

Indigenous Ranger Sector Strategy Information Sheet

Strong Culture – Proposed Actions

This Information Sheet explains why each lead action in the Draft Strategy is important. It suggests ideas to implement the lead action. Some of these ideas were proposed by Indigenous ranger organisations in earlier consultations.



Action 5.1 – Local control of cultural data

Why this is important

- Ranger organisations say they need local control to protect and manage culturally important data and knowledge.
 - Such data and information may be generated in research and management projects.
 - Reporting to grant administrators and commercial partners about project performance may involve sharing this data.

What might be done?

- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between ranger organisations and partners outlining key principles and protocols.
- Information (e.g. case studies) and guidance on ranger organisation management of local cultural data.



Action 5.2 – Improved awareness of protocols for access to and use of Indigenous knowledge and data

Why this is important

- New and potential partners know about cultural protocols, ethical research and the need for free, prior and informed consent for use of Indigenous knowledge.

What might be done?

- Government agencies, funding bodies and partner organisations collaborate to publicise and adopt guides such as *Our Knowledge Our Way*¹ and the AIATSIS research Code of Ethics.

¹ *Our Knowledge Our Way* was prepared by a partnership of NAILSMA, CSIRO, the National Environmental Science Program and others.



Action 5.3 – Increased cultural protection and management opportunities for ranger organisations

Why this is important

- Indigenous rangers have an important role protecting and managing local significant places guided by Traditional Owners.
- Opportunities exist for ranger groups to manage cultural places to meet legislative and development approval requirements.

What might be done?

- Identify opportunities for ranger organisations in cultural place management as part of Australia-wide and regional investigations of land and water management opportunities (Action 1.5 in the Strategy).