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East Gippsland

Central Highlands

North East Victoria

West Victoria

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This report covers all five Victorian Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs):

- East Gippsland – signed February 1997
- Central Highlands – signed March 1998
- North East Victoria – signed August 1999
- West Victoria – signed March 2000
- Gippsland – signed March 2000

It fulfils the obligations under clause 25 of the East Gippsland RFA, clause 35 of the Central Highlands and North East Victoria RFAs, and clause 36 of the West Victoria and Gippsland RFAs whereby the parties to the Agreements are to report annually on the milestones set out in those Agreements. The milestones are set out in Attachments 3 (East Gippsland) and 4 (Central Highlands, North East Victoria, West Victoria and Gippsland) of the RFAs, and are outlined in Tables 1 - 5 of this report.

The parties have agreed to provide the annual reports on milestones for all completed RFAs simultaneously.

While the main focus of this report is on milestones due for completion by the end of 2001, detail on significant action towards other milestones is also provided. Some milestone dates in the East Gippsland, Central Highlands and North East Victoria RFAs were amended in the West Victoria and Gippsland RFAs in March 2000. The amended dates are reflected in this Annual Report.

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Table 1. Milestone Implementation - East Gippsland

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
20	Australian Government to seek passage of amendments to woodchip export regulations under the <i>Export Control Act 1982</i> .	June 1997	Milestone completed in April 1997.
29	Victoria to implement an on-going quality assurance programme.	2002 ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of community groups participated in the 2001 annual audit of the <i>Code of Forest Practices for Timber Production</i>. ▪ An independent review of sustainable yield forecasting methods was undertaken. ▪ An independent review of log harvest and haulage arrangements was completed in consultation with key stakeholders. ▪ A Discussion Paper for the independent review of pricing of timber produce was released for public comment in June 2001. ▪ Guidelines and procedures that standardise the development of forest coupe plans were established. ▪ Regional Forest Reference Groups were established in the Midlands, Otways and Gippsland. ▪ Commenced the development of the State of the Forests report for Victoria.
34	Victoria to complete and publish regional prescriptions for timber production.	December 1998 ²	Milestone completed by December 1998.

¹ Original milestone date (2000) amended in clause 44 of the North East Victoria RFA.

² Original milestone date (December 1997) amended in clause 45 of the Central Highlands RFA.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
34	Victoria to use its best endeavours to complete and publish management plans for all National and State Parks.	December 1998	All but three park plans were completed and published by the end of 1998. The National Park Act requires a management plan to be prepared for each national and State park.
34	Victoria to implement the Integrated Forest Planning System and the Statewide Forest Resource Inventory for East Gippsland.	31 December 2005 ³	Development of the Statewide Forest Resource Inventory (SFRI) for East Gippsland is in progress. The mapping component of the SFRI has been completed and the inventory component is in progress.
38	Victoria and the Australian Government to assess the outcomes of the Montreal Process Implementation Group (MIG) process.	December 1997	Milestone completed in December 1997 through Victoria's input and agreement to the "Framework of Regional (Sub-National) Level Criteria and Indicators of Sustainable Forest Management in Australia".
40	Victoria and the Australian Government to develop sustainability indicators.	2002	A framework to develop sustainability indicators has been agreed to by the State and Australian Government. Victoria has collected data for Montreal Process Category A indicators at the Statewide level, and data collection for the sustainability indicators at the RFA region level is in progress.

