

Information Sheet 1: Biodiversity and Biodiversity Response Planning - Focus Landscapes

Biodiversity

Biodiversity encompasses all components of the living world: the number and variety of plants, animals and other living things, including fungi and micro-organisms, across our land, rivers, coast and ocean. It includes the diversity of their genetic information, the habitats and ecosystems within which they live, and their connections with other life forms and the natural world.

Victoria is fortunate to have an incredible array of plants and animals that make our biodiversity beautiful and unique. However, many species face significant threats from introduced pests or predators e.g. rabbits, diminishing and fragmented habitats, and a rapidly changing climate.

Biodiversity Response Planning

Biodiversity Response Planning is how the Victorian Government is implementing Victoria's plan for Biodiversity, [Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037](#), in different places.

For more information about what is Biodiversity Response Planning, please read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Focus Landscapes

Biodiversity Response Planning has resulted in the identification of [Focus Landscapes](#), which are places that are likely to give the greatest biodiversity benefit. Consider projects that link to a location or threatened species/community management plan (as identified in the **Focus Landscapes**) to meet Biodiversity 2037 targets.

[Maps](#) have been developed to guide where biodiversity actions should occur. Fact Sheets are available that describe each Focus Landscape, including the species or communities that occur there, their threats and actions to address the threats that will achieve the most outcomes for biodiversity in that landscape. Use the Fact Sheets to help design your project.

Resources

[Focus Landscapes Interactive Map](#)

The map shows Focus Landscapes and will take you to the fact sheets. Use the map to find and click on the Focus Landscape you are interested in.

[Biodiversity Response Planning Fact Sheets](#)

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