



INDIGENOUS COUNTRY AND BIODIVERSITY ALLIANCE FACT SHEET

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WHO ARE WE?

The Indigenous Country and Biodiversity Alliance (ICBA) is an alliance of Indigenous organisations working together to make sure our culture, knowledge and ways of looking after Country are at the forefront of nature markets in Australia.

We do this by partnering with Indigenous organisations on projects that support environmental and cultural outcomes, as well as finding new ways to invest in work that benefits biodiversity and Country, such as the new Nature Repair Market.

Our aim is to create a future where Indigenous knowledge, values, practices and culture shape the management of Country and biodiversity across Australia to create better outcomes for Country, people and the world.

ALLIANCE PARTNERS

The four Indigenous partner organisations of ICBA are:

- North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)
- Kimberley Land Council (KLC)
- Aboriginal Carbon Foundation (AbCF)
- Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA)

The Alliance is governed by a Governance Committee which is made up of the four CEOs of the Indigenous partner organisations and supported by an independent Indigenous Secretariat. ICBA is supported financially through philanthropic funding.

WHAT IS THE NATURE REPAIR MARKET?

The Australian Government is setting up a new Nature Repair Market to invest in work that benefits the environment. It is similar to the carbon market, but focused on improving biodiversity and Country, not just reducing carbon emissions.

How it works:

- Landholders (like Traditional Owners, farmers or conservation groups) carry out projects that care for Country, such as removing invasive weeds, undertaking fire management or tackling feral animals.
- Project biodiversity and cultural outcomes are measured and verified under official methods.
- Once verified, projects receive certificates that show the environmental benefit achieved.
- Certificates can be sold to buyers.
- The money that is generated can be used to pay for more work that benefits Country.



ICBA'S ROLE

ICBA brings Indigenous people together to make sure we are part of the new Nature Repair Market from the start.

By working together, we can have a strong voice and speak loudly about what matters to us. Ways we will do this include:

- Giving the Australian Government advice on how the Nature Repair Market should work and what rules should be in place.
- Ensuring the role of Indigenous people in caring for Country and biodiversity is recognised and valued.
- Undertaking projects that test different ways of caring for Country so that Indigenous people can get involved in the Nature Repair Market on their terms.
- Embedding Indigenous values, knowledge and culture into the market, as well as ensuring Indigenous peoples rights are respected and maintained.

INDIGENOUS-LED METHOD DEVELOPMENT

One way that ICBA is supporting Indigenous people to get involved in the Nature Repair Market is through the development of Indigenous-led methods of caring for Country.

A method is a documented way of looking after Country that aims to achieve good environmental outcomes. To develop Indigenous-led methods, ICBA is working in partnership with Indigenous organisations on projects that are important to them. The projects

look at what is environmentally and culturally significant, the threats to these values, and the best ways to protect and care for them.

Once an Indigenous organisation has defined a project's goals and approach, ICBA provides support, including tools to measure improvements to Country and biodiversity.

The results and learnings that come from the project will be used to develop Indigenous-led methods that other Indigenous groups can use on their Country under the Nature Repair Market.

PILOT PROJECTS

ICBA partner organisations are currently supporting eight pilot projects across Australia in the Northern Territory, Queensland, Western Australia and New South Wales.

The projects are contributing to the development of Indigenous-led methods in:

- Biodiversity and carbon methods for feral animal control in northern Australia
- A fire and biodiversity method for northern Australia
- Fire and biodiversity methods for the desert
- Indigenous land management supporting biodiversity method

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