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Biodiversity 2037 Implementation Framework

## Biodiversity 2037

*Protecting Victoria’s Environment – Biodiversity 2037* (Biodiversity 2037) is the Victorian Government’s ambitious plan to stop the decline of our biodiversity and achieve overall biodiversity improvement over the next 20 years.

It makes the case for increase effort and defines a modern approach to managing our biodiversity.

It is underpinned by ground-breaking science that for the first time allows us to get upstream of the problem of Victoria’s biodiversity decline.

## Turning the plan into action

This Implementation Framework is a comprehensive action plan that will deliver on the Victorian Government’s ambitious environmental agenda to prioritise the care and protection of our natural environment.

The framework highlights key Victorian Government actions that will help implement the priorities of the Biodiversity 2037 over the next four years.

The Framework is arranged by 20 priorities of Biodiversity 2037 and contains 89 enabling actions that will make biodiversity protection in Victoria more efficient and effective. For each action there is a timeframe, status, related Biodiversity 2037 goal, lead delivery organisation and partner organisations.

## Reporting on progress

The Victorian Government is committed to keeping the community informed about work to implement the Biodiversity Plan.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning will undertake annual monitoring and reporting in consultation with other relevant departments and agencies.

Annual reporting will include updates to the status of actions and their implementation arrangements. New actions that deliver on Biodiversity 2037 priorities may be added as part of the annual update, as approved by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change or other relevant ministers.

The *Biodiversity 2037 Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework* will track progress against the goals and targets of Biodiversity 2037.

## Stay up to date

Check www.environment.vic.gov.au to stay up to date with news about Biodiversity 2037 and progress on the Implementation Framework.

1. Navigating this Framework

This Implementation Framework identifies the key implementation actions for each of the 20 priorities of Biodiversity 2037.

## Example layout*:*

**Priority 4 – Increase opportunities for all Victorians to have daily connections with nature**

The implementation action description and reference number

The goal(s) of Biodiversity 2037 relevant to the implementation action supports

The implementation theme that the action supports

The lead agencies responsible for delivering the implementation action

The partner agencies or groups that will support the implementation action

The timeframe for the delivery of the action.

* Short (1-2 years),
* Medium (2-4 years), or
* Long (4+ years).

The indication of implementation progress.

* Planned,
* Commenced, or
* Completed,

| 4.4 – Implement the Victorian Memorandum for Health and Nature through projects that enable more Victorians to connect with and be active in the natural environment | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature is Good Medicine |
| Lead | Parks Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning |
| Partners | Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Local Government |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

The relevant *Protecting Victoria’s Environment – Biodiversity 2037* priority.

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# Implementation Actions

## Priority 1 – Deliver cost-effective results utilising decision-support tools in biodiversity planning processes to help achieve and measure against the targets

| 1.1 – Launch Strategic Management Prospects to guide biodiversity decision-making. The tool will be supported by training materials and continuously improved with the incorporation of new data and user feedback | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria’s natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Parks Victoria, Museums Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Zoos Victoria, Trust for Nature, Catchment Management Authorities, Local Government, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 1.2 – Assist community groups to upload historic biodiversity survey data into the Victorian databases such as the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas, to help improve decision-making tools such as Strategic Management Prospects. | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | All interested natural resource management partners including Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 1.3 – Develop a cost-benefit framework to identify the most realistic conservation options for our most endangered species, in the context of threats such as climate change | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Mobilising our Ecosystem Engineers |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Zoos Victoria, Trust for Nature, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Museums Victoria and Parks Victoria |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 1.4 – Review the availability of existing digital engagement tools that help Victorians connect with or act to protect nature and identify opportunities to enhance or integrate these systems | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Victorian Government Departments and agencies, Department of Education and Training, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups and the NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 1.5 – Establish a multi-agency natural resource management climate adaptation network that links research, planning and action across partner organisations | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Climate-ready Ecosystems |
| Lead | Catchment Management Authorities |
| Partners | Victorian Government Departments and agencies, Academic Research Sector, Victorian Traditional Owners and the NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 1.6 – Use the best available climate science to better understand the likely impacts of climate change on key species and ecosystems, and trial management actions that will maximise their adaptive capacity | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Climate-ready Ecosystems |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Zoos Victoria, Parks Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Catchment Management Authorities, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Museums Victoria, Academic Research Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 1.7 – Implement adaptive management and planning for key Victorian environmental assets through:  The final Port Phillip Bay Environmental Management Plan  Conservation Action Plans for the Parks Victoria estate  Conservation Planning for Trust for Nature priority areas | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Parks Victoria, Trust for Nature, Catchment Management Authorities, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and other interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |



