Fire Management of Spinifex Grasslands Round Table & Workshop

Background

- Sg cover about 43% of the land surface of Western Australia.
- 55 000 km² of Sg in the conservation estate
- 37% of the conservation estate is Sg
- Some 571 000 km², or 62% of UCL is covered with spinifex (Allan & Southgate 2002).



Background

- Highly flammable
- Fire natural and anthropogenic factor of great antiquity
- Evidence of altered fire regimes
- Passive management
- Traditional owners have acute interest in fire management



Purpose

Round Table

- Identify & document management issues
- Share & summarise knowledge
- Identify critical knowledge gaps

Workshop (a fire management planning framework)

- Develop principles to guide management
- Determine fire management objectives and outcomes
- Develop strategies to achieve objectives
- Monitoring protocols