



RECOVERY TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

THREATENED SPECIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES RECOVERY TEAM

PROGRAM INFORMATION		
Recovery Team	Quokka Recovery Team	
Reporting Period Submission date 31 March	DATE FROM: 1/1/2014	DATE TO: 31/12/2014
Current membership		
	Member	Representing
Chair	Brad Barton	Department of Parks and Wildlife – Warren Region
Exec Officer	Amy Mutton	Department of Parks and Wildlife –Species and Communities Branch
members	Kim Williams	Department of Parks and Wildlife – South West Region
	Deon Utber	Department of Parks and Wildlife – South coast Region
	David Mitchell	Department of Parks and Wildlife – Swan Region
	Keith Morris	Department of Parks and Wildlife – Science and Conservation Division
	Chris Gilbert	Department of Parks and Wildlife – Wellington District
	Rebecca Hayes	Department of Parks and Wildlife- Perth Hills District
	Shane Kearney	Rottneest Island Authority
	Peter Spencer	Murdoch University
Dates meetings were held	13 May 2014 and 7 November 2014 –The Recover Team at the November meeting determined to reduce meetings to 1 per year.	
Highlights of achievements for the previous 12 months suitable for publication in <i>WATSNU</i> and contribution to DEC annual report. Provide 1-2 paragraphs summarising total number of new populations located, surveys completed, list major management actions etc	<p>Karlene Bain, former Parks and Wildlife employee study on the ecology of Quokkas in the Southern Forest is almost complete; she has published her first papers from this work.</p> <p>Recover Team considered and provided advice to the Western Australian Zoo regarding breeding and display animals and transfer of orphaned animals from Rottneest to the Perth Zoo.</p>	



<p>List of recovery actions coordinated by Recovery Team</p> <p>Detail under the headings below the recovery actions undertaken during the reporting period. Provide separate detail for each species/community against each action. For species/community-specific recovery teams, the generic activity types below can be replaced by the specific recovery actions from the recovery plan where appropriate.</p>	
<p>Monitoring and survey of existing and new populations/ occurrences, targeted surveys, critical habitat mapped etc.</p>	<p>Parks and Wildlife and Rottnest Island Authority continue to monitor known populations of Quokka.</p> <p>Northcliffe fire in February 2015 has had a severe impact on a number of known Quokka populations, Parks and Wildlife have applied for funding to implement a monitoring program and additional predator (fox) control.</p>
<p>Threat amelioration eg weed control/mapping, fencing/ repairs, fire management disease management, feral/ introduced animal control, installation of roadside markers</p>	<p>Western Shield fox control program continues as the main predator abatement program assisting the recovery of Quokkas.</p> <p>FPC fund additional fox baiting programs around logging areas where quokkas are present.</p> <p>Additional funding sought to undertake additional fox control in and adjacent to areas of know quokka habitat impacted by the Northcliffe fire in February 2015.</p>
<p>Conservation and research e.g. fire research, translocation, ex-situ conservation, revegetation/rehabilitation etc</p>	<p>Rottnest Island Authority has continued it's 3-4 year study of Rottnest Quokkas demographics, health and genetics.</p> <p>Karlene Bain, former Parks and Wildlife employee study on the Ecology of Quokkas in the Southern Forest is almost complete; she has published her first papers from this work.</p>
<p>Liaison, education/provision of advice e.g. promotional material inc newspaper/ magazine articles, liaison with land managers/ owners, input to impact assessment, development of specific management plans, volunteers assisting with surveys/ monitoring etc.</p>	<p>Liaison with the Perth Zoo and Rottnest Island regarding transfer of orphaned quokkas to the Perth Zoo breeding and display program.</p>
<p>Land use/tenure changes e.g. covenants, acquisitions, changes in land use or listed purpose etc.</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Conservation status reviews for taxa/TECs e.g. nominations for additions, deletions or change in status to state threatened or priority lists; changes to EPBC list</p>	<p>None proposed.</p>
<p>Recovery plans e.g. recovery plans/ IRPs drafted, approved, reviewed or updated</p>	<p>Recovery Plan was approved and posted on Commonwealth web site January 2014.</p>



Other actions completed	