## Priority 2 – Increase the collection of targeted data for evidence-based decision making and make all data more accessible.

| 2.1 – Fill critical biodiversity knowledge gaps by funding and coordinating research and long-term monitoring programs | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Museums Victoria |
| Partners | Zoos Victoria, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Academic Research Sector, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 2.2 – Conduct targeted data collection and monitoring of threatened species interventions | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Zoos, Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Museum Victoria |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria. Academic Research Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 2.3 – Develop VBA GO, a mobile-enabled Victorian Biodiversity Atlas to allow rapid, real-time entry of species records on a mobile device and provide for more engaged citizen science | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | All interested natural resource management partners |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year with continuous improvement) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 2.4 – Develop a new Marine Biodiversity Policy and establish a Marine and Coastal Knowledge Framework to guide the collection, management and use of marine biodiversity data to maximise the effectiveness of targeted actions to manage marine biodiversity | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources |
| Partners | Parks Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Museums Victoria |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 2.5 – Launch a new NatureKit web mapping and reporting tool to make Victorian biodiversity data and information products more accessible to all Victorians | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year with continuous improvement) |
| Status | Completed |
| Update | NatureKit was launched on 30 June 2017 as a new platform for supporting  biodiversity decisions.  This map-based website provides access to species records, vegetation  mapping, strategic biodiversity values, strategic management prospects, and  marine bathymetry and habitat. NatureKit has been accessed by over 7,000  users since its release.  Find out more about NatureKit here: <http://naturekit.biodiversity.vic.gov.au> |



## Priority 3 – Raise the awareness of all Victorians about the importance of the state’s natural environment

| 3.1 – Develop and publish a theoretical model that describes the pathway to action, from Victorians connecting with nature, to valuing it and acting to improve biodiversity | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Parks Victoria, Museums Victoria, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year with continuous improvement) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 3.2 – Establish a brand that identifies current and future projects that contribute to Biodiversity 2037 to help promote biodiversity objectives | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | All interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year with continuous improvement) |
| Status | Planned |

| 3.3 – Engage Victorians with key biodiversity objectives and actions, by showcasing Victoria’s rich biodiversity through ongoing public, science and education programs | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Parks Victoria, Museums Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Zoos Victoria, Trust for Nature, Catchment Management Authorities, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NGO Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, Local Government |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Planned |



## Priority 4 – Increase opportunities for all Victorians to have daily connections with nature

| 4.1 – Establish a framework for researching how Victorians value nature. A first step will be working with peak bodies and community groups to establish this baseline information about how Victorians connect to nature and act to protect it | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Parks Victoria, Museums Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Zoos Victoria, Trust for Nature, Catchment Management Authorities, Local Government, NGO Sector, Academic Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 4.2 – Support Victorians who experience barriers to connecting with nature to take their first steps into nature through skills-based events in parks such as learn to camp programs | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Parks Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning |
| Partners | Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 4.3 – Support the Nature Play, Bush Kinders and Outdoor Learning to enable kids to connect with nature | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Department of Health and Human Services |
| Partners | Department of Education and Training, NGO Sector, Parks Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Museums Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 4.4 – Implement the Victorian Memorandum for Health and Nature through projects that enable more Victorians to connect with and be active in the natural environment | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature is Good Medicine |
| Lead | Parks Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning |
| Partners | Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Local Government |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 4.5 – Activate community health in nature programs, such as Park Prescriptions, Forest Bathing, Bush Therapy and Therapeutic Horticulture | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature is Good Medicine |
| Lead | Parks Victoria, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning |
| Partners | Local Government |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