³ Original milestone date (2001) amended in Attachment 10 (Table 1) of the Gippsland and West Victoria RFAs.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
45	Victoria and the Australian Government to undertake and where relevant complete threatened species work as detailed in Attachment 4 (of the East Gippsland RFA).	2002	<p>Work is well advanced on the preparation of Action Statements and Recovery Plans for 7 species and communities.</p> <p>Action Statements have been completed for the Powerful Owl, Brush-tailed Phascogale, Eastern Bristlebird, Yellow Hyacinth Orchid (<i>Dipodium hamiltonianum</i>), Silurian Limestone <i>Pomaderris</i> Shrubland, Orbost Spiny Crayfish, Alpine Water Skink, Diamond Python, Masked Owl and Sooty Owl.</p> <p>Recovery Plans have been completed for Long-footed Potoroo (<i>Potorous longipes</i>) and Swift Parrot (<i>Lathamus discolor</i>).</p> <p>Nomination for the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> listing has been completed for Cobungra Leek-Orchid (<i>Prasophyllum morganii</i>) and Bonnet Orchid (<i>Cryptostylis erecta</i>).</p> <p>Whilst the above outlines progress on those species detailed in the East Gippsland RFA, across Victoria 48 items were listed under the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> and 36 Action Statements were completed in 2001.</p>
46	Victoria to develop programs for pest plant and pest animal control.	2002	<p>Victoria is currently developing a Victorian Pest Management Framework that will provide for the development of more detailed strategies or programs within each region. <i>The draft Victorian Pest Management Framework</i> was released for public comment in July 2001. It is expected that the Victorian Pest Management Framework will be completed in June 2002.</p>
49	Victoria to implement agreed tenure changes to establish the CAR Reserve System.	February 1998	<p>Completed. The tenure changes were legislated in November 1998 and proclaimed in April 1999.</p>
51	Victoria to publish an amendment to the East Gippsland Forest Management Area Plan.	June 1997	<p>Milestone completed in June 1997.</p>

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
56	Australian Government to seek to remove export controls for timber sourced from all Victorian plantations.	March 1997	Milestone completed in March 1997.
61	Victoria to complete a review in accordance with the Competition Principles Agreement.	1999	Milestone completed in May 1999.
64	Victoria to publish its rainforest research.	1998 ⁴	Milestone completed in December 1998.
67	Victoria and the Australian Government develop a Data Agreement and lodge archival copies of data	Data schedule by 30 June 2000; lodge archived data by 31 March 2001 ⁵	State-wide data agreement signed on 28 March 2000. Work towards finalising data schedules and lodging archival copies of data is progressing. This is expected to be completed by 31 July 2002.

⁴ Original milestone date (December 1997) amended in Attachment 1 of the Central Highlands RFA.

⁵ Original milestone date (June 1997) amended in clause 84 of the North East RFA to allow the development of both a schedule to the Statewide Data Agreement, and the lodgement of archival copies of data, by 31 March 2000. These dates were further amended in clause 92 of both the West Victoria and Gippsland RFAs, committing Victoria and the Australian Government to develop a schedule to the Statewide Data Agreement by 30 June 2000, and to lodge archival copies of data by 31 March 2001.

Table 2. Milestone Implementation - Central Highlands

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
44	Victoria to implement an ongoing Quality Assurance Program.	2002 ⁶	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of community groups participated in the 2001 annual audit of the <i>Code of Forest Practices for Timber Production</i>. ▪ An independent review of sustainable yield forecasting methods was undertaken. ▪ An independent review of log harvest and haulage arrangements was completed in consultation with key stakeholders. ▪ A Discussion Paper for the independent review of pricing of timber produce was released for public comment in June 2001. ▪ Guidelines and procedures that standardise the development of forest coupe plans were established. ▪ Regional Forest Reference Groups were established in the Midlands, Otways and Gippsland. ▪ Commenced the development of the State of the Forests report for Victoria.
45	Victoria to complete and publish regional prescriptions for timber production.	December 1998	Milestone completed by December 1998.
45	Victoria to use its best endeavours to complete and publish management plans for all National and State Parks.	December 1998	All but three park plans were completed and published by the end of 1998. The National Park Act requires a management plan to be prepared for each national and State park.
45	Victoria to implement the Integrated Forest Planning System and the Statewide Forest Resource Inventory for the Central Highlands.	Central Gippsland (part) FMA by 31/12/2002; Central and Dandenong FMAs by 31/12/2004. ⁷	Development of the SFRI is in progress. The mapping and the inventory components of the SFRI are complete in the Central Highlands.

⁶ Original milestone date (2000) amended in clause 44 of the North East Victoria RFA.

