

IMPACT REPORT 2022

PROJECTS THAT
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Foundation for
National Parks
& Wildlife

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

I am thrilled to present our annual impact report for 2022, showcasing the Foundation's remarkable achievements over the past 12 months. Despite numerous challenges, we have made significant progress towards our mission of safeguarding Australia's natural wonders for future generations.

2022 marked global progress on biodiversity, with the signing of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) in December at COP 15, nature's equivalent of the Paris Agreement on climate change. We are proud for Australia to be among the 196 signatories that committed to 24 biodiversity targets including protecting 30% of the planet by 2030.

Buying land to grow our national parks and protect Australia's threatened species has been a founding principle of FNPW's conservation approach, with our first parcel of land purchased in 1972.

Together with our partners and supporters we are creating global impact. In 2020, we added 60,000 hectares to our portfolio, creating Nilpena Ediacara National Park which was shortlisted for UNESCO World Heritage Status in 2022. Our latest acquisition of 189 hectares will extend the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Gondwana Rainforests of Australia, conserving forever an area equivalent to 467 soccer pitches.

Our Bushfire Recovery Project, which will grow and plant over 1 million native trees in flood and fire-affected regions by 2025, continued to evolve in 2022 with over 400,000 trees grown. Through partnerships with local communities, we have rejuvenated over 550 hectares across Australia. Our efforts to replant trees in flood and fire-affected regions are critical to preserving wildlife habitats and improving the resilience of these areas for future environmental challenges.

Our continued support of Australia's wildlife carers has been another significant achievement, expanding the capacity of carers and vets to provide more injured and displaced animals with the best possible care, a chance of survival and release back into their natural habitat.

With renewed global goals and the increased value being placed on biodiversity and the health of our planet, we thank you for your continued support and dedication to the Foundation's work. Together, we are creating lasting impact and positive social change, ensuring that Australia's natural wonders are protected and cherished for generations to come.



Patrick Medley
Chair, FNPW

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

TOGETHER WE ARE
CREATING LASTING
IMPACT AND POSITIVE
SOCIAL CHANGE FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME





WE ARE
PRESERVING
AUSTRALIA'S
NATIONAL PARKS
FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS

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WE HAVE A
RICH HISTORY
SPANNING
OVER 50 YEARS

WHAT WE DO

The Foundation for National Parks & Wildlife (FNPW) is the charity partner dedicated to preserving Australia's national parks for future generations. With a rich history spanning over 50 years, FNPW partners with donors, local communities, First Nations groups, government agencies, corporations, and environmental experts/scientists to restore and conserve the country's unique natural beauty.

FNPW's mission is to create a sustainable future for Australia's natural landscapes, which it achieves through its efforts in park expansion, protection of threatened species, natural disaster recovery, wildlife conservation and cultural heritage preservation. With a steadfast commitment to positive social change, FNPW is dedicated to ensuring that Australia's natural wonders are protected and enjoyed for generations to come.

Thank you to our donors and partners for your generous contributions and steadfast support throughout 2022. Your unwavering commitment to our mission has enabled us to make a real difference for Australian wildlife and wilderness.



GROWING PARKS

The investment in growing national parks provides permanent protection for threatened and endangered habitats and species, ensuring their survival and creating a healthier tomorrow for our future generations. Growing national parks is essential in protecting our environment, preserving biodiversity, and providing ecosystems services, such as carbon sequestration, air and water purification and soil stabilisation.



SAVING SPECIES

Saving threatened species is crucial for a multitude of reasons, with the environment being the most significant. Positive biodiversity is fundamental to the health of natural ecosystems and human well-being. Each species plays a unique role in its ecosystem, and the loss of even one can have far-reaching effects on the entire ecosystem.



HEALING OUR LAND

We are committed to restoring and protecting the natural habitats of Australian native flora and fauna, which have been devastated in recent years by unprecedented bushfires and floods. We strive to ensure that our work in landscape resilience is grounded in a combination of scientific evidence and Indigenous knowledge.



