

# **Atlas of Living Australia: where to now for State-based online systems?**

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State-based agencies have expended millions of development hours over decades building systems to make local biodiversity information publicly visible and accessible. Examples in Western Australia include FloraBase and NatureMap, flagship systems for the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) that are widely used within research, environmental impact assessment and conservation planning. More recently, the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA) received funding to build capabilities for aggregating and publishing biodiversity data. With the funding and development cycle for ALA largely over, where does this leave State-based publishing systems? What assumptions, if any, have been made about data availability and maintenance? This talk explores options and strategic directions that may benefit and impact on DEC, similar jurisdictions, and the ALA itself.



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