⁷ Original milestone date (2001) amended in Attachment 10 (Table 1) of the Gippsland and West Victoria RFAs.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
50	Victoria and the Australian Government to develop sustainability indicators.	2002	A framework to develop sustainability indicators has been agreed to by the State and Australian Government. Victoria has collected data for Montreal Process Category A indicators at the Statewide level, and data collection for the sustainability indicators at the RFA region level is in progress.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
57	Victoria and the Australian Government to undertake and where relevant complete threatened species work as detailed in Attachment 2 (of the Central Highlands RFA).	2002	<p>Work is well advanced on the preparation of Action Statements and Recovery Plans for 4 species and a threatening process.</p> <p>Action Statements have been completed for the Warragul Burrowing Crayfish, Narracan Burrowing Crayfish, Mt Donna Buang Wingless Stonefly, Amphipod (<i>Austrogammarus haasei</i>), Curly Sedge (<i>Carex tasmanica</i>), Shiny Phebalium (<i>Phebalium willsonii</i>), Gully Grevillea (<i>Grevillea barklyana</i> ssp. <i>barklyana</i>), Swollen Swamp Wallaby-grass (<i>Amphibromus pithogastrus</i>), Rosella Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia rosella</i>) and Increase in sediment input into Victorian rivers and streams due to human activities.</p> <p>Recovery Plans have been completed for Spotted Tree Frog (<i>Litoria spenceri</i>) and Baw Baw Frog (<i>Philoria frosti</i>).</p> <p>A Threat Abatement Plan has been completed for <i>Phytophthora</i> spp.</p> <p>Nomination for the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> listing has been completed for Plains Grassy Woodland (or floristic communities thereof), Valley Grassy Forest (or floristic communities thereof), Grey Goshawk (<i>Accipiter novaehollandiae</i>), Smoky Mouse (<i>Pseudomys fumeus</i>) and Tree Geebung (<i>Persoonia arborea</i>).</p> <p>Whilst the above outlines progress on those species detailed in the Central Highlands RFA, across Victoria 48 items were listed under the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> and 36 Action Statements were completed in 2001.</p>

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
59	Victoria to develop programs for pest plant and pest animal control.	2003	Victoria is currently developing a Victorian Pest Management Framework that will provide for the development of more detailed strategies or programs within each region. <i>The draft Victorian Pest Management Framework</i> was released for public comment in July 2001. It is expected that the Victorian Pest Management Framework will be completed in June 2002.
65	Victoria to publish a Central Highlands Forest Management Plan.	30 June 1998	Milestone completed in May 1998.
81	Victoria will report on progress toward development of a long term timber harvesting and water production strategy for the Thomson Reservoir catchment.	2002	The final stage of the Macaque model to generate water yield curves for use in the Integrated Forest Planning System (IFPS) has been completed. This will be used to provide information for the long term strategy for the catchment and will be utilised as part of the Melbourne Water Resources Review.
82	Victoria to complete a review in accordance with the Competition Principles Agreement.	1999	Milestone completed in May 1999.
86	Victoria and the Australian Government will develop a schedule to the Statewide Data Agreement and lodge archival copies of data. (relevant to the Central Highlands).	Data schedule by 30 June 2000; lodge archived data by 31 March 2001 ⁸	State-wide data agreement signed on 28 March 2000. Work towards finalising data schedules and lodging archival copies of data is progressing. This is expected to be completed by 31 July 2002.
Attach. 1	Victoria to assess endangered, vulnerable or rare Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs) on Melbourne Water Corporation lands (in the Central Highlands).	2002	Ongoing.

⁸ Original milestone date (September 1998) amended in clause 84 of the North East RFA to allow the development of both a schedule to the Statewide Data Agreement, and the lodgement of archival copies of data, by 31 March 2000. These dates were further amended in clause 92 of both the Gippsland and West Victoria RFAs, committing Victoria and the Australian Government to develop a schedule to the Statewide Data Agreement by 30 June 2000, and to lodge archival copies of data by 31 March 2001.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
Attach. 1	Victoria to prepare Regional Vegetation Plans covering the Central Highlands which provide for the protection of endangered, vulnerable or rare EVCs on private land.	2001	Victoria's Draft Native Vegetation Management Framework and Draft Native Vegetation Plans were released for public consultation in August 2000. The Native Vegetation Management Framework is expected to be completed by 30 June 2002 and the Regional Vegetation Plans covering the Central Highlands will follow.
Attach. 1	Victoria to publish a Technical Report on Rainforest.	1998	Milestone completed in December 1998.
Attach. 3 cl. 5	Victoria and the Australian Government to prepare Statewide Cultural Heritage Guidelines.	30 June 2000 ⁹	Preparation of the Guidelines has been rescheduled to co-ordinate with the development of the state-wide Aboriginal Heritage Management System (AHMS) following extensive community consultation with indigenous groups. The development of the AHMS is expected to be completed by 30 June 2002, following which it is expected that the Guidelines will be completed within 6 months.

