

#WAFeralCat23

Progressing cat management in WA: the last four years

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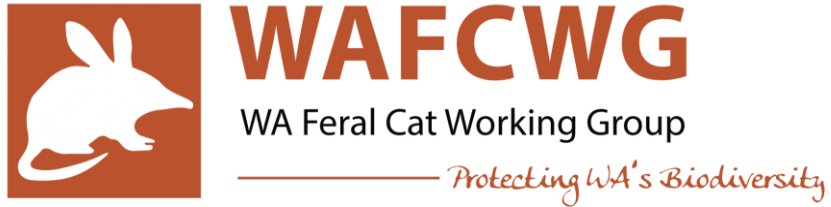


Scene setting: identified needs

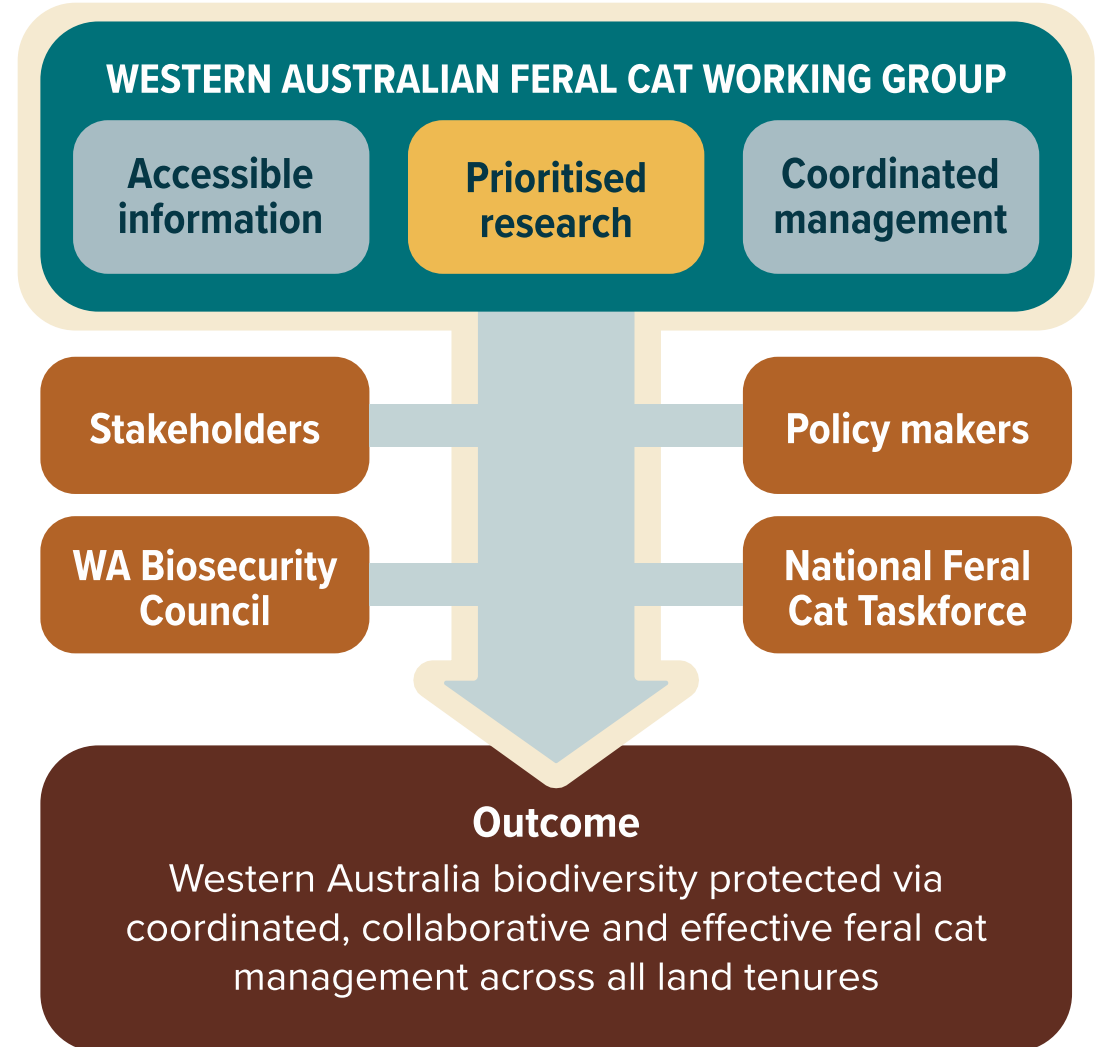
1. Clearer understanding of current situation
2. A group to drive more effective collaboration & action
3. Priority actions to implement/facilitate/advocate for



WA Feral Cat Working Group



“To improve the trajectory of native fauna conservation outcomes through collaborative, effective, resource efficient & humane management of feral cats”



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Research
community

Government
organisations

NRM
organisations

Indigenous land
owners

Indigenous land
mangers

Conservation
NGOs

Animal welfare
sector

Cat owners

Compliance &
regulatory sector

Agricultural
sector

Environmental
consultants

Mining sector

Tourism sector

Australian
Defence Force

Animal rights
organisations

General public

A one stop information shop



The Western Australian Feral Cat Working Group

Improving the trajectory of Western Australian native fauna conservation outcomes through collaborative, effective, resource-efficient and humane management of feral cats



Information

Want to know more about the impacts of feral cats, and how to manage them?



Management

Who is working on best practice feral cat control?



Research

What are we doing to close the knowledge gaps?

What are the options for managing cats?

