Land and Sea Management Fund - Round 6 Grants approved for funding

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| Applicant | Grant title | Project Description | Project duration  (years) |
| MOPRA - Crocodile Island Rangers | Biodiversity Surveys of the Crocodile Islands | The purpose of the project is to run comprehensive biological surveys within the Maringa IPA at the Crocodile Islands over three years. While there have been smaller scale surveys conducted, a long term monitoring plan is yet to be established. The main objective is to develop the rangers’ skills to a level that they can continue and lead the program with minimal external input. A long term monitoring plan will be developed, and a bilingual biodiversity inventory will be compiled for the community. | 3 |
| Northern Land Council – Bulgul Rangers | Bulgul Feral Pig Management | This project will: - Continue to build the capacity and capability of the Bulgul Rangers to undertake feral animal management activities. - Continue the partnership with Wildscience to reduce feral pig numbers on the floodplain and wetland areas of the Delissaville/Wagait /Larrakia Aboriginal Land Trust. - Continue to raise awareness levels of the key beneficiaries of feral animal management on Wadjigan & Kiuk Land. - Build capacity of the Bulgul Rangers to monitor and report feral pig biosecurity related diseases | 1 |
| Thamarrurr Development Corporation | Western Top End Invasive Weed Eradication | The Thamarrurr Rangers will partner with other Ranger groups in the region to manage ground support operations for aerial spraying and undertake ground spraying activities to control Mimosa pigra and Gamba Grass on the Daly River Port Keats Aboriginal Land Trust and the Malak Malak Aboriginal Land Trusts. These Ranger groups will coordinate operations and work together where possible. As such, this project will build on the existing operations and expertise of Ranger groups in the region that are already receiving funding through various arrangements with NIAA and NLC. | 3 |
| Jawoyn Aboriginal Corporation | Empowering Jawoyn Rangers through communication skills training | Strong leadership is a primary element in successful Aboriginal communities and encompasses traditional cultural values and experiences, and cultural knowledge, laws, and kinship systems. Leadership also requires effective communication.  This funding to conduct a two-day communication skills training course for Rangers in Katherine will cover presentations, messaging, dealing with nerves, and using visual aids. Rangers will also learn how to use their smart devices to take better video footage and photos and promote country and culture on social media. Traditional media training will also be covered. | 1 |
| Tiwi Resources | Planning for culturally and ecologically appropriate management of feral water buffalo on the Tiwi Islands | In response to significant concern about the impacts of buffalo Traditional Owners, through the Tiwi Resources Board and IPA Planning Committee, directed Tiwi Resources to develop and implement a culturally appropriate and ecologically effective management plan. This plan of action, which has three phases, directly contributes to the draft Tiwi Islands IPA Plan of Management. This grant is for Phase 2, which is participatory planning with Traditional Owners, community awareness activities and production of a Consultation Report reflecting Tiwi environmental and cultural goals. | 1.5 |
| Tiwi Resources | Planning for strategic and effective weed management on the Tiwi Islands | Mimosa, Lantana, Rubber Vine, and Gamba grass – all Weeds of National Significance – are found on the Tiwis. This project will see a comprehensive survey of weeds undertaken across the Tiwi Islands, and the development of a five-year Tiwi Weed Management Plan. The plan will provide the foundation for future weed management by directly supporting the Tiwi Islands IPA Plan of Management and help maximise ecological and cultural outcomes for Tiwi people. | 1 |
| Jawoyn Aboriginal Corporation | Mangarrayi Healthy Country Planning | This project will support Mangarrayi people to develop their first healthy country plan for their land. The planning process with multiple on-country workshops, a dedicated planning committee and expert planning consultants will ensure a valuable process and enduring collective plan that will guide the activities of their currently funded rangers plus expansion to pursue other priorities. | 1 |
| Laynhapuy Homelands | Laynhapuy IPA Feral Animal Control | This three year project will see Yolŋu Yirralka rangers taking the lead role in a significant feral animal reduction across the Laynhapuy Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) through:  1. Culling at priority floodplains; and,  2. Monitoring of floodplain health and productivity improvement by Yolŋu rangers and ŋalapalmi. | 3 |
| Northern Land Council – Garngi and Mardbalk Rangers | Garngi/Mardbalk Weeds and Feral Animal Management | This project will survey key weed species and feral animals on both Goulburn Island (Mardbalk Rangers) and Croker Island (Garngi Rangers) located in the Arafura Sea in North East Arnhem Land. Once the surveys are complete, weed and feral animal management plans will be developed, helping Garngi and Mardbalk rangers develop sustained weed and feral management programs | 1 |