

Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	53
Meeting Name	NAMAC
Date	February 17, 2023
Time	9:30-2:30
Venue	Committee Room*, level 3, Cairns Regional Council, cnr Spence and Draper Street Cairns *Please sign in at reception downstairs and take elevator to level 3 where will collect you
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Minutes

1.	Acknowledgement of Country	
2.	Attendance Jade Monda CRC, Brooklyn Lancaster CRC, Matt Buckman HSC, Michael Nash HSC, Tudor Tanase TRC, Chris McCormack DSC, Sarah Hoyal Terrain NRM, Dave Preece CY NRM, Darryn Higgins CSC, Cr Jeff Baines CCRC, Cr Kate Milton HSC, Damon Sydes CCRC, Travis Sydes FNQROC	
3.	Apologies (proxies provided for attendees of compliance training as noted) James Donaldson, Graham Weinert , Ken Golbey, Darlene Irvine , Kelly Harrington	
4.	Guests Annelise Wiebkin – National Deer Management Coordinator Kylie Freebody – WTMA	10:30 am
5.	Acceptance of previous minutes moved: Michael Nash seconded: Jade Monda	
6.	Actions from Previous Meeting No. 53	

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51.2 (49.8)	Disaster management- natural assets code of practice – DM workshop Run as a DM exercise/workshop in the same format as the Animal Management exercise delivered by the Climate Resilient Alliance	1. FNQROC/DM /NAMAC	2. include in FNQROC Climate Resilience Coordinator work plan
51.4	Regional Aquatic Biosecurity Strategy – concept discussion Action: 1. Develop draft regional aquatic biosecurity strategy for consultation and report back to NAMAC. 2. NAMAC members provide outline of aquatic biosecurity programs in provided template. 3. Engage with other relevant stakeholders	1. FNQROC/BQ/WT WP 2. NAMAC 3. FNQROC/BQ/WTWP	2. include
51.6	APDS mapping exercise and regional mapping review Action: Package and circulate updated regional grid mapping data to councils for use in their corporate GIS systems.	1. FNQROC	1. Pending
51.8	QPWS Values based management framework (VBMF) planning Action: BQ and FNQROC arrange meeting with QPWS and WTMA regarding progress and status of VBMF plans and integration with LG biosecurity plans (and other plans) DES – wetlands values framework	BQ, FNQROC	Pending
52.1	Emerging weeds workshop (Segun Osunkoya BQ) – postponed to March 2023 Meeting Action: 1. Circulate weed risk assessment/profiles for comment	1. FNQROC	1. Segun unavailable – move to May meeting
52.2	Regional Aquatic Biosecurity Strategy – next steps Action: 1. Complete outstanding program profiles from individual councils. 2. Collate profiles from BQ, NRM, Ranger Groups and other NGOs	1. FNQROC/Councils 2. FNQROC	Ongoing
52.3	Amazon frogbit biosecurity response plan & control/biology field day Response plan circulated for comment. Field day date to be determined	1. FNQROC 2. Mareeba, BQ	1. Complete 2. Pending (post wet season)
52.4	Cooktown gamba grass taskforce update and proposal. Action: 1. Participating councils reserve April 17-21 in calendar. 2 Cook and Cape York NRM provide additional details for participants at start of 2023.	1. NAMAC 2. CSC CY NRM	1. Complete 2. Pending

52.5	<p>Cassowary credits scheme</p> <p>Action: Cassowary Credits case study /trial sites bid in current format to other suitable funding streams resubmit</p>	1. Terrain NRM, FNQROC	Complete
52.6	<p>Land Protection Fund Research proposals</p> <p>Action: 1. submit <u>Biology of thatch grass (<i>Hyparrhenia rufa</i>)</u> research proposal and submit to the State Oversight Group for consideration. 2. revisit Wet Tropics/FNQ feral cat management options and population research proposal. 3. Submit request to respond to Wet Tropics feral pig shyness of plastic hoppers for Hoggone pig baits</p>	1. FNQROC, CSC 2. NAMAC 3. NAMAC	1. Complete 2. Underway 3. Underway
52.7	<p>Training – Humane destruction of animals</p> <p>Action: 1. Share the course outline. 2. Nominate officers required to attend and return so a quote can be prepared.</p>	1. FNQROC, MSC 2. NAMAC	Quote is prepared and numbers submitted – securing venue

Discussion or items from business arising.

51.4

Regional Aquatic Biosecurity Strategy

Action: Follow up with BQ fisheries

51.8

News ! - Reef guardian councils have announced 17.4 million over 4 years – non-competitive, same allocation for all LGs (920k over 3 years). More information soon as the program firms up

- Based on reef guardian plans- assistance to update plans and lock them into for 3 years prior
- Partnerships with TOs and NRM
- Funding is not impacted by other funding or projects
- Not for planning etc – direct action to deliver reef 2050 goals
- Mitigation efforts at the forefront

Also, relevant. Development with SARA of guidelines/bmp for fish passage and structures- LGAQ and RGCs

Action: host teleconference to discuss LG investments and identify any opportunities for regional collaboration

52.4

Annan/Endeavour Gamba grass taskforce

Action: circulate date claimer and taskforce brief

52.5

Cassowary Credits Scheme and COP15 Report

Sarah Hoyal provided an update of the progress of the Cassowary Credit Scheme and a report back on the Terrain NRM delegation to COP15. Key points

- NRRP program bid not successful however options for implementation option with DES and WWF in discussion
- [Accounting for Nature](#) accreditation underway (this will stream line future implementation by making the CC scheme compatible with the national standard provided by AFN)
- Report to DES on the COP 15 conversations provided fyi – (see item 8.4 or more detail)

Next meeting Sarah will introduce the updated framework and talk about site selection for pilots/trials of the method.

