Land and Sea Management Fund – Successful Round 7 Grants

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| Applicant | Title | Project Description | Duration |
| Mimal Land Management Aboriginal Corporation | Strong Women for Healthy Country Mentorship Support | Indigenous women throughout the Territory have been designing and driving their Strong Women for Healthy Country Network over the past 5 years, with support from Mimal Land Management. This grant will help meet an urgent need identified by over 200 women caring for Country - to attract and deliver support for women working as mentors in remote communities. | 2 years |
| Warddeken Land Management Limited | Training and Support for Feral Animal Management Activities | In addition to supporting rangers undertaking the aerial culling component of the program, training in A & B firearms will be provided to six daluk (women) rangers to allow them to undertake ground culling operations and diversify the capacity of WLML’s women’s ranger program to be involved in all aspects of the IPA Plan of Management. | 1 year |
| Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation | Implementation of the Yolngu Knowledge Framework at Dhimurru | Over the last 30 years Dhimurru’s work has focused on mainstream ranger work. It is now time to implement our Yolŋu Knowledge Framework to recognise and value Yolŋu approaches to management. The Dhimurru Board decided to split our workforce in two. We will have one Yolŋu Rom (law) team dedicated to managing Country using Yolŋu methods and will be supported by this grant. The Operations Team will manage mainstream work. | 2 years |
| Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation | Protecting the biodiversity and cultural values of Gurruwiling (the Arafura Swamp) from the threat of Olive hymenachne | ASRAC has in place a well-established control plan in action for mimosa (Mimosa pigra) and gamba grass (Andropogon gayanus). ASRAC however has no control implemented for the identified threat of Olive hymenachne (Hymenachne amplexicaulis). Olive Hymenachne was first introduced as an improved pasture and has since taken over the northern third of the Arafura Swamp. An aerial survey will be conducted with ASRAC and the NT Weeds branch, upskilling rangers in survey methodology. Aerial spraying of the control line and southern incursions will follow. | 2 years |
| Mimal Land Management Aboriginal Corporation | Strengthening Mimal Governance of the Indigenous Protected Area – Enabling dispersed communities and cohorts to have representation, voice, and participation in governance. | Effective and inclusive good governance practices enable positive outcomes across all Mimal programs delivered by Rangers (Men and Women) in land management, conservation, and cultural outcomes. Good governance across these programs helps to keep us focused on priorities, charts how to deal with threats, and seize opportunities to build strong and empowered communities, respect mens and women's programs in culture, build community, strengthen connections across generations, build jobs and training opportunities to increase economic participation. | 2 years |
| Arafura Swamp Rangers Aboriginal Corporation | Build internal capacity for feral animal management through practical control of feral pigs on the Arafura Swamp | The 2022 mid-term review of the Arafura Swamp Ranger’s Healthy Country Plan cited the damage caused by feral animals to the region as one of the most significant issues for TOs, and one of increasing concern due to growing feral numbers. TOs have strongly advocated that they want Yolngu to lead the feral pig control program and not rely on outside expertise. This grant will fund for four ASRAC Aboriginal Rangers to upgrade their shooting licences and undertake certified practical training in aerial shooting. | 1 year |
| Thamarrurr Development Corporation Ltd | Feral animal management to protect natural habitat and cultural sites | Thamarrurr will address the escalating threat posed by feral animal populations in the Madjellindi valley and the Moyle River flood plain areas through: 1. Aerial Survey – Engaging specialised contractors to conduct an aerial survey of feral animal populations, producing a report with management recommendations. 2. Aerial Cull - Informed by the survey, a precise aerial cull will be carried out to reduce feral animal populations. 3. Cultural Site Protection – Install portable fencing at the identified cultural sites and monitor for improvements. | 2 years |
| Gong-Dal Aboriginal Corporation | Western Miyarrka Healthy Country Planning & Mutjung Rangers Development | GDAC and Waṯangu Mala have already drafted the first 2 stages our HCP including our Vision, Targets and Threats, brainstormed many of our Goals and Indicators and began working on Projects and Strategies. This grant will enable us to complete our HCP which we need to build a skilled ranger team that will deliver professional ranger services to manage our land and sea country while keeping culture strong. | 1 year |
| Northern Land Council | Increasing Women’s Participation in the NLC Caring for Country Workforce | There are many benefits for communities and families where women’s cultural relationships with land and sea are acknowledged, practiced and valued. The previous NLC Women’s Strategy and Action Plan are nearing expiry, however there remains a strong need to continue the work to engage more women in land and sea management activities, ensuring their priorities, skills, and knowledge are integrated. This grant will employ one FTE (Aboriginal identified) position to revise and update the Strategy and to align closely with Strong Women for Healthy Country Network to create the new Action Plan and coordinate initiatives. | 2 years |
| MOPRA – Crocodile Island Rangers | Aerial Cull of Feral Pigs at Howard Island | Feral pigs are of increasing concern to residents of Langarra Outstation, located at Howard Island. Recent biodiversity surveys conducted by the Crocodile Islands Rangers showed the extent of damage to wetland and fringing habitat. In order to remove numbers below the breeding rate, best practice calls for a >70% reduction in total population, each year. This grant will fund the 2024 cull. | 1 year |