

**NRM Funding Programs Summary**  
**Current as at 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

Program	Objectives	Funding themes/preferences	Funding Information	Project Duration	Who can apply?	Application process	Further info
<b>NHT – Regional Competitive Component</b>	Intended to support higher-cost, larger scale, multi-regional or cross-jurisdictional, multi-year projects that will lead to significant improvements in the sustainable management of natural resources.	In this round, preference will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide benefits commensurate with the level of investment;</li> <li>• can utilise existing data developed and available from existing resources (e.g., NLWRA);</li> <li>• generate cross-regional benefits which may not otherwise be identified as a high priority by individual regions;</li> <li>• contain State or third party matching contributions (cash or in kind), though this requirement may be waived if necessary to support activities considered to be essential to achieve priority Australian Government objectives;</li> <li>• are focused on one or more of the Round 3 thematic areas for investment (threatened species (individual species or collective) and threatening processes; coastal zone and the marine environment; Ramsar wetlands and their catchments; feral pests; sustainable production; indigenous engagement).</li> </ul> Proposed activities must be consistent with the following Trust investment principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Require a <u>cross-jurisdictional</u> or multi-regional approach for delivery.</li> <li>• Be collaboratively developed and owned by the regional organisations.</li> <li>• Be technically sound and have a high probability of achieving outcomes.</li> <li>• Make a clear and demonstrated contribution to on-ground management actions and resource conditions targets and/or develop tools for management decision-making (research projects generally will not be supported).</li> <li>• Be consistent with regional plans and investment strategies for proponent regions.</li> <li>• Generate lasting benefits (i.e., beyond the period of funding).</li> <li>• Be consistent with standard NHT investment requirements.</li> </ul>	Round 1 - ? Round 2 - \$13mill over 3 years nationally.  Round 3 - \$20 mill over 3 years nationally. Applications closed 4 March 2005.	3 years	Open to regional NRM bodies. Other organisations can develop proposals collaboratively with the NRM regional body for the regional NRM body to submit.	Project proposals must be collaboratively developed and owned by regional bodies. The host or sponsoring region will be responsible for delivering project outcomes. Regional Organisations must submit their proposals with a covering letter to the Commonwealth-NT Joint Steering Committee. Prior to this, interested parties should contact the regional body to develop a project proposal.	<a href="http://www.nht.gov.au/rcc/index.html">www.nht.gov.au/rcc/index.html</a> , or from Geoff Rohan on 02 6274 2344 or at <a href="mailto:geoff.rohan@deh.gov.au">geoff.rohan@deh.gov.au</a> .