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Territory Natural Resource Management (TNRM) is the regional NRM body for the Northern Territory and is one of 56 regional NRM bodies across Australia.

In collaboration with the NT community we have developed and are implementing the NT Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan 2010 – 2015.

TNRM has received \$13.5 million in base level funding from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country (CFOC) program for 2009-2013 (4 years).

Approx 70% of TNRM's base level funding supports community and volunteer groups, landcare and indigenous ranger groups, landholders, NT government and NGOs in the delivery of projects and on-ground activities contributing to CFOC targets and the implementation of the NT INRM Plan.

Between 2009 and 2012 TNRM engaged and worked with over 60 groups/organisations and numerous individual land managers to deliver 150 projects across the Northern Territory.

Key funding base-level funding programs include:

- \$2.35 million of direct funding for coordinator positions in pastoral landcare and indigenous ranger groups
- \$1.2 million in devolved small grants for local groups and landholders undertaking on-ground NRM projects.
- \$900,000 on Land and Sea Country project on Indigenous land

Key outcomes include:

- Over 315 individuals supported by TNRM regional coordinators and pastoral landcare group coordinators to improve their NRM knowledge and skills
- 87,500 ha managed to protect critical aquatic habitats
- 309,976 ha managed to reducing the impact of weeds

TNRM is also coordinating CFOC Open Call projects such as the \$1.9 million (over 4 years) collaborative landscape scale project to control *Mimosa pigra* (Weed of National Significance) in the Daly and Moyle catchments (an area the size of Tasmania).

In regard to how climate change impacts on biodiversity may flow on to affect human communities and the economy

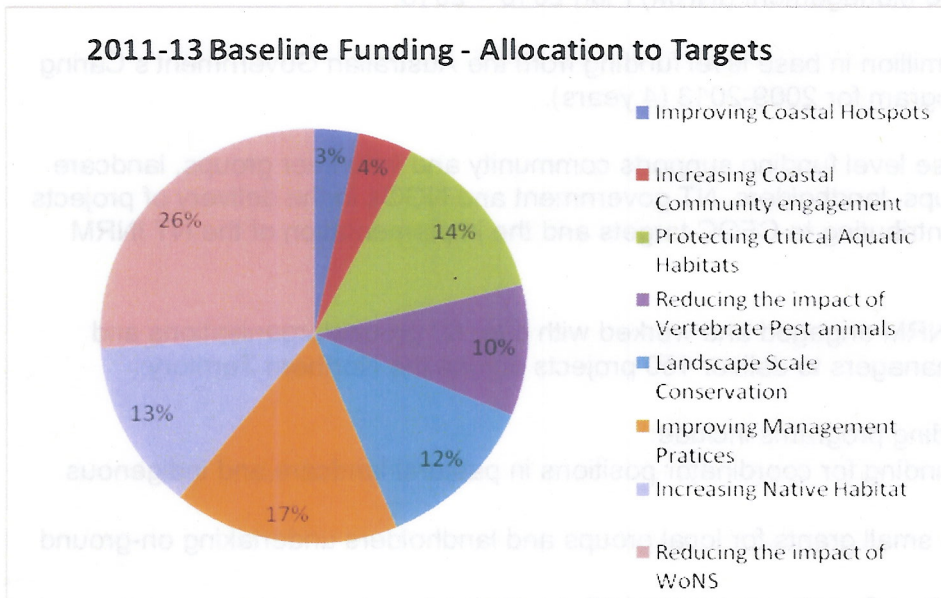
TNRM has funded a project to evaluate and monitor saltwater intrusion in Arafura Swamp (an environmentally significant freshwater coastal swamp covering 700 km²) caused by buffalo movement (creation of swim channels) and sea level-rise is a collaboration between the local ranger group and Charles Darwin University. The rates and extent of saltwater intrusion over the past 20 years were measured and options were provided to the Traditional Owners to reduce the rate of saltwater encroachment into the freshwater wetlands. The capacity of Indigenous rangers to manage the swamp was also enhanced during the project through training in scientific monitoring techniques.

TNRM is also supporting a project with the Northern Land Council, and the Traditional Owners and Indigenous Rangers of Arafura Swamp to manage the impacts of Buffalo on the wetland.

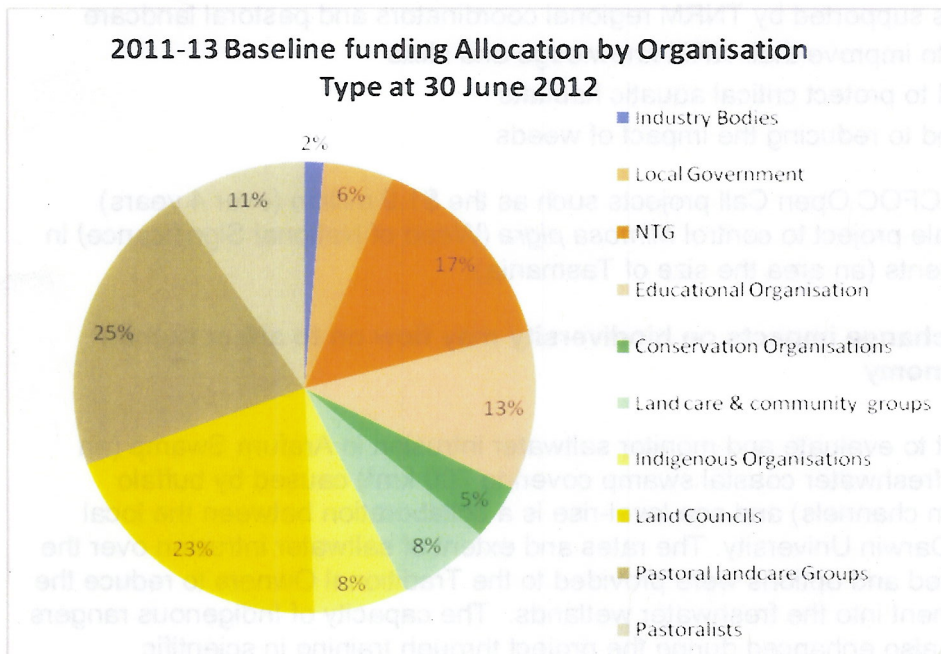
In regard to connectivity between ecosystems and across landscapes that may contribute to biodiversity conservation

TNRM is delivering a Territory Conservation Agreement program that enables landholders to enter into 10 year binding agreements to conserve areas of their property. TNRM provides funding support for the establishment and management of sites (up to \$50,000). In the last 12 months the project has delivered 9 Conservation Agreements resulting in 754 ha of land on critically underrepresented bioregions and 620 ha of areas with high biodiversity values and sensitive vegetation under conservation. Another 6 agreements are in negotiation.

Charts showing TNRM's CFOC Base-level funding split across CFOC Targets



Charts showing TNRM's CFOC Base-level funding split across organisation type



Landcare & community groups: small urban and peri-urban groups

Pastoral Landcare Groups: groups supporting landholders across 47% of the NT

Conservation Organisations: Australian Wildlife Conservancy etc