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| --- | --- |
| **4.6 – Grow the range of YouthNatureConnect programs that help teens develop outdoor skills, get fit, connect with their peers, build emotional resilience and enjoy nature** | |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature is Good Medicine |
| Lead | Parks Victoria |
| Partners | Department of Education and Training, NGO Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 4.7 – Develop Spring into Nature events to promote the benefits of getting into nature and protecting it for the health and wellbeing of current and future generations | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature is Good Medicine |
| Lead | Trust for Nature |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 4.8 – Improve monitoring and reporting of Victoria’s environment, health and liveability outcomes to ensure Victorians are well informed about the state of their environment | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature is Good Medicine |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Environment Protection Authority Victoria, Victorian Government Departments and agencies, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 4.9 – Through the Recreational Values Program, provide better information to the community about the opportunities to enjoy and limitations on recreational use of waterways | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Rural Water Corporations, Catchment Management Authorities and the Victorian Environmental Water Holder |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 4.10 – Develop programs, in partnership with Traditional Owner and Aboriginal Groups, to enable children, youth and elders to reconnect to Country for cultural, spiritual, and health and wellbeing benefits | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Parks Victoria |
| Partners | Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

## Priority 5 – Increase opportunities for all Victorians to act to protect biodiversity

| 5.1 – Develop new community conservation campaigns at Phillip Island Nature Parks that encourage Victorians to protect wildlife and their habitat in both marine and terrestrial environments | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Phillip Island Nature Parks, Local Government |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 5.2 – Raise awareness across the Victorian community about protecting wildlife, by continuing to involve Victorians in successful community conservation campaigns | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Zoos Victoria |
| Partners | Phillip Island Nature Parks, Local Government, Museums Victoria |
| Timeframe | Long (ongoing) |
| Status | Commenced |



| 5.3 – Support more Victorians to be citizen scientists through programs that engage the community on environmental issues | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Phillip Island Nature Parks, Local Government, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Museums Victoria, Parks Victoria, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 5.4 – Work with Victorian education providers to strengthen existing programs within the curriculum to increase the availability of nature-based learning and outdoor learning opportunities. This will be supported by initiatives such as Resource Smart Schools | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Sustainability Victoria, Department of Education and Training |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Trust for Nature |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 5.5 – Support Victoria's conservation volunteer groups such as Landcare, Coastcare and Friends Groups to continue building environmental and community resilience | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NGO Sector, Parks Victoria, Catchment Management Authorities, Trust for Nature |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 5.6 – Significantly grow and diversify volunteering opportunities in parks through programs such as Friends Groups, Campground Host and Volunteer Track Rangers both in and around Melbourne as well as Regional Victoria | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into Nature |
| Lead | Parks Victoria |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Long (Ongoing) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 6 – Embed consideration of natural capital into decision making across the whole of government, and support industries to do the same

| 6.1 – Utilise the UN System of Environmental Economic Accounting (UN SEEA) to support statutory reporting in the environment portfolio and develop capabilities to inform policy | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Parks Victoria, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Environment Protection Authority Victoria, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, VicForests |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 6.2 – Work across Australian government, science and business sectors to develop a strategy for a common approach and practical uses for the implementation of the United Nations System for Environmental-Economic Accounting (UN SEEA) | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Commonwealth Government and Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Australian Bureau of Statistics, and other Australian jurisdictions, Business Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year) |
| Status | Commenced |



