

Action Statement Priority Preparation List

2022–2023



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Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby *Petrogale penicillata* – Marcia Riederer

Acknowledgment

We acknowledge and respect Victorian Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters, their unique ability to care for Country and deep spiritual connection to it. We honour Elders past and present whose knowledge and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and traditional practices.

We are committed to genuinely partner, and meaningfully engage, with Victoria's Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices and their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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Introduction

The *Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988* (FFG Act) establishes a legal and administrative structure to enable and promote the conservation of Victoria's native flora and fauna.

Action statements are one of several legislative tools used to inform conservation and investment decisions to support threatened species and ecological community recovery as well as manage and mitigate potentially threatening processes (PTP).

The FFG Act emphasises the importance of cooperative approaches to biodiversity conservation, recognising that all government agencies and the community can participate in the conservation effort.

To facilitate a collective effort, the Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is leading the preparation of action statements for species, communities and PTPs that are listed under the FFG Act.

These lists are updated based on new listings or reassessments at a State and Federal level, the latest versions of which are available here: <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/threatened-list>

The Threatened List currently consists of 1998 taxa (i.e. species, subspecies, varieties) and 42 communities. The Processes List consists of 42 PTPs.

Preparing action statements

The preparation of action statements is a statutory requirement for all listed taxa, communities and PTPs. An action statement sets out what has been done in the past, and identifies potential future actions intended to conserve and/or manage a species, community or PTP.

To expedite the preparation of action statements and support the conservation sector to participate in implementing priority actions, DELWP has developed a new approach:

1. Prioritise and publish a list of action statements for preparation
2. Standardise and simplify templates
3. Align data systems and develop a semi-automation process for action statement preparation
4. Facilitate greater collaboration, partnerships and involvement across the conservation sector to prepare and implement action statements.

Prioritisation approach

To prioritise the preparation of action statements, species and communities listed under the FFG Act were assessed against a set of principles classified under the following themes:

- **Obligations and commitments:** alignment with standing public commitments under Regional Forestry Agreements and existing threatened species programs.
- **Ecological need:** alignment with species vulnerability and projected outlook, and urgency for action.
- **Social and cultural need:** alignment with policy positions (e.g., supporting actions on invasive species) and connections with Traditional Owners.

2022–2023 Priority list

This document identifies the priority species and communities of flora and fauna for which action statements will be prepared in 2022/2023.

Table 1. Summary of item type

Item type	Number
Mammals	7
Birds	18
Reptiles	5
Amphibians	2
Fish	16
Invertebrates	13
Vascular plants	33
Ecological communities	6
TOTAL	100

An invitation to work together

The Victorian Government invites Traditional Owners, government and non-government organisations, private and public land managers to work together to support the preparation and implementation of action statements. We welcome the inclusion of traditional ecological knowledge, and culturally specific actions aligned with self-determination where Traditional Owner groups see fit for incorporation. Contact us at threatened.species@delwp.vic.gov.au so we can partner and collaborate to strengthen the delivery of our conservation management actions to support the vision for Victoria's biodiversity to be healthy, valued and actively cared for.

Further information

<https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/conserving-threatened-species/action-statements>

Priority Action Statements for Preparation

Vertebrate animals

Mammals

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Broad-toothed Rat	<i>Mastacomys fuscus mordicus</i>	Vulnerable
Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby	<i>Petrogale penicillata</i>	Critically Endangered
Eastern Barred Bandicoot	<i>Perameles gunnii</i>	Endangered
Eastern Quoll	<i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i>	Endangered
New Holland Mouse	<i>Pseudomys novaehollandiae</i>	Endangered
Platypus	<i>Ornithorhynchus anatinus</i>	Vulnerable
Sea-lion	<i>Neophoca cinerea</i>	Endangered
Southern Brown Bandicoot	<i>Isodon obesulus obesulus</i>	Endangered
Southern Bent-winged Bat	<i>Miniopterus orianae bassanii</i>	Critically Endangered
White-footed Dunnart	<i>Sminthopsis leucopus</i>	Vulnerable

