



Whole-of-system catchment management framework (Wetlands in the Great Barrier Reef Catchments Management Strategy 2016-21)

Project activities

The activities to be undertaken include:

- Assess the different approaches to prioritisation of on-ground works for investment purposes, particularly those that consider multiple wetland values.
- Collate information related to rehabilitation, including on-ground methods, conservation outcome measures and identification of research gaps.
- Collate information related to fish, fish habitat (including marine plants), fish passage, fisheries and fishing effort including identification of research gaps.
- Identify potential sites representing high priorities for investment in on-ground works.

Project participants

This project is being led by the Queensland Wetlands Program (QWP) in the Department of Environment and Science (DES), in collaboration with the DES Offset Fund Management Team (OFMT), DES Land Restoration Fund and the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

(DAF) with financial assistance from QWP, OFMT and DAF. It is intended to inform Offset funding and prioritisation of fisheries research funding, and is relevant to regional NRM body projects and other funding opportunities.

A wide range of stakeholders will be involved, including regional NRM bodies, First Nations groups, wetland site owners and landholders, research and tertiary institutions, commercial and recreational fishing groups, local government, non-government organisations and catchment groups.

A working group will establish the logic for rehabilitation and research for wetlands/aquatic ecosystem of Queensland. Technical groups will be called on as-required to progress technical issues such as the most efficient and effective evidence-based methods for undertaking on-ground rehabilitation works, or for addressing fisheries specific rehabilitation requirements. A cross-agency governance group will steer the project and the Queensland Wetlands Governance Group (QWGG) will oversee outputs.

A whole-of-system approach integrates:

- Science synthesis and research for knowledge gaps.
- Monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement.
- Communication, capacity building, education, participation and awareness.

In prescribed stages:

- Building understanding.
- Defining objectives.
- Determining threats/pressures and capacity/constraints.
- Options for intervention and implementation.

Get involved

Email wetlands@des.qld.gov.au to find out more. If you are involved in rehabilitation or undertaking relevant research, we would like to hear from you. Please email us to join the mailing list and to find out about future workshops and project outcomes.

The Queensland Wetlands Program supports projects and activities that result in long-term benefits to the sustainable management, wise use and protection of wetlands in Queensland. The tools developed by the Program help wetlands landholders, managers and decision makers in government and industry. The Queensland Wetlands Program is currently funded by the Queensland Government.

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