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Project Description

This project aims to build on the current priority projects titled 'Mapping, Classification, Evaluation and threat assessment of the Wetlands in the Northern Agricultural Region' currently developing baseline information for wetlands on the coastline between Jurien and Leeman.

The project will continue to map, classify, evaluate and prioritise wetlands in the NAR. Information gathered on the social, economic and environmental values and threats will be used to target priority wetlands for management. The project aims to work with landholders and community to implement strategic management activities such as fencing, revegetation, weed and feral animal control to enhance restore and maintain the ecological integrity of priority wetlands throughout the region.

Many wetlands within the northern agricultural region are listed on the National Directory of Important Wetlands in Australia. This project is expected to identify further wetlands suitable for inclusion in the register. Any information obtained from the wetland mapping will be provided to the State Wetlands Coordinating Committee and included in the Statewide Wetlands Database.

A range of uncertainties currently exist about wetland conditions in the NAR. To evaluate on ground activities and further our knowledge of wetlands in the NAR the project also aims to gather baselines on environmental variables associated with wetland health. This will be achieved by implementing a seasonal monitoring program of priority wetlands. Information gathered on environmental parameters will be stored in a data base to be used for monitoring of restoration activities and changes to wetlands over time.

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