Information on management techniques



Cage Trapping



Baiting



Spotlighting & Shooting



Exclosure Fencing



Indigenous Hunting



Felixer Grooming Traps



Map Satellite

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Tanami Davenport

Karratha Port Hedland Marble Bar Telfer

Exmouth Cape Range National Park Coral Bay

Alice Springs Petermann Yulara **Australia** Marla

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SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA

Yellabinna Reg'l Reserve Nullarbor

Bunbury Busselton Margaret River Albany

Esperance

Great Australian Bight

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Predator control for the western ground parrot

Cape Arid National Park, Merivale Road, Cape Arid WA, Australia

Tenure: DBCA managed estate

Description: The western ground parrot is a Critically Endangered parrot, particularly vulnerable to predation by introduced predators. Feral cats have been identified as a key threat to this species, and so on-ground cat control is essential for their survival. Cats are difficult to control and their management can be labour intensive. Here, we provide funding for DBCA to work to control feral cats in the western ground parrot's last remaining stronghold, to ensure the species survives.

Project partners: DBCA


Funding: The project is jointly funded through DBCA and the Australian Government's National Landcare Program

Find out more: <https://www.dpaw.wa.gov.au/plants-and-animals/threatened-species-and-communities/threatened-animals/western-ground-parrot>

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Project duration: 2019-2023

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Research program development



2015
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions



2016
Threatened Species Recovery Hub
National Environmental Science Programme




Research program development



① Social licence and value proposition

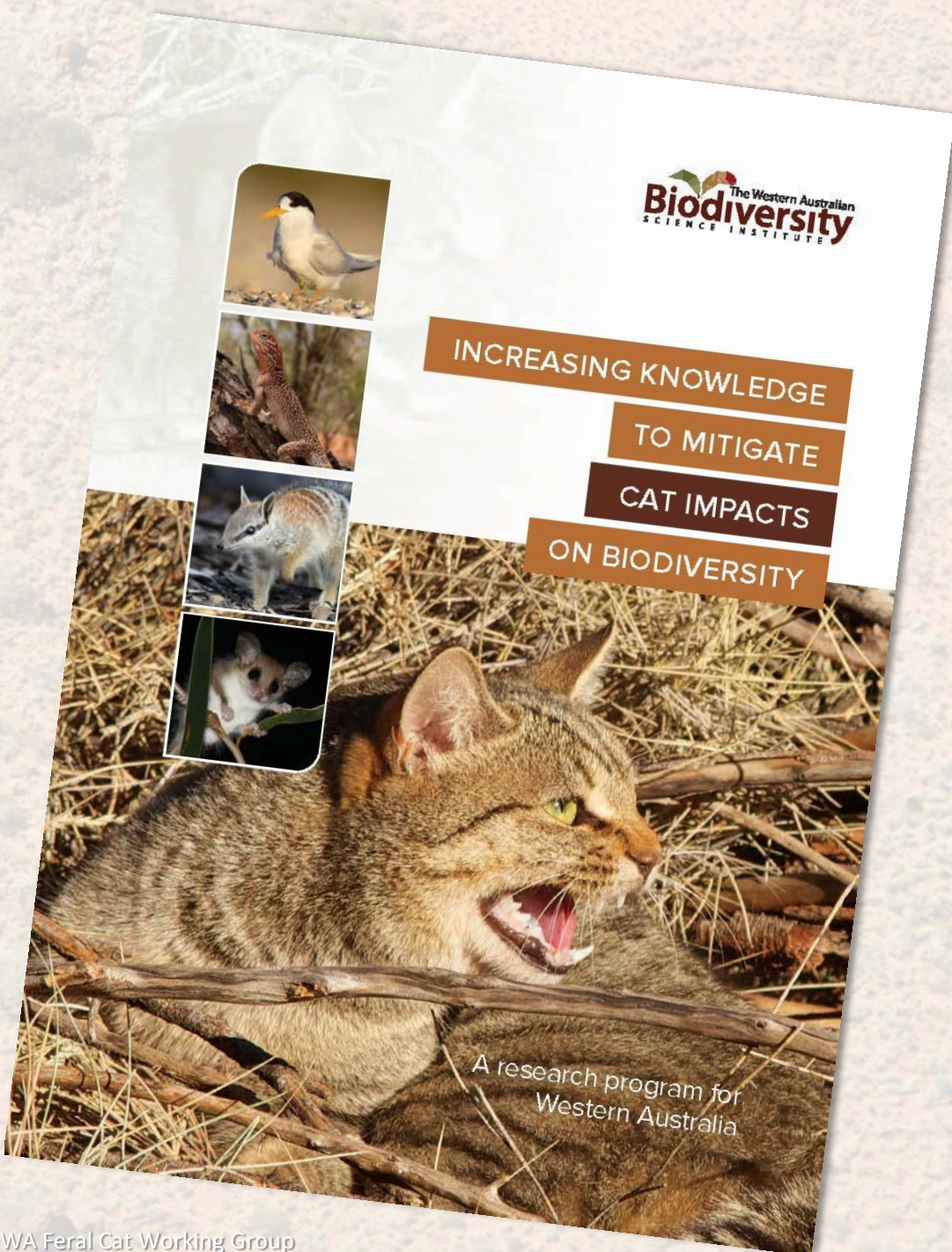
② Improving existing management

③ Quantifying impacts

④ Developing novel management

⑤ Population ecology and behaviour

■ : feral cats only ■ : all cats



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The road ahead

- Improving access to control methods
- Research program expansion
- More effective terminology
- Significant funding strategy



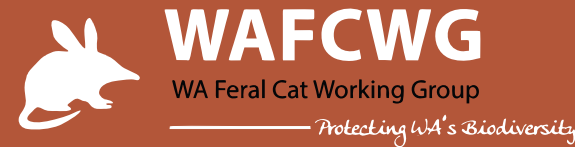
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