KEY FIGURES & STATISTICS

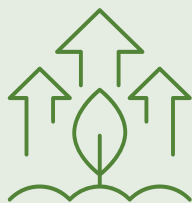
2022

Get ready to dive into the numbers that define our success. From impressive growth rates to noteworthy achievements, we're proud to share these highlights with you.



\$5.3M

INVESTED IN OUR
CORE PURPOSE



**58
PROJECTS**

EXISTING & 3 NEW
LARGE PROJECTS



**584ha
REGENERATED**

BUSHFIRE LAND =
1,442 SOCCER FIELDS



**189ha
PURCHASED**
AS PART OF **GONDWANA
RAINFOREST**



**\$1M
CONTRIBUTED**
IN VOLUNTEER HOURS



405,000

TREES GROWN
IN CRITICAL AREAS



**\$265,000
INVESTED**

LOCAL WILDLIFE
COMMUNITIES



**11 FLORA
& 16 FAUNA**

NATIONAL THREATENED
SPECIES SUPPORTED



UNESCO
WORLD HERITAGE
SHORTLISTED
**NILPENA EDIACARA
NATIONAL PARK**



1 MILLION
IMAGES COLLECTED
BY INDIGENOUS RANGERS
MONITORING NETWORK

TANGIBLE EVIDENCE
THAT OUR PROJECTS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



ALIGNING TO UN SDGs

We align our work with global and national environmental targets for maximum impact including the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals. In particular, we focus on Goals 15, 13 and 17, which are critical to achieving our mission of protecting and conserving Australia’s natural biodiversity.



ON THE LAND

Our efforts to establish new national parks, restore degraded land and protect threatened species are all aligned with this goal. By working to improve the health of our land, we can protect biodiversity, support the growth of healthy ecosystems, provide vital habitat for wildlife and safeguard our natural heritage for future generations.



CLIMATE ACTION

As we face the challenges of climate change, it is essential to take urgent action to reduce our impact on the environment and mitigate the effects of climate change. Our work to restore degraded land, plant trees and protect wildlife is all aimed at building resilience in the face of a changing climate.



PARTNERSHIPS FOR GOALS

Global goals can only be met if we work together. FNPW collaborates with community organisations, First Nations groups, donors, scientists and governments to create meaningful change. Through our partnerships, we aim to amplify our impact, build networks of support and leverage our resources to achieve shared goals.

FNPW partnerships also contribute towards a variety of other biodiversity reporting frameworks including the Global Biodiversity Framework targets, The Task Force for Nature-Related Financial Disclosures and ESG reporting.

We are proud to align our work with global standards and use these goals to measure our impact and make investment decisions that maximise the impact for the environment.

By focusing on growing national parks, saving threatened species and healing our land, we believe we can make a meaningful contribution to creating a more sustainable future for Australia and the world.