⁹ Original milestone (December 1999) amended in Attachment 3 of the North East Victoria RFA.

Table 3. Milestone Implementation – North East Victoria

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
35	Parties to report annually on achievement for first five years, and then as part of the 5 yearly review.	Commencing 2000	This is an annual report within the first five years.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
44	Victoria to implement an on-going quality assurance program.	2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="975 275 1398 439">▪ A number of community groups participated in the 2001 annual audit of the <i>Code of Forest Practices for Timber Production</i>. <li data-bbox="975 450 1362 546">▪ Independent review of sustainable yield forecasting methods was undertaken. <li data-bbox="975 557 1401 721">▪ An independent review of log harvest and haulage arrangements was completed in consultation with key stakeholders. <li data-bbox="975 732 1398 896">▪ A Discussion Paper for the independent review of pricing of timber produce was released for public comment in June 2001. <li data-bbox="975 907 1398 1039">▪ Guidelines and procedures that standardise the development of forest coupe plans were established. <li data-bbox="975 1050 1393 1182">▪ Regional Forest Reference Groups were established in the Midlands, Otways and Gippsland. <li data-bbox="975 1193 1382 1290">▪ Commenced the development of the State of the Forests report for Victoria.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
45	Victoria to implement the Integrated Forest Planning System and the Statewide Forest Resource Inventory in the North East region in time for the next review of sustainable yield.	Benalla/ Mansfield FMA by 30/6/2001; Wangaratta and Wodonga FMAs by 31/12/2001 ¹⁰	The forecasting of sustainable yield in these FMAs was rescheduled to co-ordinate with the Victorian sawlog licencing project. Additional SFRI information is being collected in the North East in order for this data to be of a consistent Statewide standard, as per a recommendation of the Expert Data Reference Group established during the Victorian sawlog licencing project. This will necessitate reanalysis of the SFRI data for use in the Integrated Forest Planning System. Implementation of the Integrated Forest Planning System for the review of sustainable yield in the Benalla/Mansfield, Wangaratta and Wodonga FMAs is in progress for completion in 2002.
48 and 50	Victoria and the Australian Government to develop sustainability indicators.	In time for the first review of this Agreement (2004)	A framework to develop sustainability indicators has been agreed to by the State and Australian Government. Victoria has collected data for Montreal Process Category A indicators at the Statewide level, and data collection for the sustainability indicators at the RFA region level is in progress.

¹⁰ Original milestone date (2001) amended in Attachment 10 (Table 1) of the Gippsland and West Victoria RFAs.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
55-57	Victoria and the Australian Government to undertake and, where relevant, complete threatened species work as detailed in Attachment 2 (of the North East RFA).	2004	<p>Work is well advanced on the preparation of Action Statements for 5 species.</p> <p>Nomination for the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> listing has been completed for Bandy Bandy (<i>Vermicella annulata</i>), Apostlebird (<i>Struthidea cinerea</i>), Square-tailed Kite (<i>Lophoictinia isura</i>), Euroa Guinea-flower (<i>Hibbertia humifusa ssp. erigens</i>) and Golden Perch (<i>Macquaria ambigua</i>).</p> <p>An Action Statement has been completed for Barking Owl.</p> <p>Whilst the above outlines progress on those species detailed in the North East RFA, across Victoria 48 items were listed under the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> and 36 Action Statements were completed in 2001.</p>
59	Victoria to develop programs for pest plant and animal control.	2004	<p>Victoria is currently developing a Victorian Pest Management Framework that will provide for the development of more detailed strategies or programs within each region. <i>The draft Victorian Pest Management Framework</i> was released for public comment in July 2001. It is expected that the Victorian Pest Management Framework will be completed in June 2002.</p>
62 - Attach. 1	Victoria agrees to implement the agreed land tenure change.	2001	<p>Milestone complete. The legislation was passed in June 2000 and came into effect on 1 February 2001.</p>
65	Victoria to produce and publish the North East Forest Management Plan.	30 June 2000	<p>Milestone completed in January 2001.</p>
84	Victoria and the Australian Government to use best endeavours to develop a schedule to the Statewide Data Agreement and lodge archival copies of data.	Data schedule by 30 June 2000; lodge archived data by 31 March 2001 ¹¹	<p>State-wide data agreement signed on 28 March 2000. Work towards finalising data schedules and lodging archival copies of data is progressing. This is expected to be completed by 30 September 2002.</p>

