



State NRM Program Investment Priorities 2010/11 – 2013/14

State NRM Program investment Priorities 2010/11 – 2013/14 are outlined below. These fourteen priorities, agreed upon by the Western Australian NRM Ministerial Council, will direct investments made by the State NRM Program, Strategic Priority Project Grants Program 2010-2014.

- > **Improved management of agricultural land**, with preference given to integrating carbon farming practices and mitigating salinity on high priority agricultural land
- > **Improving rangelands productivity and condition**, with preference given to applying monitoring techniques that directly inform management decisions
- > **Delivering on-ground adaptations to threats to agricultural production from climate change**, with preference given to land with an annual average rainfall less than 350 mm
- > **Implementation of actions in the Fertiliser Partnership Agreement 2010-14**
- > **Implementing Water Quality Improvement Plans** with a preference on actions in the Swan-Canning, Peel-Harvey, Vasse-Wonnerup, Wilson, Leschenault and Hardy Inlet Plans
- > **Management of Abrolhos Island Reserve and Fish Habitat Protection Area**, with preference given to implementation of the Indicative Development Plan
- > **Sustainable use of inshore finfish and demersal finfish stocks**, with preference given to managing the Perth recreational abalone fishery, whiting and dhufish fisheries, and recreational fish surveys in regional WA
- > **Protecting Ramsar wetlands**, with preference given to Eighty Mile Beach, Lake Warden, Muir-Byenup and Vasse Wonnerup systems
- > **Preservation of freshwater fish**, with preference given to sawfish in the Fitzroy River, Pigmy Perch and Trout Minnow in the southwest, and mussels in the Helena River
- > **Habitat protection and mitigation of threatening processes for priority fauna** - Gilbert's potoroo, woylie, white bellied frog, orange bellied frog, western swamp tortoise, western ground parrot, dibbler, West Kimberley rock wallaby and malleefowl
- > **Habitat protection and mitigation for critically endangered flora species**
- > **Strategic enhancement and connection of remnant vegetation to provide viable ecological linkages**, with preference given to Gondwana link, Wheatbelt, and extending the Perth Biodiversity Program (local community bushland management through local government) beyond its current range
- > **Controlling plant and animal pests that significantly threaten high value assets**, with preference given to matching community/landowner funding for management of recognised pests, Weeds of National Significance in the Pilbara and Kimberley, construct/upgrade of the State barrier fence for wild dog control, feral pig control in southwest, and feral cat control in the wheatbelt.
- > **Controlling Phytophthora (dieback)**, with an emphasis on preventing new infestations and eradication of spot infestations in high value areas, with preference given to Fitzgerald River, Lesueur and Cape Arid National Parks