TOGETHER WE
CAN MAXIMISE
OUR COLLECTIVE
IMPACT ON
BIODIVERSITY TO
CREATE A MORE
SUSTAINABLE
FUTURE FOR
AUSTRALIANS





GROWING PARKS

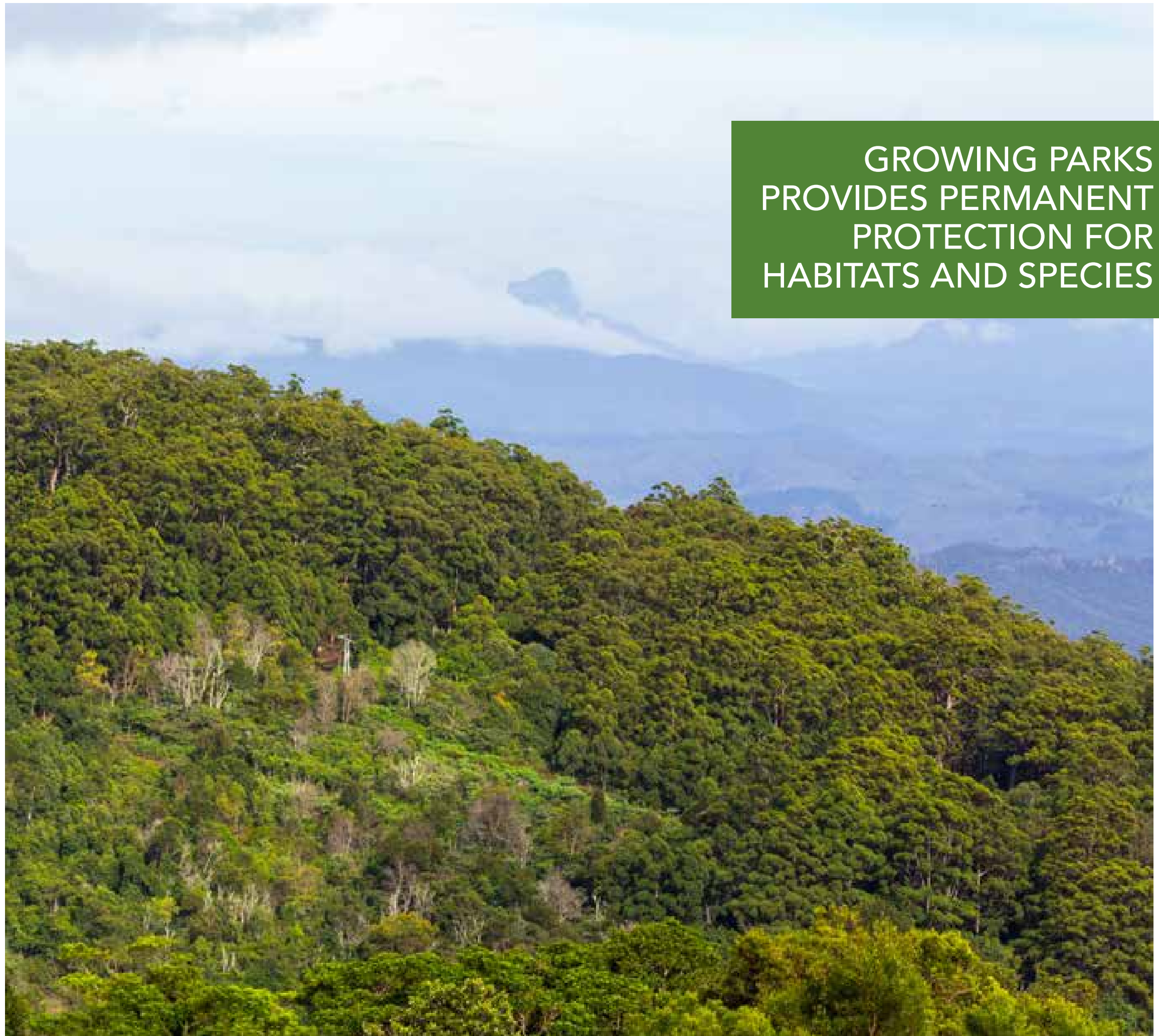
The Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) agreed at COP 15 and signed by 196 countries is a vital step towards protecting our planet's biodiversity. One of the critical targets is to protect 30% of land and marine areas by 2030 to stabilise declines in biodiversity. This framework recognises the importance of national parks in conserving the earth's biodiversity and emphasises the need for their growth.

Growing national parks is also essential to protecting our environment and providing ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration, air and water purification and soil stabilisation. Parks provide opportunities for ecotourism, education and scientific research.

The Federal Government's commitment to GBF's 30 x 30 is an ambitious but crucial target. It reflects the urgent need to protect our natural heritage and growing national parks is a crucial part of achieving this target.

