

EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

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Summary

Matters of National Environment Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the <u>Administrative Guidelines on Significance</u>.

| World Heritage Properties: | None |
|--|------|
| National Heritage Places: | None |
| Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar | None |
| Great Barrier Reef Marine Park: | None |
| Commonwealth Marine Area: | None |
| Listed Threatened Ecological Communities: | None |
| Listed Threatened Species: | 10 |
| Listed Migratory Species: | 10 |

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage

A <u>permit</u> may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

| Commonwealth Lands: | None |
|---|------|
| Commonwealth Heritage Places: | None |
| Listed Marine Species: | 14 |
| Whales and Other Cetaceans: | None |
| Critical Habitats: | None |
| Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial: | None |
| Australian Marine Parks: | None |
| Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles: | None |

Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have

| State and Territory Reserves: | 1 |
|---|------|
| Regional Forest Agreements: | None |
| Nationally Important Wetlands: | None |
| EPBC Act Referrals: | 1 |
| Key Ecological Features (Marine): | None |
| Biologically Important Areas: | None |
| Bioregional Assessments: | None |
| Geological and Bioregional Assessments: | None |

Details

Matters of National Environmental Significance

| Listed Threatened Species | | [Res | source Information] |
|--|--------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Status of Conservation Dependent and E. Number is the current name ID. | xtinct are not MNES unde | er the EPBC Act. | |
| Scientific Name | Threatened Category | Presence Text | Buffer Status |
| BIRD | | | |
| Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856] | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Erythrotriorchis radiatus Red Goshawk [942] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Falco hypoleucos Grey Falcon [929] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area |
| Grantiella picta Painted Honeyeater [470] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In buffer area only |
| Pezoporus occidentalis Night Parrot [59350] | Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Polytelis alexandrae Princess Parrot, Alexandra's Parrot [758] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Rostratula australis Australian Painted Snipe [77037] | Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| MAMMAL | | | |
| Macrotis lagotis Greater Bilby [282] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat known to occur within area | In feature area |

| Scientific Name | Threatened Category | Presence Text | Buffer Status |
|--|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Petrogale lateralis centralis Warru, Central Australian Rock-wallaby [90831] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| REPTILE | | | |
| Liopholis kintorei | | | |
| Great Desert Skink, Tjakura, Warrarna, Mulyamiji [83160] | Vulnerable | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Listed Migratory Species | | [Re | source Information] |
| Scientific Name | Threatened Category | Presence Text | Buffer Status |
| Migratory Marine Birds | 3 , | | |
| Apus pacificus | | | |
| Fork-tailed Swift [678] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area | In feature area |
| Migratory Terrestrial Species | | | |
| Hirundo rustica | | | |
| Barn Swallow [662] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Motacilla cinerea | | | |
| Grey Wagtail [642] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Motacilla flava Yellow Wagtail [644] | | Species or species habitat may occur | In feature area |
| | | within area | |
| Migratory Wetlands Species | | | |
| Actitis hypoleucos | | | |
| Common Sandpiper [59309] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Calidris acuminata | | | |
| Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Calidris ferruginea | | | |
| Curlew Sandpiper [856] | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Calidris melanotos Pectoral Sandpiper [858] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |

| Scientific Name | Threatened Category | Presence Text | Buffer Status |
|--|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| Charadrius veredus | | | |
| Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Glareola maldivarum | | | |
| Oriental Pratincole [840] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |

Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

| Listed Marine Species | | [Res | source Information |
|--|-----------------------|--|--------------------|
| Scientific Name | Threatened Category | Presence Text | Buffer Status |
| Bird | | | |
| Actitis hypoleucos Common Sandpiper [59309] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Apus pacificus Fork-tailed Swift [678] | | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
| Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis Cattle Egret [66521] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
| Calidris acuminata Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area | In feature area |
| Calidris ferruginea Curlew Sandpiper [856] | Critically Endangered | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
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| Chalcites osculans as Chrysococcyx osc Black-eared Cuckoo [83425] | <u>culans</u> | Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
| Charadrius veredus Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
| Glareola maldivarum Oriental Pratincole [840] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
| Hirundo rustica Barn Swallow [662] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
| Merops ornatus Rainbow Bee-eater [670] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
| Motacilla cinerea Grey Wagtail [642] | | Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area | In feature area |
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Extra Information

| State and Territory Reserves | | | [Resource Information] |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Protected Area Name | Reserve Type | State | Buffer Status |
| Southern Tanami | Indigenous Protected Area | NT | In buffer area only |

| EPBC Act Referrals | | | [Resour | rce Information] |
|--|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Title of referral | Reference | Referral Outcome | Assessment Status | Buffer Status |
| Not controlled action | | | | |
| Improving rabbit biocontrol: releasing another strain of RHDV, sthrn two thirds of Australia | 2015/7522 | Not Controlled Action | Completed | In feature area |

Caveat

1 PURPOSE

This report is designed to assist in identifying the location of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and other matters protected by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) which may be relevant in determining obligations and requirements under the EPBC Act.

The report contains the mapped locations of:

- World and National Heritage properties;
- Wetlands of International and National Importance;
- Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves;
- distribution of listed threatened, migratory and marine species;
- listed threatened ecological communities; and
- other information that may be useful as an indicator of potential habitat value.

2 DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be exhaustive and should only be relied upon as a general guide as mapped data is not available for all species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act (see below). Persons seeking to use the information contained in this report to inform the referral of a proposed action under the EPBC Act should consider the limitations noted below and whether additional information is required to determine the existence and location of MNES and other protected matters.

Where data are available to inform the mapping of protected species, the presence type (e.g. known, likely or may occur) that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. It is the responsibility of any person using or relying on the information in this report to ensure that it is suitable for the circumstances of any proposed use. The Commonwealth cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any use of the report or any part thereof. To the maximum extent allowed under governing law, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any loss or damage that may be occasioned directly or indirectly through the use of, or reliance

3 DATA SOURCES

Threatened ecological communities

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are generated based on information contained in recovery plans, State vegetation maps and remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been discerned through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, distributions are inferred from either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc.) together with point locations and described habitat; or modelled (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using

Where little information is available for a species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc.).

In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More detailed distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions

4 LIMITATIONS

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in this report:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered vagrants;
- some recently listed species and ecological communities;
- some listed migratory and listed marine species, which are not listed as threatened species; and
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in Australia in small numbers.

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- listed migratory and/or listed marine seabirds, which are not listed as threatened, have only been mapped for recorded
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

The breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

Refer to the metadata for the feature group (using the Resource Information link) for the currency of the information.