

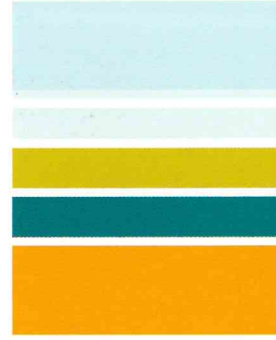
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Department of Environment and Conservation

Science Division



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Our environment, our future



Vision

We envisage a society where scientific enquiry is highly respected and forms an objective basis for environmental decision making and policy development.

Focus and purpose

The Science Division provides up-to-date and scientifically sound information to uphold effective conservation of biodiversity and sustainable natural resource management in Western Australia. We strive to provide excellence in science and technology based on internationally recognised best practice. We operate research centres that foster, promote and reward creativity and innovation.

Role

- To provide a scientifically objective and independent source of reliable knowledge and understanding about conserving species and ecological communities in Western Australia, managing the public lands and waters entrusted to the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), and carrying out DEC's other legislative responsibilities;
- to ensure that Science Division is responsive to the needs of policy makers and end users in DEC by bringing science to bear on the solution of the state's most pressing problems relating to conservation and land management;
- to work in partnership with DEC managers, research institutions and the broader community to increase knowledge underpinning conservation and land management in WA;
- to advise DEC on sustainable resource development opportunities and to promote the conservation of biological resources through their sustainable utilisation;
- to communicate and transfer to managers in DEC, and to the broader community, knowledge, information and other insights obtained through scientific investigation in Western Australia and elsewhere;
- to attain a worldwide reputation for excellence in science by publishing knowledge obtained through scientific research in the premier national and international scientific journals and through electronic means;
- to contribute, as an integrated part of DEC, to meeting the need for knowledge on conservation and land management matters by the public of Western Australia; and
- to undertake and participate in astronomy research, information and education for the benefit of local, national and international communities.



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