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SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT THREATENED SPECIES OR COMMUNITY RECOVERY TEAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Recovery Team name	Rufous Hare Wallaby (Mala) Recovery team	
Reporting Period (Financial/Calendar Year)	Calendar year 2007	
Current membership		
	Member	Representing
1. Chair	Chris Pavey	Biodiversity Conservation, Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts, NT
2.	Dr Colleen Sims	Shark Bay District, DEC
3.	Dr Nicky Marlow	Science Division, DEC
4.	Neil Thomas	Biodiversity Conservation Group, Science Division, DEC
5.	Dr Peter Mawson	Species and Communities Branch, DEC
6.	Gary Fry	Alice Springs Desert Park
7.	Caroline Lees	Australasian Regional Association of Zoological Parks and Aquaria
8.	Dr Jacqueline Richards	Australian Wildlife Conservancy
9.	Nic Gambold	Central Land Council
10.	James Clayton	Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park
11.	Kaye Kessing	Desert Graphics
12.	Dr Jeff Short	Wildlife Research and Management
13.	Dr Peter Spencer	Murdoch University, School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology
14.	Peter Christie	National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW
15.	Linda Maguire	Threatened Species Network
16.	Katherine Miller	Threatened Species Network
Dates meetings were held	01 February 2007	

<p>One to two paragraph summary of achievements suitable for WATSNU</p>	<p>The captive populations in Return to Dryandra breeding enclosure has declined inexplicably. Funds from Avon Catchment council have been obtained and weekly monitoring of 6 radio-collared individuals may resolve the reasons for the decline.</p> <p>The translocation plan to release mala in Tutanning Nature Reserve has been completed but the release has been postponed pending the outcomes of the RTD enclosure monitoring and also monitoring of predators in Tutanning.</p>
<p>List of actions undertaken by Recovery Team (from actions in Recovery Plan)</p>	
<p>1. Manage Bernier and Dorre Islands Nature Reserve for the conservation of the rufous hare-wallaby.</p>	<p>Restricted access to islands and disease risk management in place.</p>
<p>2. Develop and implement a cost-effective monitoring program for the wild Bernier and Dorre Island populations.</p>	<p>Population monitoring on Bernier and Dorre Islands undertaken annually; data analysis underway- a population decline was indicated at the last monitoring.</p> <p>June 2008 will be the last monitoring unless additional funding can be obtained.</p>
<p>3. Husband the captive breeding population at Dryandra Captive Breeding Facility.</p>	<p>A decline has occurred; Avon catchment funding obtained to monitor remaining mala (6 individuals radio-collared and monitored weekly) to determine cause of decline.</p>
<p>4. Husband the captive breeding population at Peron Captive Breeding Centre and within predator-free enclosures at François Peron National Park.</p>	<p>The population of mala at Peron seems to be breeding well</p>
<p>5. Reintroduce the rufous hare (undescribed central mainland subspecies) to Tutanning Nature Reserve.</p>	<p>TP written but release on hold pending investigations into the cause of decline of mala in the RTD enclosure and activity of predators in Tutanning</p>
<p>6. Support tourism at Dryandra Woodland through public.</p>	<p>Education and visits to Barna Mia.</p> <p>Visits to Barna Mia are increasing. Free tours for nearby landholders have been popular and provide a vehicle to showcase the success of Western Shield, the RTD project and Barna Mia.</p>