| 6.3 – Establish a whole-of-Victorian Government working group to prioritise and coordinate state level efforts for the Victorian implementation of United Nations System for Environmental-Economic Accounting (UN SEEA) | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Whole-of-Victorian Government and Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 7 – Help to create more liveable and climate-adapted communities

| 7.1 – Support the establishment of new green infrastructure to maximise the co-benefits to communities and test new approaches for connecting Victorians to nature in an urban context | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | University of Melbourne, Department of Health and Human Services, Water Corporations, Local Government, Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority, Victorian Planning Authority |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 7.2 – As part of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020, undertake a state-wide sectoral and regional economic vulnerability assessment that will include an overview of the vulnerability of biodiversity to climate change impacts, including riverine flood and fire | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Climate-ready ecosystems |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Academic Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 7.3 – As part of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan 2017-2020, commission new climate projections for Victoria that will provide downscaled information about the impacts of climate change on Victoria. Guidance products will be produced to make this localised climate change data accessible to the community | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Climate-ready ecosystems |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 7.4 – Through the implementation of Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 support local government to complete and implement green wedge management plans to protect and enhance the agricultural, biodiversity, environmental, natural resource, tourism, landscape and other values of each of Melbourne’s green wedges | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Local Government, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Parks Victoria |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 7.5 – Through the implementation of Plan Melbourne 2017-2050, establish the Great Yarra Parklands from the crown land reserves along the metropolitan Yarra River (from Warrandyte to Port Phillip, excluding reserves for the port) as a state urban parkland | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Local Government, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and the Wurunjeri Council |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 7.6 – Prepare a metropolitan open space strategy that enhances recreation, amenity, health and wellbeing, species diversity, sustainable water management and urban cooling across Melbourne | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Victorian Planning Authority, Local Government, Port Phillip and Westernport Catchment Management Authority, Department of Health and Human Services, Parks Victoria, Trust for Nature, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

## Priority 8 – Better care for and showcase Victoria’s environmental assets as world class natural and cultural tourism attractions

| 8.1 – Fund on-ground actions that help achieve the Biodiversity 2037 targets in partnership with communities, land managers, Traditional Owners and natural resource management agencies | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | All interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 8.2 – Protect the environmental values of Melbourne’s coasts, waterways and bays (including the Yarra River, Western Port’s sensitive RAMSAR wetlands) | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Parks Victoria, Catchment Management Authorities, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Trust for Nature, Phillip Island Nature Parks, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |



| 8.3 – Investigate the feasibility of establishing feral predator-free sanctuaries through projects at Wilsons Promontory National Park that have the potential to enable the restoration of vegetation communities and faunal assemblages | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Mobilising our Ecosystem Engineers |
| Lead | Parks Victoria |
| Partners | Zoos Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 8.4 – Maintain a fox-free environment on Phillip Island into the future and investigate the potential for Phillip Island to introduce appropriate threatened species of wildlife | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Mobilising our Ecosystem Engineers |
| Lead | Phillip Island Nature Parks |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 8.5 – Identify natural assets that could be enhanced to provide major tourism, cultural and economic benefits for Victoria in the future, and document these in relevant regional strategies | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Catchment Management Authorities |
| Partners | Parks Victoria, Parks Victoria, Catchment Management Authorities, Trust for Nature, NGO Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, Local Government, Water Corporations, Regional Development Victoria |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 8.6 – Develop a Parks Victoria Visitor Engagement Framework to improve visitor experiences | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Parks Victoria |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 8.7 – Develop new programs and site interpretation at Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria, to help Victorians value and understand biodiversity, and support conservation initiatives | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria |
| Partners | Business and Philanthropic Sector |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 8.8 – Implement initiatives that increase awareness and activate values and care for priority local species | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Zoos Victoria |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

## Priority 9 – Establish sustained funding for biodiversity

| 9.1 – Examine, and where appropriate adopt, a variety of approaches to secure sustained funding for biodiversity using established and emerging mechanisms such as matched crowd funding and revolving funds | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Trust for Nature, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Catchment Management Authorities, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |



## Priority 10 – Publish an Investment Prospectus to communicate to prospective investment partners the funded, unfunded and partially-funded projects that are needed to meet the targets

| 10.1 – Publish a web-based Biodiversity Investment Prospectus that allows investors to browse prospective projects and partnership opportunities that will further support on-ground investment towards the Plan’s targets. The prospectus will offer a variety of innovative funding mechanisms that link investors to community and Traditional Owner actions for biodiversity | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Business and Philanthropic Sector, Zoos Victoria, Museums Victoria, Trust for Nature, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, and NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 10.2 – Launch an inaugural biodiversity investment roundtable with key stakeholders including government, business, philanthropy and volunteer representatives to discuss principles and opportunities for good-practice private environmental investment | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Business and Philanthropic Sector, Catchment Management Authorities, Parks Victoria, Zoos Victoria, Museums Victoria, Trust for Nature, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability and Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 11 – Increase incentives and explore market opportunities for private landholders to conserve biodiversity

| 11.1 – Examine the suite of Victorian private land conservation mechanisms and programs to assess their complementarity and investigate the pathways with the highest potential to increase landholder participation in biodiversity protection | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Trust for Nature, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Catchment Management Authorities |
| Partners | Private landholders, Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 11.2 – Undertake a co-design process with key stakeholders to review and update voluntary biodiversity management standards | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Private landholders, Trust for Nature, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Catchment Management Authorities and other partners |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 11.3 – Initiate new biodiversity conservation auctions as a mechanism to protect biodiversity, particularly native vegetation on private land | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Trust for Nature |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

## Priority 12 – Adopt a collaborative biodiversity response planning approach to drive accountability and measurable improvement

| 12.1 – Co-design and implement the Biodiversity Response Planning process with stakeholders and partners across Victoria | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Victorian Government Environment Portfolio Agencies, Local Councils, Traditional Owners, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 12.2 – Launch ActivityKit - a new user-friendly tool for stakeholders and partners to input standard output data for reporting of progress towards state-wide biodiversity targets | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Landcare Groups, Local Government, Traditional Owners, NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year with continuous improvement) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 12.3 – Support partners and stakeholders to report on-ground actions to measure the collective impact towards the Biodiversity 2037 targets | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | All interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 12.4 – Update the conservation status of Victorian species using the IUCN Red List criteria as proposed under the Common Assessment Method (CAM) | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | All interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 13 – Support and enable community groups, Traditional Owners, non-government organisations and sections of government to participate in biodiversity response planning

| 13.1 – Work with community groups and other organisations needing training, information or other assistance to engage in the biodiversity response planning process | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, Victorian Government Environment Portfolio Agencies |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 13.2 – When invited, partner with Traditional Owners to undertake Healthy Country Planning and assist with and acquisition & protection of freehold land | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Trust for Nature |
| Partners | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Catchment Management Authorities, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 14 – Engage with Traditional Owners to include Aboriginal values and traditional ecological knowledge in biodiversity planning and management

| 14.1 – Empower and Enable Interested Victorian Traditional Owners to deliver Biodiversity 2037 in equal partnership across all levels of natural resource management delivery | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owners and other interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Partners | Sustainability Victoria, Parks Victoria, Environment Protection Authority, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Trust for Nature, Catchment Management Authorities, Zoos Victoria, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability |
| Timeframe | Long (Ongoing) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 14.2 – Through the implementation of Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 create opportunities for Aboriginal people to be actively involved in the identification, protection, rehabilitation and ongoing management of cultural heritage places across Melbourne, working with Traditional Owners, Aboriginal community organisations, Governments and others | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Department of Premier and Cabinet |
| Partners | Traditional Owners, Parks Victoria, Local Government, Victorian Planning Authority, Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Government, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria |
| Timeframe | Long (Ongoing) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 14.3 – Through the implementation of Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 prepare waterway corridor master plans for priority waterways to ensure that Traditional Owner and community values of waterways, such as access, amenity and connection to nature, are protected and improved | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria, Local Government, Victorian Planning Authority |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 14.4 – In partnership with Victoria's Traditional Owners, understand how Traditional Owner ecological knowledge and contemporary biodiversity management can be integrated into joint management planning | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 15 – Support Aboriginal access to biodiversity for economic development