¹¹ Original milestone date (31/03/2000) amended in clause 92 of the Gippsland and West Victoria RFAs, committing Victoria and the Australian Government to develop a schedule to the Statewide Data Agreement by 30 June 2000, and to lodge archival copies of data by 31 March 2001.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation action
Attach. 1	Victoria to develop and implement burning strategies that maintain or promote the ecological characteristics of Heathy Dry Forest through fire operations plans.	2004	Vital attribute and key response species data have been gathered for Heathy Dry Forest. A pilot study in the North East is trialing a strategic approach to ecological burning including specific ecological burns incorporating Heathy Dry Forest.
Attach. 1	Victoria to prepare Regional Vegetation Plans covering the North East which provide for the protection of endangered, vulnerable or rare EVCs on private land.	2001	Victoria's Draft Native Vegetation Management Framework and Draft Native Vegetation Plans were released for public consultation in August 2000. The Native Vegetation Management Framework is expected to be completed by 30 June 2002 and the Regional Vegetation Plans covering the North East will follow.
Attach. 3	Parties to prepare Statewide Guidelines for the Management of Cultural Heritage Values in the Forests, Parks and Reserves of Victoria, based on those prepared for East Gippsland.	by 30 June 2000	Preparation of the Guidelines has been rescheduled to co-ordinate with the development of the state-wide Aboriginal Heritage Management System (AHMS) following extensive community consultation with indigenous groups. The development of the AHMS is expected to be completed by 30 June 2002, following which it is expected that the Guidelines will be completed within 6 months.

Table 4. Milestone Implementation – West Victoria

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation Action
26	Australian Government to use its best endeavours to introduce legislation into the Parliament to insert into the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cwth) definitions of 'Forestry Operations', 'RFA Forestry Operations' and 'RFA or Regional Forest Agreement' identical to those contained in the Regional Forest Agreements Bill (Cwth).	30 June 2000	The Australian Government Environment Legislation Amendment (No 1) Bill 2000 was tabled in the Senate on 12 April 2000. This Bill included proposed amendments to the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> to include the definitions identical to those in the Regional Forest Agreements Bill. Debate on the Bill was adjourned on 15 August 2000. The amendments have not been agreed by the Federal Parliament.
36, 39 Attach. 1	Parties to report annually on achievement of milestones for first five years, and then as part of the 5 yearly review	Commencing 2001	This is an annual report within the first five years.
46(c) Attach. 10	Victoria to implement the Integrated Forest Planning System and the Statewide Forest Resource Inventory in the West Victoria region.	Midlands FMA by 31/12/ 2003; Otway FMA by 30/6/2005; Portland FMA by 30/6/2006.	Development of the Statewide Forest Resource Inventory in the Midlands FMA, in consultation with the community, is well advanced. The mapping and inventory components are complete in the Midlands FMA, and the mapping is complete in the Otway and Portland FMAs.
49 and 51	Victoria and the Australian Government to develop Sustainability Indicators.	2005	A framework to develop sustainability indicators has been agreed to by the State and Australian Government. Victoria has collected data for Montreal Process Category A indicators at the Statewide level, and data collection for the sustainability indicators at the RFA region level is in progress.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation Action
56, 57, 58	Victoria and the Australian Government to undertake and, where relevant, complete threatened species work as detailed in Attachment 2 (of the West Victoria RFA).	2005	<p>Work is well advanced on the preparation of Action Statements and Recovery Plans for 12 species.</p> <p>Recovery Plans have been completed for Elegant Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia formosa</i>), Mellblom's Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia hastata</i>), Rigid Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia tensa</i>), Yellow-lip Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia xanthochila</i>), Mt. William Grevillea (<i>Grevillea williamsonii</i>), Gorae Leek-orchid (<i>Prasophyllum diversiflorum</i>) and Button Wrinklewort (<i>Rutidosia leptorynchoides</i>).</p> <p>Action Statements have been completed for Elegant Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia formosa</i>), Mellblom's Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia hastata</i>), Yellow-lip Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia xanthochila</i>), Yarra Pygmy Perch (<i>Edelia obscura</i>) and Australian Mudfish (<i>Neochanna cleaveri</i>).</p> <p>Nomination for the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> listing has been completed for Striped Worm-lizard (<i>Aprasia striolata</i>), Flat-headed Galaxias (<i>Galaxias rostratus</i>), caddisfly (<i>Taskiria otwayensis</i>) and Brilliant Sun-orchid (<i>Thelymitra mackibbinii</i>).</p> <p>Whilst the above outlines progress on those species detailed in the West Victoria RFA, across Victoria 48 items were listed under the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> and 36 Action Statements were completed in 2001.</p>

