

Latest biodiversity information captured in new CSIRO book

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Front cover of the book 'Biodiversity: Science and Solutions for Australia' by CSIRO.

Capturing the latest information on Australia's biodiversity, the book aims to provide business, government, and the community with practical solutions to managing Australia's globally unique natural assets.

"This publication is an invaluable resource for anyone managing Australia's ecosystems. The book provides an important bridge from our scientists to the wider Australian community," said Minister Hunt.

Whether it's a precious cultural symbol, our life-support system, or a resource to be used – biodiversity matters to all Australians. Yet, despite our sense of its importance as part of our national identity, in many parts of our country biodiversity is in trouble.

"CSIRO's book draws together the latest science to identify practical solutions to the many challenges that face Australia's unique biodiversity, which include habitat fragmentation, altered fire regimes, invasive [species](#), harvesting of species, and species decline," said Dr Megan Clark, CSIRO Chief Executive.

"The book draws on CSIRO's 90 years of research into biodiversity, as well as insights from the broader community, including research organisations, industry, all levels of government and the wider community," said Dr Clark.

The book's 192 pages provide scientific insights including:

- the ancient origins and unique features of Australia's species, as well as the current status of our biodiversity on land and in rivers, lakes and the sea.
- tools for management and planning, including Australia's protected area system
- Indigenous perspectives on biodiversity
- how Australia's [biodiversity](#) interacts with agriculture, the resources sector, and cities.

The book is available for free as an eBook from the CSIRO website and will be distributed to key decision makers around the country.

The printed version of the book has been produced on paper certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

More information: *Biodiversity: Science and Solutions for Australia* can be downloaded for free here: www.csiro.au/Outcomes/Environment/Biodiversity-Book.aspx

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