| 15.1 – Prioritise opportunities for Traditional Owners and Aboriginal Victorian employment and capability building as part of biodiversity investment processes and other operational natural resource management activities | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups and other interested natural resource management partners |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 15.2 – Work with Aboriginal natural resource management crews and cultural heritage officers to manage or assess privately protected areas, including Trust for Nature reserves and covenants | |
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| Goal | Vic  toria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Trust for Nature |
| Partners | Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Catchment Management Authorities |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 16 – Build capacity to increase Aboriginal participation in biodiversity management

| 16.1 – Provide training and resources for Victorian Traditional Owner Groups to contribute to data collection, extract and use data and utilise biodiversity management decision-support tools | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Caring for Biodiversity on Country |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Planned |



## Priority 17 – Deliver excellence in management of all public land and waters

| 17.1 – Reduce the impact of key invasive species such as feral cats, deer, and wild dogs and new or emerging environmental weeds according to the principles set out in the Invasive Plants and Animals Policy Framework using Strategic Management Prospects as guidance. A first step will be the develop a deer management strategy that sets a strategic plan to maintain sustainable hunting opportunities while reducing the impact of deer on biodiversity on all land tenures of the state | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria’s natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Mobilising our Ecosystem Engineers |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources |
| Partners | Parks Victoria, Game Management Authority, Trust for Nature, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 17.2 – Develop a weed knowledge centre and work with partners to identify and progressively fill key knowledge gaps about new and emerging weed threats to Victoria's biodiversity | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria’s natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources |
| Partners | Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria. All interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 17.3 – Protect biodiversity with enhanced environmental compliance in relation to the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act, and wildlife, native vegetation, non-indigenous heritage, public land, timber harvesting, tour operators and bushfire prevention | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 17.4 – Maintain existing native apex predators in natural ecosystems and, investigate the potential functional role of reintroduced native apex predators in north-west Victoria | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria’s natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Mobilising our Ecosystem Engineers |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Zoos Victoria, Parks Victoria, Trust for Nature, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 17.5 – Work with partners including Victorian Traditional Owner Groups and other stakeholders to review management standards (including for revegetation), to increase incorporation of traditional ecological knowledge and ensure effectiveness under future climate scenarios | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Trust for Nature, Park Victoria, Aboriginal Victorians, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and other interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 17.6 – Implement relevant actions from Regional Waterway Strategies and protect the drought refugia areas, identified in the Regional NRM Climate Change Adaptation Plans | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Climate-ready Ecosystems |
| Lead | Catchment Management Authorities |
| Partners | Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and other interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 17.7 – Provide access to Decision Support Tools to inform better fertiliser and nitrogen application to reduce nutrient losses to waterways | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Nature-tech |
| Lead | Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources |
| Partners | Private sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

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| **17.8 – Develop a Biodiversity Emergency Response Framework that enables rapid decision making for biodiversity after major events such as bushfires or floods** | |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Zoos Victoria, Parks Victoria, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Emergency Management Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 17.9 – Implement the Living with Wildlife Action Plan which sets out four key action areas which will deliver improvements in policy, regulation and management of wildlife for the future | |
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| Goal | Victoria’s natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Mobilising our Ecosystem Engineers |
| Lead | Victoria’s natural environment is healthy and Victorians value nature |
| Partners | Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and NGO Sector |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 17.10 – Design a net gain approximation approach which includes terrestrial, marine and freshwater environments and commence work on a new Net Gain Approximation Report | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

