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Australia's Fourth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity

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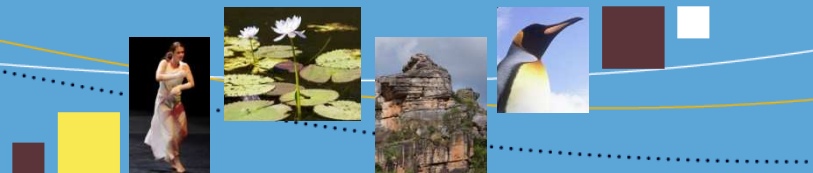
Overview

- Planning
- Stakeholders
- Compilation
- Approval
- Challenges



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Planning

- Allocation of roles and responsibilities
 - Overall coordination
 - Input
- Development of timelines
- Identification of stakeholders and methods for engagement
- Drafting, editing and publishing
- Approvals



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Stakeholders

- Identifying those with an interest
 - Other agencies – eg Agriculture, Climate Change
 - Other Australian Governments – State and Territory
 - NGOs
- Mechanisms for engagement
 - Letters
 - Face to face discussions
 - Telephone



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Compilation

■ Template

- Request for information distributed

■ First draft

- Developed from the input from initial requests and publicly available information

■ Second draft

- Compilation of comments on first draft

■ Final for editing

■ Ministerial Approval



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Overcoming Challenges

- Meeting deadlines
 - Other priorities emerging at crucial times in the process
 - Receipt of timely input from stakeholders
- Interest and involvement of stakeholders



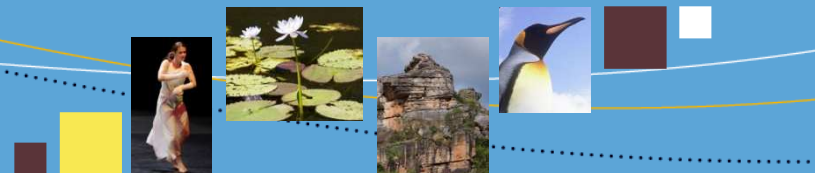
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Thank you

■ Questions?



Chapter 2 - Current status of national biodiversity strategies and action plans

- Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy
- Other important policies and programs that contribute to the implementation of the Convention such as:
 - National Reserve System Strategy
 - Caring for our Country Initiative
 - Native Vegetation Framework
 - National Biodiversity and Climate Change Action Plan
 - Marine Bioregional Planning
 - National Water Initiative