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The Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan contains a number of acronyms. To help you read the Plan we have described the acronyms used in this factsheet. The acronyms are described in different categories with an explanatory note where required.

Category	Acronym	Full name	Explanation
Community Groups NGOS	GA and GANT	Greening Australia Greening Australia NT	Greening Australia is a community based not for profit organisation which aims to work in partnership with landholders, the community, government and business to tackle environmental degradation in a practical, apolitical, scientific way. GA has State and Territory networks including a GA NT.
	LCNT	Landcare Council of the NT	The Landcare Council of the Northern Territory (LCNT) is the regional body responsible for the development and implementation of an integrated NRM plan in the NT. It is also the peak community and industry body advising the NT Government on natural resource management issues in the Territory.
	VRDCA	Victoria River District Conservation Association	A group of land managers responsible for 116,330 km ² of tropical and sub-tropical savannas and comprises pastoralists, traditional landholders, councils, Department of Defence, Parks and Wildlife and other government representatives and private individuals with an interest in conservation of the Victoria River District..
	WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature	An independent not for profit conservation organisation which aims to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment.
Aboriginal Organisations	ALC	Anindilyakwa Land Council	Represents traditional Aboriginal landowners and Aboriginal people on Groote Island.
	CLC	Central Land Council	Represents traditional Aboriginal landowners and Aboriginal people in the Central Region of the Northern Territory.
	ILC	Indigenous Land Corporation	The ILC is an independent Australian Government statutory authority established to assist Indigenous people acquire land and to manage Indigenous held land to provide benefits to themselves and for future generations.
	NLC	Northern Land Council	Represents traditional Aboriginal landowners and Aboriginal people in the Top End of the Northern Territory of Australia.
	TLC	Tiwi Land Council	Represents traditional Aboriginal landowners and Aboriginal people in the Tiwi Islands of the Northern Territory.

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Government organisations departments committees	ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Australia's official statistical organisation which provides a national statistical service.
	AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection service	An operating group within the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) providing quarantine inspection for the arrival of international passengers, cargo, mail, animals and plants or their products into Australia, and inspection and certification for a range of animal and plant products exported from Australia.
	COAG	Council of Australian Governments	The peak intergovernmental forum in Australia, comprising the Prime Minister, State Premiers, Territory Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).
	DBIRD	Department of Business Industry and Resource Development	NT Government Department with a focus on economic development including primary industries, fishing and mining.
	DPIF	Former Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries	
	DEH	Department of Environment and Heritage	Australian Government Department responsible for developing and implementing national policy, programs and legislation to protect and conserve Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage.
	DIPE	Department of Infrastructure Planning and Environment	NT Government Department responsible for coordinating development and infrastructure along with protecting and conserving the natural environment and heritage values of the NT.
	DLPE	Former Department of Lands Planning and Environment	
	ERISS	Environmental Research Institute of the Supervising Scientist	Division of DEH responsible for protection of the environment through research, monitoring, supervision, audit and inspection. Ensures protection of the Alligator river system and promotes best practice in wetland conservation and management.

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	JSC	Joint Steering Committee	A joint Commonwealth-Northern Territory Steering Committee established to oversee the implementation of the NHT in the NT and which is the main body responsible for facilitating joint decision making between the two governments.
	MEWG	Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group	Established by the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council and containing representatives from each jurisdiction the MEWG is responsible for developing a set of national Resource Condition Indicators.
	NOO	National Oceans Office	Agency of DEH responsible for coordinating and implementing Australia's oceans policy.
	NTTC	Northern Territory Tourism Commission	Responsible for marketing and developing the NT tourism market.
	PWCNT	Former Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT	
Planning Terms	INRM	Integrated Natural Resource Management	Integrated NRM recognises the interconnected quality of natural resources and refers to a specific desire to use a holistic and integrated approach to management.
	MA	Management Action	Actions which will help achieve the Management Action Targets (MAT).
	MAT	Management Action Target	1-5 year, measurable, specific and time bound intermediate targets which contribute to progress towards longer term resource condition targets.
	NRM	Natural Resource Management	Commonly used term referring to the management of a range of natural resources such as biodiversity, soil, water and vegetation.
	RCT	Resource Condition Target	10 – 20 year specific, time bound, measurable targets relating to the condition of natural resources.
	SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound	Attributes of goals and objectives designed to help achieve the goals.

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Technical Terms	CAR	Comprehensive Adequate Representative	Term used to describe the preferred attributes of a reserve system for the conservation of biodiversity and other environmental outcomes.
	ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development	ESD is defined as “using, conserving and enhancing the community's resources so that ecological processes, on which life depends, are maintained, and the total quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased.”
	LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas	Natural gas cooled to minus 161 degrees Celsius.
Research Institutions	CDU	Charles Darwin University	Australia's youngest University formed through a merger between the Northern Territory University and Alice Spring-based Centralian College.
	CRC	Cooperative research Centre	The CRC Programme was established in 1990 to improve the effectiveness of Australia's research and development effort. It links researchers with industry to focus research and development efforts on progress towards utilisation and commercialisation.
	CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Australia's scientific and industrial research organisations which uses research and development to provide new ways to improve our quality of life, and the economic and social performance of industry sectors.
	TS-CRC	Tropical Savannas Cooperative Research Centre	The TSCRC conducts research and communication activities to help ensure that the savannas are healthy and managed to provide long term benefits (economic, aesthetic social and cultural) to those who use them and to sustain the biodiversity and habitat endemic to them.