We have invested more than \$60M since 2000 in acquiring land for new or expanded national parks. This investment provides permanent protection for habitats and species, ensuring their survival and creating a healthier tomorrow for future generations.

GROWING PARKS
PROVIDES PERMANENT
PROTECTION FOR
HABITATS AND SPECIES





SAVING SPECIES

As custodians of Earth, we are responsible for safeguarding endangered species and their habitats. Positive biodiversity is fundamental to the health of ecosystems and human well-being. Each species plays a unique role in its ecosystem, and the loss of even one can have far-reaching effects on the entire ecosystem. Moreover, healthy biodiversity provides essential ecosystem services, such as clean water, air purification and climate regulation, which are critical to our survival.

The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) of Australia lists hundreds of species as threatened or endangered, such as the Koala, Eastern Quoll, and Southern Cassowary. These species face a range of threats, such as habitat loss, climate change and invasive species.

To address this issue, we are leading the way in protecting Australia's habitats and species by aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 15 (Life on Land), 13 (Climate Change), and 17 (Partnerships for Goals). By conserving habitats and safeguarding threatened species, FNPW is not only preserving Australia's natural heritage but also contributing to global efforts to tackle climate change and protect biodiversity.



WE ARE LEADING
THE WAY IN PROTECTING
AUSTRALIA'S HABITATS
AND SPECIES

Photograph by Douglas Gimesy



HEALING OUR LAND

At FNPW, we are committed to restoring the natural habitats of Australian wildlife, which have been devastated by the recent bushfires and floods. Our goal is to grow and plant one million trees in these affected areas by 2025 helping to create wildlife corridors, improved habitats and to reduce our carbon footprint.

To achieve this ambitious goal, we have established 14 community based nurseries across Australia as part of our bushfire recovery nurseries program. These nurseries will serve as a stepping stone to regenerating national parks and areas of ecological significance. We are proud to have involved local communities in our effort to restore the environment, which also helps support local wildlife.

We believe that planting trees is one of the most effective ways to combat the impacts of human induced climate change and natural disasters. Trees provide shade, absorb carbon dioxide and help to prevent soil erosion. We strive to ensure that our work at FNPW is grounded in a combination of scientific evidence and Indigenous knowledge. We believe that the traditional knowledge of Australia's First Nations Peoples is essential to successful land management and conservation efforts.

With the help of your generous donations, we can continue our mission of restoring the natural habitats of Australia's wildlife. Together, we can make a difference and create a brighter, healthier future for our planet.

FNPW IS GROUNDED
IN A COMBINATION OF
SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE
AND INDIGENOUS
KNOWLEDGE



Photograph by Rebecca Collins

GROWING AND PLANTING 1 MILLION NATIVE TREES IN FLOOD AND FIRE AFFECTED AREAS BY 2025



LANDSCAPE RESILIENCE

A community led programme that increases landscape resilience and supports biodiversity on a national scale.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Land clearing, invasive species and extreme weather patterns have depleted the natural function of our land, resulting in Australia having one of the highest plant and animal species extinction rates in the world and reducing the ability of our landscape to withstand climate change.



Photograph by Peter Lik

THE SOLUTION

Restoring damaged ecosystems is crucial for long-term sustainability. The Landscape Resilience Programme funds native vegetation regeneration and supplementary planting. We target fragmented ecosystems adjacent to protected areas, habitat corridors, riparian zones, and wetlands to increase resilience and provide refuge for species migration in the face of climate change.



Photograph by Rebecca Collins

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

We supported 14 local plant nurseries, dispatched 330K diverse plants to revegetation sites, and worked on 22 restoration projects on public and private land. Thanks to more than 1000 volunteers, over 550 hectares have been regenerated. Our efforts have extended across 16 Local Government Areas, spanning Queensland, New South Wales, the Australian Capital Territory, Victoria and South Australia.



