

NRM Funding Programs Summary
Current as at 9th May 2005

Program	Objectives	Funding themes/preferences	Funding Information	Project Duration	Who can apply?	Application process	Further info
<p>NHT - Envirofund</p>	<p>The Australian Government Envirofund is the local action component of the Natural Heritage Trust. It helps communities undertake local projects aimed at conserving biodiversity and promoting sustainable resource use.</p>	<p>Projects will need to help achieve one or more of the Trust's 10 areas of activity and fall within the Envirofund's eligible activities.</p> <p>Activities that are eligible for the Australian Government Envirofund include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. native vegetation planting or other works to stabilise soil or dunes, reduce groundwater recharge or prevent erosion; 2. fencing or other management techniques to protect and preserve habitat, or manage access to coastal areas 3. controlling stock access to watercourses to protect streamside habitat and improve water quality, such as by installing piping and pumps to locate stock watering points away from watercourses and permanently protecting the area with fencing; 4. weed control on public land, but only where there is a high biodiversity conservation benefit and where it is clearly the most cost effective way of achieving that benefit, otherwise we will only consider weed control activities that are a limited but integral part of projects that address broader natural resource management issues; 5. feral animal control to protect threatened native species or ecological communities where the species or community has been identified in national or State threat abatement or recovery plans; and the relevant regional NRM body is implementing national or State threat abatement or recovery plans in relation to the species or community; 6. native vegetation planting for biodiversity conservation or habitat purposes; or restoration of Indigenous cultural landscapes, community health (for example, dust suppression), bush food or medicine; 7. awareness-raising activities that directly lead to significant local on-ground benefits for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use; 8. demonstrations or trials of new techniques for sustainable farming, forestry or fishing practices or solutions to local problems; or Indigenous hunting, gathering or fishing if this promotes sustainability (for example, development of species monitoring and harvesting plans); 9. monitoring of water quality, species, habitats, or other natural resources where this will have a clear local benefit for biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource management; and will contribute to national, State/Territory or regional data sets; 10. where required to achieve local on ground biodiversity conservation or sustainable natural resource use objectives - relevant skill and knowledge development for resource managers and users through education and training, including Indigenous caring for country techniques and application or transfer of traditional Indigenous knowledge (for example, fire management, knowledge of threatened species, plant use and seasonal patterns); 11. holding workshops or producing videos, publications or similar resources that build the capacity of local Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups to engage Indigenous communities in natural resource management; and 12. identifying, protecting and managing Indigenous cultural heritage resources where there is a significant biodiversity conservation benefit. <p>Applications need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate clear natural resource management benefits; and/or • identify capacity building outcomes in relation to the applicant's skills and knowledge in natural resource management. <p>Preference will be given to projects that take a systematic and coordinated approach to dealing with a problem.</p>	<p>\$20 million nationally per year via 2 funding rounds.</p> <p>Round 6 announced April 29</p> <p>In Round 5, the NT received \$186,000.</p> <p>05/06 will only have one round, \$20million available nationally</p> <p>Round 7 expected to open Sept/Oct 05.</p> <p>Two tiers of applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -tier one up to \$15, 000 with greatly simplified application form and requirements. - tier two for those seeking \$15,000 up to \$50,000 and will also have a simplified application form, although seeking more information than the first tier of application. 	<p>Increased to 18 mths from Round 7</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an incorporated association; • a body corporate; • a company; • a trust; • a partnership; • an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander corporation, council or incorporated association; or • an individual person. 	<p>Direct application to Envirofund Unit, DEH.</p>	<p>www.nht.gov.au/envirofund/index.html 1800 303 863 envirofund@daff.gov.au</p> <p>Regional Facilitators Kath Nash Top End – 8999 3493 Madonna Mackay Katherine – 89738106 Michelle Rodrigo Alice Springs - 89519255</p>