

Collaborative Biodiversity Surveys in the NT

About this Project

Biodiversity surveys are an important part of conservation management because they tell us what fauna & flora species exist in an area and this is essential information for land management and regional planning. NRETA staff conduct biodiversity surveys in priority regions in the NT using systematic and standardised methods. The project **Collaborative Regional Biodiversity Surveys in the NT** is a Natural Heritage Trust project which has been funded in 2006/07 under the NT INRM plan & NT Regional Investment Strategy (2006). The project will develop a program for future biodiversity surveys in the NT & strengthen community involvement in surveys.

PROJECT AIMS

1. Strengthen community involvement in regional biodiversity surveys by building awareness and capacity
2. Provide a detailed protocol for undertaking biodiversity surveys to suit a range of users
3. Develop a plan for future regional biodiversity surveys in the NT based on survey gaps and priorities

METHODS

A review of existing survey data and the threats to biodiversity will be undertaken to identify knowledge gaps and priority areas for future surveys.

Consultation will also take place with a range of NRM stakeholders across different land use sectors and NT regions to:

- assess existing capacity and interest of groups for involvement with regional biodiversity surveys
- identify priority areas for biodiversity surveys



Consultation will target local-level facilitators who represent groups of stakeholders in different regions and with different interests and capacity. Some pilot collaborative biodiversity surveys will be done to trial

community involvement and methods for capacity building.



OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES

- A program for future biodiversity surveys in the NT
- Protocols for undertaking biodiversity surveys to suit a range of users
- Opportunity for stakeholder training and access to survey equipment

The overall outcome of the project should be a planned, standardised, & collaborative approach to future biodiversity surveys that will help guide natural resource management in the NT.

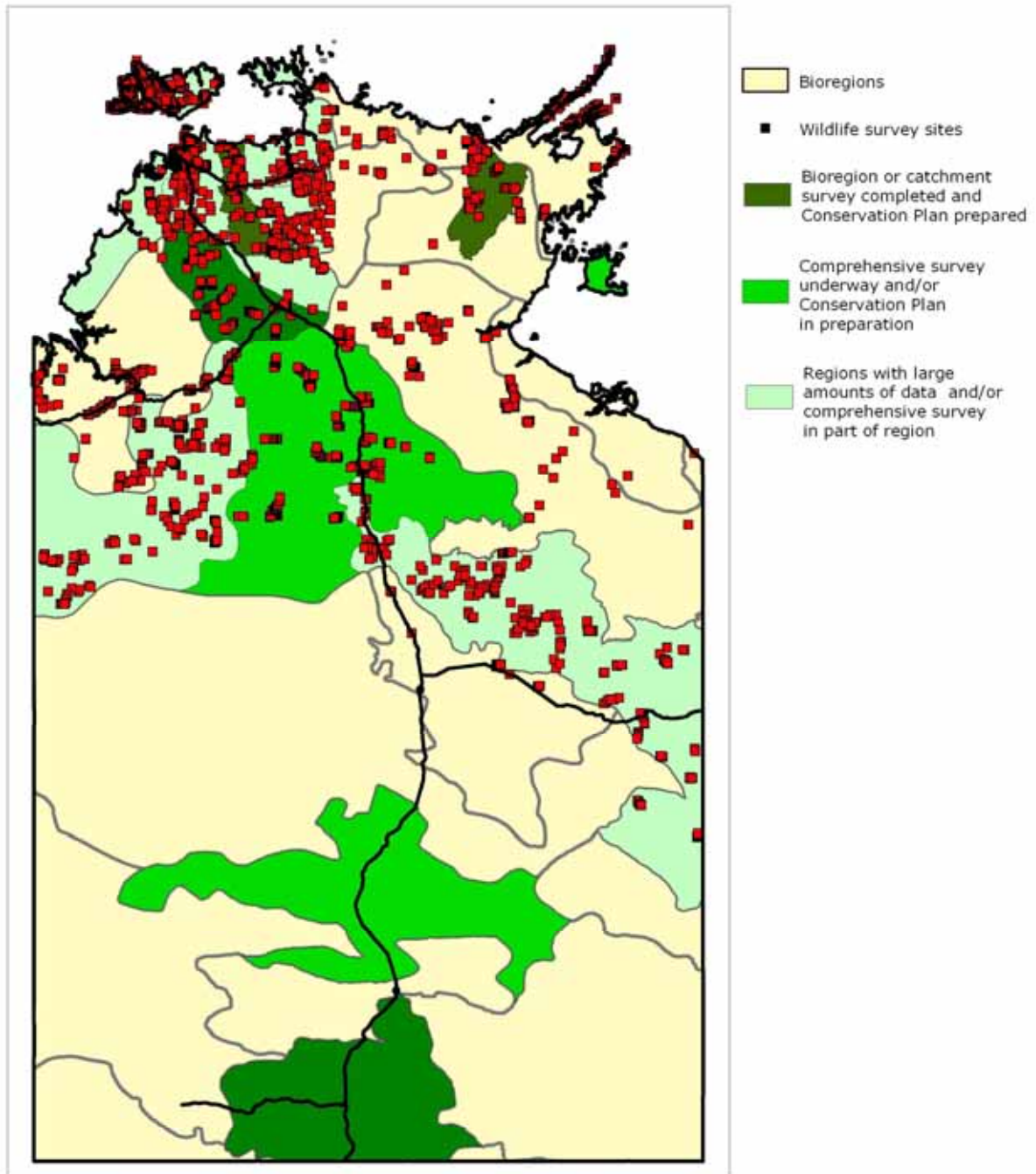
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Comprehensive wildlife surveys in the Northern Territory. Bioregions or catchments where regional surveys have been undertaken or are underway are highlighted, and the distribution of wildlife survey sites in the northern NT are shown. Location of survey sites in the southern NT and most recent sites in the north have not yet been added. There have also been some comprehensive thematic surveys (eg. arid wetlands) which are not specifically shown here.

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