400,000
TREES GROWN



550+
HECTARES
REGENERATED



1,000+
VOLUNTEERS



14
NURSERIES



CREATING A GREEN CORRIDOR FOR THREATENED SPECIES IN THE MT LOFTY RANGES AND FLEURIEU PENINSULA

Photograph by Mark Oliphant



BANDICOOT SUPERHIGHWAY

Reducing the risk of extinction for the endangered Southern Brown Bandicoot in South Australia.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Introduced predators and habitat degradation endangering the Southern Brown Bandicoot in Mt Lofty Ranges, SA. Coordinated efforts will result in habitat restoration and improved connectivity in Mt Lofty/Fleurieu Peninsula Landscape.



Photograph by Rebecca Collins



THE SOLUTION

In 2022, FNPW partnered with Sturt Upper Reaches Landcare Group, SA Government and Landscape Boards for year two of this community-based project. Focus of the project is habitat restoration, connecting landscapes, habitat management, community monitoring and species recovery trials.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

We've established a habitat restoration site, launched a web-based sightings portal and engaged 130 volunteers to plant 13,300 plants. We have completed herbivore exclusion fencing, improved habitat across 39 hectares and conducted ongoing surveys.



Photograph by Luke Price



13,330
NATIVE PLANTS



39+
HECTARES



130+
VOLUNTEERS



5KM
CORRIDOR

FIRE WISE STUDIES PLANTS AND METHODS TO REDUCE BUSHFIRE IMPACT ACROSS AUSTRALIA



FIRE WISE PROJECT

Harnessing local and First Nations knowledge
to reduce the impact of bushfires.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

The 2019/20 Black Summer bushfires burnt an area totalling 10.2 million hectares, with approximately 8.2 million hectares of native forest being burnt which is equivalent to 6 per cent of all Australian native forests (Source: *Australian Forestry Journal* editorial June 2020).



Photograph by Peter Lik



Photograph by Mark Cairns

THE SOLUTION

The Fire Wise project in NSW, Victoria, and South Australia (2023-25) studies plants and methods to reduce bushfire impact. Community groups develop training, seedbanks, and nurseries with government funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Our goal is to establish 2+ nurseries and seed banks, support 10 seed banks and 20 revegetation sites. We will collaborate with 12+ local community organisations and 10 local government areas for a resilient ecosystem.



Photograph by Kyogle Landcare



10+
SEED BANKS



20
REVEGETATION
SITES



12+
EXPERTS



10
LGAs

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS RANGERS TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE CULTURALLY IMPORTANT THREATENED SPECIES AND HABITATS



WARDDEKEN MAYH RECOVERY PROJECT

Building capacity for First Nation management and recovery of Mayh (species) and country in the Warddeken Indigenous Protected Area.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

The management of Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA) and traditional owner landscapes requires the support and building of the capacity of Indigenous rangers to protect and enhance culturally important threatened species and habitats.



Photograph by Stacy Irving

THE SOLUTION

With the completion of the program's second year, FNPW continued to support the Warddeken Daluk (Women's) Ranger program, threatened species monitoring, fire management and introduced species control activities.



Photograph by Karrkad Kanjdji Trust

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Engaging with 45 Indigenous rangers, including Daluk rangers, for field teams and data processing. Continued long-term monitoring with additional species focus. Deployment of 190 cameras, capturing 500,000 images across 38 sites. Trialing AI tech for camera surveys and song meter surveys for threatened birds. Monitoring and surveying threatened species. Successfully culling feral herbivores.



Photograph by Karrkad Kanjdji Trust



72+
SPECIES
RECORDED



1,000,000
IMAGE
CAPTURES



45+
RANGERS



38
SITES
COVERED

RESTORING HABITATS FOR THREATENED TURTLE POPULATIONS



1 MILLION TURTLES

Local communities leading expansionary conservation program for Australian declining turtle diversity.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Freshwater turtles in Australia have declined by up to 91%, especially in southeast regions. Turtles are important scavengers for river health. Loss of habitat, disturbance, predators and reduced breeding success threaten their survival.

