pages) that identifies how the project will contribute to the conservation of the species, and promote the species' chances of long-term survival, retain genetic diversity, contribute to the implementation of species conservation plans, is consistent with relevant policies and guidelines, and protects the values of the locations.
- Describe who has been or will be involved in or consulted in planning the activity.
- Document consideration of how the proposal could be modified to maximise benefits to the overall conservation of the species or to retain genetic diversity.
- Discuss the draft proposal with any relevant advisory body and seek its input and in-principle support.

Useful questions to ask

- Is there information and expertise relevant to the proposal I should know about?
- Are the subject animals or plants or genetic material likely to be an important resource for the conservation of the species?
- Is the proposal identified as a priority activity under relevant species and/or other conservation plans?
- Is the proposal consistent with any legislated or policy wildlife management principles?
- Could the proposal be endorsed on the basis of new information that was not available at the time that the relevant conservation plan was prepared?
- Could the proposal impede a priority action identified in the species conservation plan?
- Should the proposal be modified (including founder collections, founder distribution, exchanges between populations, and timing of activities) to have greater benefits to the conservation of the species?

- Are there any other matters that affect the effectiveness, feasibility or likelihood of success of the proposal when measured against conservation plans?
- Do the locations have international, national, state or territory values requiring protection?
- What is the nature and assessment process of any approvals and the policies that apply?
- Who should be consulted or involved in designing or planning the activity?
- How has the advice of any relevant governance or advisory body been incorporated into the proposal design?
- Ensure provision has been made for the Crown to retain control over and access to important animals and genetic material and to ensure that future use is primarily directed to the long-term conservation of the species.
- Are there any likely negative impacts on the species and ecological communities as a result of removing/introducing the species to the site?
- Is the proposed site suitable for the species when considering the environmental requirements and threats – including the potential for changed environmental conditions as a result of a changing climate?
- Are there any actual or known potential land uses on the site or in proximity to the site that are likely to be incompatible with achieving the conservation objective?

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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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