Birds

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Australasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Critically Endangered
Black Falcon	<i>Falco subniger</i>	Critically Endangered
Black-eared Miner	<i>Manorina melanotis</i>	Critically Endangered
Eastern Bristlebird	<i>Dasyornis brachypterus</i>	Critically Endangered
Eastern Curlew	<i>Numenius madagascariensis</i>	Critically Endangered
Helmeted Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus melanops cassidix</i>	Critically Endangered
Hooded Plover	<i>Thinornis cucullatus</i>	Vulnerable
Little Tern	<i>Sternula albifrons</i>	Critically Endangered
Mallee Emu-wren	<i>Stipiturus mallee</i>	Endangered
Malleefowl	<i>Leipoa ocellata</i>	Vulnerable
Masked Owl	<i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	Critically Endangered
Orange-bellied Parrot	<i>Neophema chrysogaster</i>	Critically Endangered
Plains-wanderer	<i>Pedionomus torquatus</i>	Critically Endangered
Powerful Owl	<i>Ninox strenua</i>	Vulnerable
Regent Honeyeater	<i>Anthochaera phrygia</i>	Critically Endangered
Sooty Owl	<i>Tyto tenebricosa</i>	Endangered
Swift Parrot	<i>Lathamus discolor</i>	Critically Endangered

Reptiles

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Alpine She-oak Skink	<i>Cyclodomorphus praealtus</i>	Critically Endangered
Diamond Python	<i>Morelia spilota spilota</i>	Critically Endangered
Grassland Earless Dragon	<i>Tympanocryptis pinguicolla</i>	Critically Endangered
Guthega Skink	<i>Liopholis guthega</i>	Critically Endangered
Heath Skink	<i>Liopholis multiscutata</i>	Critically Endangered

Amphibians

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Growling Grass Frog	<i>Litoria raniformis</i>	Vulnerable
Southern Barred Frog	<i>Mixophyes balbus</i>	Critically Endangered

Fishes

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Australian Grayling	<i>Prototroctes maraena</i>	Endangered
Barred Galaxias	<i>Galaxias fuscus</i>	Critically Endangered
Dargo Galaxias	<i>Galaxias mungadhan</i>	Critically Endangered
Dwarf Galaxias	<i>Galaxiella pusilla</i>	Endangered
East Gippsland Galaxias	<i>Galaxias aequipinnis</i>	Critically Endangered
Empire Gudgeon	<i>Hypseleotris compressa</i>	Critically Endangered
Little Galaxias	<i>Galaxiella toourtkoourt</i>	Endangered
Macquarie Perch	<i>Macquaria australasica</i>	Endangered
McDowall's Galaxias	<i>Galaxias mcdowalli</i>	Critically Endangered
Murray Hardyhead	<i>Craterocephalus fluviatilis</i>	Critically Endangered
Roundsnout Galaxias	<i>Galaxias terenus</i>	Critically Endangered
Southern Purple-spotted Gudgeon	<i>Mogurnda adspersa</i>	Critically Endangered
Tapered Galaxias	<i>Galaxias lanceolatus</i>	Critically Endangered
Trout Cod	<i>Maccullochella macquariensis</i>	Endangered
West Gippsland Galaxias	<i>Galaxias longifundus</i>	Critically Endangered

Invertebrate animals

Crustaceans

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Alpine Spiny Crayfish	<i>Euastacus crassus</i>	Endangered
Curve-tail Burrowing Crayfish	<i>Engaeus curvisuturus</i>	Endangered
Glenelg Spiny Crayfish	<i>Euastacus bispinosus</i>	Endangered
Mallacoota Burrowing Crayfish	<i>Engaeus mallacoota</i>	Critically Endangered
Narracan Burrowing Crayfish	<i>Engaeus phyllocercus</i>	Endangered
Orbost Spiny Crayfish	<i>Euastacus diversus</i>	Endangered
South Gippsland Spiny Crayfish	<i>Euastacus neodiversus</i>	Endangered
Strzelecki Burrowing Crayfish	<i>Engaeus rostrigaleatus</i>	Endangered