THE SOLUTION

Supported by FNPW, this project by the University of Western Sydney, community and schools aims to restore threatened turtle populations. Initiatives include habitat restoration, classroom breeding for release, research, protected islands/ nests and community education/training.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The program involves seven schools with turtle breeding and curriculum integration. TurtleSAT monitoring and 'Turtles in Schools' website launched. Research themes initiated, including the National Nest Predation Experiment. Exclusion fencing managed for wetland nesting sites.




Photograph by 1 Million Turtles




Photograph by 1 Million Turtles



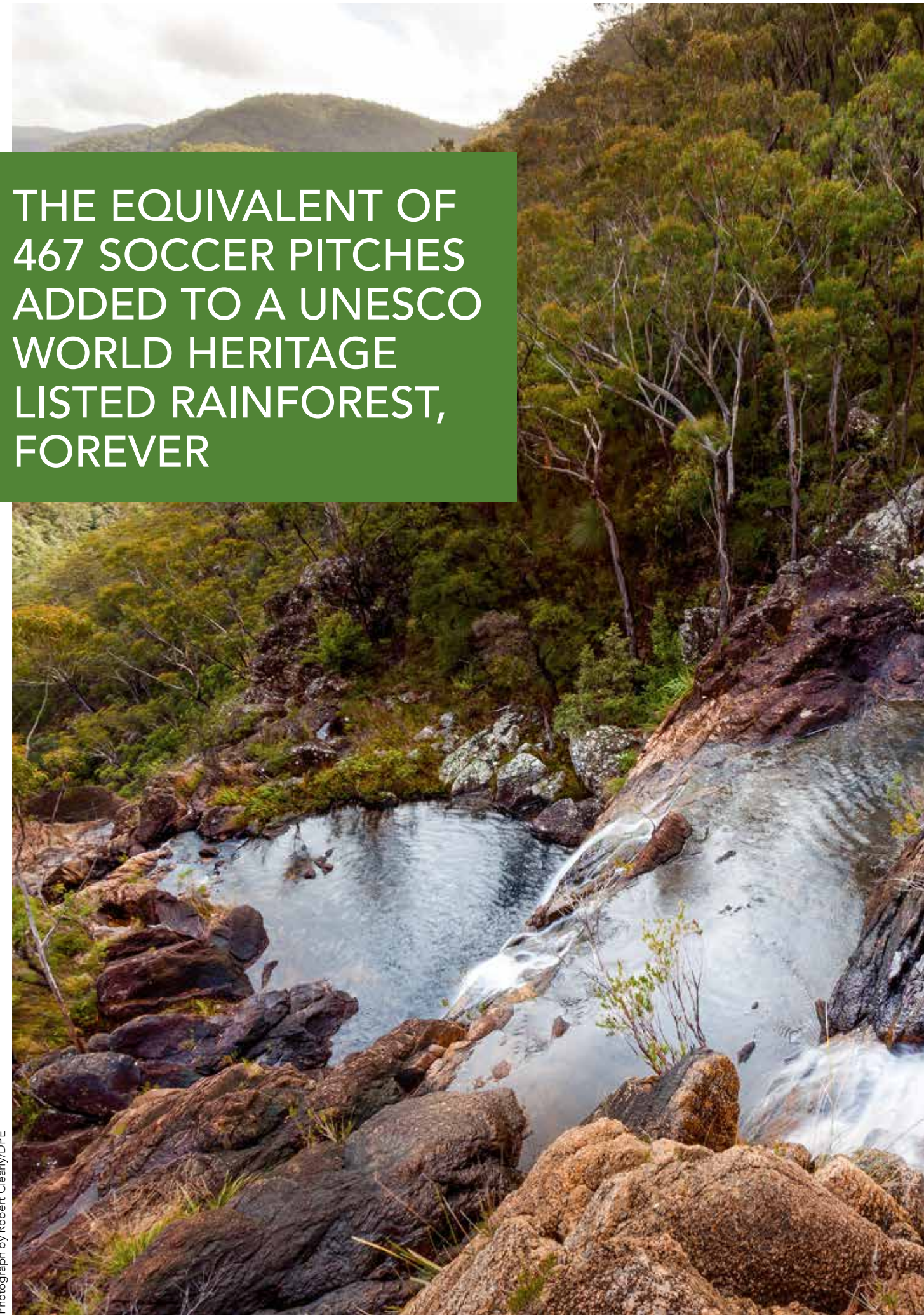
Photograph by Ricky Spencer


1065
SAVED
TURTLES


255
PROTECTED
NESTS


15,736
TURTLE-SAT
RECORDS


100's
SCHOOL
PARTICIPANTS



THE EQUIVALENT OF
467 SOCCER PITCHES
ADDED TO A UNESCO
WORLD HERITAGE
LISTED RAINFOREST,
FOREVER

Photograph by Robert Clearly/DPE



GONDWANA PROJECT

Gondwana had a lush, warm, tropical climate, similar to the climate of a tropical rainforest today. It was formed some time during the Ediacaran Period, about 550-530 million years ago, as a result of the collision of several ancient continents.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Loss of land use and the destruction of habitats is the number one cause in the decline of biodiversity in Australia.



Photograph by Robert Clearly/DPE

THE SOLUTION

Buying land to expand and create new national parks safeguards Australia's rich biodiversity preserving the environmental benefits they provide and their cultural value for future generations. Our most recent purchase is extending the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Gondwana Rainforests of Australia.



Photograph by John Spencer/DPE

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Protecting 189 hectares of vitally important biodiversity national park is a crucial step in preserving our natural heritage. This act of conservation helps to protect more than 200 threatened species in UNESCO world heritage listed national parks, ensuring that these species continue to thrive for generations to come.



