**Outcome 2:** By 2023, the trajectory of species targeted under the [Threatened Species Strategy](http://www.abc.net.au/cm/lb/6625868/data/federal-threatened-species-strategy-data.pdf), and other EPBC Act listed priority species, is stabilised or improved.

Context

Australia’s biodiversity is under threat. Many plants and animals are in danger of extinction. The key threats to threatened species are well known. The Threatened Species Strategy sets out a road map and highlights how our approach of science, action and partnership can be used to achieve the long-term goal of reversing species declines and supporting species recovery.

Inputs

* Threatened Species Strategy.
* Funding for actions to address priorities in the Threatened Species Strategy.
* EPBC Act. Part 13.
* Recovery Plans.
* Conservation Advices.
* Threat Abatement Plans.

*Rationale*

The EPBC Act provides the legislative framework for addressing threatened species. The Threatened Species Strategy guides the Australian Government’s priorities for actions to address threatened species. By delivering actions set out in threatened species recovery plans, or similar documents, the Program can ensure delivered actions align with commonwealth priorities.

Outputs

While there may be outputs specific to individual species, **examples** include:

* Number of pest’s animals killed.
* Number of hectares of weed treatment.
* Hectares of revegetated area.
* Hectares of area fenced.
* Number of feral free enclosures erected.
* Number of new populations established.
* Number of cool burns implemented.
* Hectares of burnt area.

Problem

Australia has many species listed under the EPBC Act that require action to ensure their future. Under the Aichi Targets Australia is required by 2020 to ensure the extinction of known threatened species has been prevented and their conservation status, particularly of those most in decline, will have been improved and sustained.

Services

While there may be services specific to individual species, **example** services include:

* Ex-situ breeding site/population established.
* Pest animal control.
* Weed control.
* Revegetation.
* Fencing.
* Feral free enclosures created.
* Managing fire regimes.
* Reduced grazing pressure.
* Cool burns and implementation of fire regimes.

*Rationale*

The geographic spread of Regional Land Partnerships, and the combined agriculture and environment delivery will provide a national approach to undertaking actions that support the conservation of threatened species. The priorities in the Strategy have been developed systematically using a defined set of principles. Targeting the priorities will ensure that effort is focussed on species and actions that provide the greatest benefit.

*Rationale*

The Commonwealth has invested in the development of the Threatened Species Strategy and individual recovery plans to ensure the key actions to protect EPBC species are known and implemented. By investing in the priority actions of these documents it is assumed that the program will assist in the management of key threats and will therefore assist the achievement of targets set by the documents.

*Rationale*

The Threatened Species Strategy and individual recovery plans have set the priority actions to protect the Threatened Species Strategy species. This suite of outputs reflects those actions. These outputs can be used as indicators of progress in order to facilitate milestone payments and gauge program progress.