## Priority 18 – Maintain and enhance a world-class system of protected areas

| 18.1 – Investigate opportunities to secure more permanently protected areas on private land | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Trust for Nature |
| Partners | Private Landholders, Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources and the Philanthropic sector |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 18.2 – Establish land management agreements with private landholders as part of integrated land, water and biodiversity management programs identified as priorities in Regional Catchment Strategies across Victoria to complement the reserve and private land covenanting systems | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Catchment Management Authorities |
| Partners | Private Landholders, Trust for Nature |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |



## Priority 19 – Adopt a whole-of-government approach to implementing this Plan

| 19.1 – Establish the VicEnvironments leadership forum for Victorian Government environment portfolio agencies to coordinate actions that achieve the goals and targets of Biodiversity 2037 | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Sustainability Victoria, Parks Victoria, Environment Protection Authority, Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Trust for Nature, Catchment Management Authorities, Zoos Victoria, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability and Dja Dja Wurrung Aboriginal Corporation |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 19.2 – Develop policy and accounting mechanisms to ensure that biodiversity losses that occur outside the regulatory system are appropriately counter-balanced at a whole of state level. A first step will be establishing a counterbalance statement for public land | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |



| 19.3 – Complete the Review the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 and identify reforms for consideration by government | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 19.4 – Ensure delivery of actions to implement the Government response to the Independent Inquiry into the EPA that promote biodiversity outcomes, specifically:  introducing a statutory objective for EPA to protect human health and environment from pollution and waste  create a consolidated and enhanced environmental health capability for Victoria  review Victoria's air and water monitoring networks  examine how to best address complex environment protection and public health issues  establish processes for better coordination of environmental management, monitoring and reporting in Victoria | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Environment Protection Authority Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NA |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

| 19.5 – Develop a Feral Cat Action Plan and review the legislative framework to enable the control of feral cats for the protection of Victoria's biodiversity and threatened wildlife | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria’s natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Mobilising our Ecosystem Engineers |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, Zoos Victoria, Parks Victoria, Phillip Island Nature Parks |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 19.6 – Develop the next Zoos Victoria Wildlife Conservation Master Plan for 2019-2024 | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Zoos Victoria |
| Partners | All interested natural resource management partners including Victorian Traditional Owners, Federal Government, NGO Sector, Academic Research Sector, Private Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Commenced |

## Priority 20 – Establish a transparent evaluation process to report on progress towards delivering the Plan

| 20.1 – Release and implement the first iteration of the Biodiversity 2037 Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework (MERF) | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | Victorian Government environment agencies, NGO Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Academic Research Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1 year) |
| Status | Completed |
| Update | The first iteration of the Biodiversity 2037 Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Framework (MERF) is available for download here: <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/biodiversity/biodiversity-plan> |

| 20.2 – Co-design a biodiversity conservation forum for Biodiversity 2037 | |
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| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy |
| Theme | Protecting Biodiversity Together |
| Lead | Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning |
| Partners | NGO Sector, Interested Victorian Traditional Owner Groups, Academic Research Sector |
| Timeframe | Short (1-2 years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 20.3 – Host the 7th Global Botanic Gardens Congress International in Melbourne to demonstrate the vital role of botanic gardens in connecting people with nature | |
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| Goal | Victorians value nature |
| Theme | Steps into nature |
| Lead | Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria |
| Partners | Local Government, Melbourne Convention Centre |
| Timeframe | Long (4+ years) |
| Status | Planned |

| 20.4 – Establish a baseline for reporting on Victoria's biodiversity to inform the Victorian State of the Environment Report 2018 | |
| --- | --- |
| Goal | Victoria's natural environment is healthy, and  Victorians value nature |
| Theme | VicEnvironments |
| Lead | Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability |
| Partners | All data custodians |
| Timeframe | Medium (2-4 years) |
| Status | Planned |