52.7

Humane destruction training

Action: once venue with shooting range is secured, revisit quote and numbers. (Also consider Inloc as service provider and Kurrimine Gun Club as venue)

7.	Update from FNQROC	
8.	<p>General Business</p> <p>8.1 National Deer Management Plan – Annelise Weibkin, via Teams (10:30)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions – national deer management coordinator – national feral deer management plan – out now for consultation • Building coordination across agents and actors to get more deer management in place – deer coordination role one of four national coordinator roles • Social media awareness campaign – 6 week trial in 4 separate localities • Discussion regarding target area for feral deer (rusa) campaign. • Agreement from committee to proceed with the proviso the target area excludes sub region at Cairns’ request <p>Action: Identify suitable centre point for 80 km media campaign. Identify key messages and values to identify in campaign. Council areas not included in the campaign target area are free to use the campaign materials if they wish.</p> <p>In addition the committee discussed a planned State Feral Deer forum mooted for NQ/FNQ. Agreement from Hinchinbrook to host as a central location for both regions and consider holding alongside NAMAC or other forum</p> <p>Action: HSC, BQ and FNQROC identify date for forum.</p> <p>8.2 Wet Tropics Restoration Alliance – next steps and engagement with LGs – Kylie Freebody</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate EOI for steering group membership (closing 20th March) • Trav circulate EOI with minutes • Kylie contracted as coordinator for next little while to fine tune the approach and establish the steering group. <p>8.3 RLP bid Sarah Hoyal, Terrain NRM</p> <p>The RLP bid will cover off on 5 themes derived from national threatened species action plan. Seeking feedback on concepts for the EOI. These will be circulated post-meeting for comment. If successful they will be further refined through a co-design process.</p> <p>Action: share the RLP concepts for comment.</p> <p>8.4 UN Biodiversity Conference – (COP15) Report – Terrain NRM (for noting)</p>	

Sarah provided a report on the COP15. DES funded 2 Terrain NRM delegates to attend and report back to the state. Key points

- 12,000 people attendance
- Biological diversity convention
- [Global Biodiversity Targets](#) agreed to under the [Global Biodiversity Framework](#) (GBF)

The newly adopted framework will now set the global biodiversity action agenda for the next decade, including:

- halt extinction of known threatened species and significantly reduce extinction risk (Goal A)
- ensure at least 30 per cent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine ecosystems are under effective restoration (Target 2)
- ensure at least 30 per cent of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas are effectively conserved and managed (Target 3)
- reduce the rates of introduction and establishment of other known or potential invasive alien species by at least 50 per cent, by 2030 (Target 6)
- reduce pollution risks and impacts of pollution from all sources to prevent harmful impacts on biodiversity (Target 7)
- minimise the impact of climate change and ocean acidification on biodiversity (Target 8)
- mainstream biodiversity into decision-making across government and business (Targets 14 and 15)

Action: circulate the Cop15 report – reach out if you require more details, clarity

8.5 Task force proposals for 2023

Siam weed taskforce upper Mulgrave - Jawajwa Rangers (Dulabed and Malanbarra Yindinji RNTBC) postponed to 2024

Cooktown gamba grass taskforce - 17-21 April 2023

8.6 Regional mapping review

Final compilation underway.

8.7 Biosecurity Queensland update

8.8 Terrain NRM update

8.9 Cape York NRM update

- Preparing RLP partnerships
- Grazing forum – Laura in May

8.10 Land Protection Fund and State Oversight Group

Thatch grass proposal submitted. Feral cat and feral pigs proposals next to be developed.

8.11 Climate Resilient Councils – next steps

Coordinator recruitment underway. Project co-funded between the TNQ Drought Hub and FNQROC. Will expand the Climate Action Plan from the Rivers to Reef Climate Resilient Alliance pilot to all 12 ROC councils; align these with LG actions arising from the QRQ Regional Resilience Strategies; and assist design and deliver the Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP) in partnership with Terrain NRM, Gulf Savannah NRM and TNQ Drought Hub (operating out of JCU Cairns)

	<p>LG updates</p> <p>Updates around the room provided by LGs on key projects and programs.</p> <p>Action: CRC provide legal advice regarding Fire Operations Legal Advice Powers</p> <p>8.12 Business Arising</p>	
9.	Points for noting to the FNQROC Board	
10.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Planned for May 25</p>	
11.	Meeting Close	

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