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation Action
60	Victoria to develop programs for pest plant and animal control.	2005	Victoria is currently developing a Victorian Pest Management Framework that will provide for the development of more detailed strategies or programs within each region. <i>The draft Victorian Pest Management Framework</i> was released for public comment in July 2001. It is expected that the Victorian Pest Management Framework will be completed in June 2002.
64 Attach. 1	Victoria agrees to implement the agreed land tenure change.	31 December 2002	Legislation is to be prepared.
67	Victoria to produce and publish a Forest Management Plan for the Portland and Horsham FMAs.	30 June 2002	Not yet commenced. Commencement of this forest management plan was rescheduled due to work on the Victorian sawlog licensing project and other planning projects. Preparation of a Proposed Forest Management Plan for public comment will commence by 30 June 2002. It is expected that that plan will be completed in 2003.
78 Attach. 3	Parties to prepare Statewide Guidelines for the Management of Cultural Heritage Values in the Forests, Parks and Reserves of Victoria, based on those prepared for East Gippsland.	30 June 2000	Preparation of the Guidelines has been rescheduled to co-ordinate with the development of the state-wide Aboriginal Heritage Management System (AHMS) following extensive community consultation with indigenous groups. The development of the AHMS is expected to be completed by 30 June 2002, following which it is expected that the Guidelines will be completed within 6 months.
87	Victoria to phase out harvesting firewood, posts and poles within the CAR reserve system.	2003	In progress. Commercial firewood, post and pole licensees in the West have been notified of the phase out of these operations from the CAR reserve system. Commercial firewood, post and pole operations have ceased in some areas of the CAR reserve system.
92	Victoria and the Australian Government to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> develop a schedule to the Statewide Data agreement 	30 June 2000	State-wide data agreement signed on 28 March 2000. Work towards finalising data schedules and lodging archival copies of data is progressing. This is expected to be completed by 30 September 2002.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="405 282 738 349">lodge archival copies of data 	31 March 2001	completed by 30 September 2002.
Attach. 1	Victoria to prepare Regional Vegetation Plans covering the West Victoria region which provide for the protection of endangered, vulnerable or rare EVCs on private land.	2001	Victoria's Draft Native Vegetation Management Framework and Draft Native Vegetation Plans were released for public consultation in August 2000. The consultation period is continuing. The Native Vegetation Management Framework and the Regional Vegetation Plans covering Western Victoria are expected to be completed by 30 June 2002.