Insects

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Eltham Copper Butterfly	<i>Paralucia pyrodiscus lucida</i> ¹	Critically Endangered
Golden Rayed Blue Butterfly	<i>Candalides noelkeri</i>	Endangered
Mt Donna Buang Wingless Stonefly	<i>Riekoperla darlingtoni</i>	Critically Endangered

¹ Under review

Molluscs

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Glenelg Freshwater Mussel / Bocara Timbon	<i>Hyridella glenelgensis</i>	Critically Endangered

Annelids (annelid worms)

Common Name	Scientific Name	Category of Threat
Giant Gippsland Earthworm	<i>Megascolides australis</i>	Endangered

Vascular plants

Scientific Name	Common Name	Category of Threat
<i>Asplenium hookerianum</i>	Maidenhair Spleenwort	Critically Endangered
<i>Astelia australiana</i> ²	Tall Astelia	Critically Endangered
<i>Boronia galbraithiae</i>	Aniseed Boronia	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia concolor</i>	Crimson Spider-orchid	Endangered
<i>Caladenia cremna</i>	Whitfield Spider-orchid	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia formosa</i>	Elegant Spider-orchid	Critically Endangered
<i>Caladenia versicolor</i>	Candy Spider-orchid	Endangered
<i>Callistemon kenmorrissonii</i>	Betka Bottlebrush	Critically Endangered
<i>Commersonia prostrata</i>	Dwarf Kerrawang	Endangered
<i>Cyathea cunninghamii</i>	Slender Tree-fern	Critically Endangered
<i>Daviesia laevis</i>	Grampians Bitter-pea	Critically Endangered
<i>Eucalyptus pauciflora</i> subsp. <i>hedraia</i>	Bogong Sally	Critically Endangered
<i>Eucalyptus strzeleckii</i>	Strzelecki Gum	Critically Endangered
<i>Euphrasia scabra</i>	Rough Eyebright	Endangered
<i>Grevillea barklyana</i>	Gully Grevillea	Critically Endangered
<i>Grevillea burrowa</i>	Burrowa Grevillea	Critically Endangered
<i>Grevillea celata</i>	Colquhoun Grevillea	Critically Endangered
<i>Grevillea floripendula</i>	Ben Major Grevillea	Critically Endangered
<i>Grevillea microstegia</i>	Mount Cassell Grevillea	Critically Endangered
<i>Grevillea montis-cole</i> subsp. <i>montis-cole</i>	Mount Cole Grevillea	Critically Endangered
<i>Lachnagrostis adamsonii</i>	Adamson's Blown-grass	Endangered
<i>Nematolepis frondosa</i>	Leafy Nematolepis	Critically Endangered
<i>Pomaderris brunnea</i> ³	Rufous Pomaderris	Endangered
<i>Pomaderris subplicata</i>	Concave Pomaderris	Critically Endangered
<i>Pomaderris vacciniifolia</i>	Round-leaf Pomaderris	Critically Endangered
<i>Prasophyllum diversiflorum</i>	Gorae Leek-orchid	Critically Endangered
<i>Prasophyllum litorale</i>	Coastal Leek-orchid	Critically Endangered
<i>Prostanthera galbraithiae</i>	Wellington Mint-bush	Endangered
<i>Pterostylis oreophila</i> ⁴	Blue-tongue Greenhood	Critically Endangered
<i>Senecio behrianus</i>	Stiff Groundsel	Critically Endangered
<i>Spyridium furculentum</i>	Forked Spyridium	Critically Endangered
<i>Thelymitra mackibbinii</i>	Brilliant Sun-orchid	Critically Endangered

² Under review

³ Species recently listed under the Commonwealth EPBC Act and in the process of legal approvals to be included on the FFG Threatened List under the Common Assessment Method Memorandum of Understanding.

⁴ As above

Threatened communities of flora and fauna

Action statement preparation prioritised for 2022-23
Alpine Bog Community
Fen (Bog Pool) Community
Forest Red Gum Grassy Woodland Community
Central Gippsland Plains Grassland Community
Grey Box – Buloke Grassy Woodland Community
Western Basalt Plains (River Red Gum) Grassy Woodland Floristic Community 55-04