Photograph by Michael Schwab



189ha
PROTECTED
FOREVER



+200
THREATENED
SPECIES



UNESCO
EXPANDED AREA

SUPPORTING THE REAL HEROES WHO RESCUE, TREAT AND REHABILITATE AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE



WILDLIFE HEROES

Ensuring more native animals receive better treatment
by supporting the volunteer wildlife care sector.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

The impact of many stressors on Australian wildlife is clearly demonstrated by the extinction crisis we are in. Many species are being pushed to the edge.



THE SOLUTION

Wildlife Heroes helps wildlife rescue, treatment and rehabilitation. We expand rehab facilities, equip and train volunteers, form a vet community, provide a website with info and offer resources for well-being in wildlife rehab.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The team of volunteers rescued an impressive average of 104,000 sick or injured native animals and responded to 180,000 calls for assistance each year. In addition to their rescue efforts, Wildlife Heroes provided valuable support to the NSW wildlife sector, including \$265,000 worth of asset and emergency flood recovery grants.



180K
ASSISTANCE
CALLS ANNUALLY



104,000
SICK & INJURED
ANIMALS



10+
VET CLINICS



\$265K
EMERGENCY
GRANTS

WE ARE THE CHARITY PARTNER
OF AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL PARKS,
ENSURING THAT AUSTRALIA'S WILDLIFE AND
WILDERNESS ARE CONSERVED FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS.

WE PARTNER WITH GOVERNMENT,
CORPORATE AUSTRALIA AND OTHER NGOS
TO RESTORE NATIVE LAND AND WILDLIFE
POPULATIONS AND SUPPORT LOCAL
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITIES.

THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR
SUPPORTERS, WE HAVE PROTECTED
NATURAL AUSTRALIA FOR OVER 50 YEARS.

MAJOR PARTNERS

ONE TREE PLANTED AND GLOBAL GIVING

PARTNERS

L'OCCITANE, AKTIONSGEMEINSCHAP CONSERVATION PROJECTS (AGA)

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