Table 5. Milestone Implementation – Gippsland

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation Action
26	Australian Government to use its best endeavours to introduce legislation into the Parliament to insert into the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cwth) definitions of ‘ <i>Forestry Operations</i> ’, ‘ <i>RFA Forestry Operations</i> ’ and ‘ <i>RFA or Regional Forest Agreement</i> ’ identical to those contained in the <i>Regional Forest Agreements Bill</i> (Cwth).	30 June 2000	The Australian Government Environment Legislation Amendment (No 1) Bill 2000 was tabled in the Senate on 12 April 2000. This Bill included proposed amendments to the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> to include the definitions identical to those in the <i>Regional Forest Agreements Bill</i> . Debate on the Bill was adjourned on 15 August 2000. The amendments have not been agreed by the Federal Parliament.
36, 39 Attach. 1	Parties to report annually on achievement of milestones for the first five years, and then as part of the 5 yearly review.	Commencing 2001	This is an annual report within the first five years.
46(c) Attach. 10	Victoria to implement the Integrated Forest Planning System and the Statewide Forest Resource Inventory in the Gippsland region.	31 December 2002	Development of the SFRI for Gippsland is in progress. The mapping and the inventory component of the SFRI is complete and the analysis component has commenced.
49 and 51	Victoria and the Australian Government to develop Sustainability Indicators.	2005	A framework to develop sustainability indicators has been agreed to by the State and Australian Government. Victoria has collected data for Montreal Process Category A indicators at the Statewide level, and data collection for the sustainability indicators at the RFA region level is in progress.

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation Action
56, 58	Victoria and the Australian Government to undertake and, where relevant, complete threatened species work as detailed in Attachment 2 (of the Gippsland RFA).	2005	<p>Work is well advanced on the preparation of Action Statements for 3 species.</p> <p>Recovery Plans have been completed for Cream Spider-orchid (<i>Caladenia fragrantissima ssp. orientalis</i>) and Gaping Leek-orchid (<i>Prasophyllum correctum</i>).</p> <p>An Action Statement has been completed for Spiny Pepper-cress (<i>Lepidium aschersonii</i>).</p> <p>Nomination for the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> listing has been completed for Lilly Pilly Burrowing Cray (<i>Engaeus australis</i>), Alpine Spiny Cray (<i>Euastacus crassus</i>), South Gippsland Spiny Cray (<i>Euastacus neodiversus</i>) and Alpine Tree Frog (<i>Litoria verreauxii alpina</i>).</p> <p>Whilst the above outlines progress on those species detailed in the Gippsland RFA, across Victoria 48 items were listed under the <i>Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988</i> and 36 Action Statements were completed in 2001.</p>
60	Victoria to develop programs for pest plant and animal control.	2005	<p>Victoria is currently developing a Victorian Pest Management Framework that will provide for the development of more detailed strategies or programs within each region. <i>The draft Victorian Pest Management Framework</i> was released for public comment in July 2001. It is expected that the Victorian Pest Management Framework will be completed in June 2002.</p>
64 Attach. 1	Victoria agrees to implement the agreed land tenure change.	31 December 2002	<p>Legislation to add the Wongungarra area to the Alpine National Park was passed in June 2000 and came into effect on 1 February 2001. Legislation is to be prepared for the other changes in land tenure.</p>

Clause	Milestone	Timeline	Implementation Action
67	Victoria to produce and publish the Gippsland Forest Management Plan.	31 December 2001	The <i>Proposed Forest Management Plan for Gippsland</i> was released for public comment in August 2001. The forest management plan is being finalised and is expected to be completed in the second half of 2002.
78 Attach. 3	Parties to prepare Statewide Guidelines for the Management of Cultural Heritage Values in the Forests, Parks and Reserves of Victoria, based on those prepared for East Gippsland.	30 June 2000	Preparation of the Guidelines has been rescheduled to co-ordinate with the development of the state-wide Aboriginal Heritage Management System (AHMS) following extensive community consultation with indigenous groups. The development of the AHMS is expected to be completed by 30 June 2002, following which it is expected that the Guidelines will be completed within 6 months.
87	Victoria to phase out harvesting of firewood, posts and poles within the CAR reserve system.	2003	Milestone completed in 2001.
92	Victoria and the Australian Government to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a schedule to the Statewide Data agreement; • lodge archival copies of data 	30 June 2000 31 March 2001	State-wide data agreement signed on 28 March 2000. Work towards finalising data schedules and lodging archival copies of data is progressing. This is expected to be completed by 30 September 2002.
Attach. 1	Victoria to prepare Regional Vegetation Plans covering the Gippsland region which provide for the protection of endangered, vulnerable or rare EVCs on private land.	2001	Victoria's Draft Native Vegetation Management Framework and Draft Native Vegetation Plans were released for public consultation in August 2000. The Native Vegetation Management Framework is expected to be completed by 30 June 2002 and the Regional Vegetation Plans covering Gippsland will follow.