

Environmental Offset Assessment Guide

Increasing impact points

IMPACT CALCULATOR				
FACTORS	LEVEL OF IMPACT ON PROTECTED MATTER			
	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH (£)	VERY HIGH (£)
	Description	Description	Description	Description
Conservation Status of Protected Matter	V	V	V	V
	E	E	E	E
	CE	CE	CE	CE
Duration of Impact (not of action)	Transient	Transient	Transient	Transient
	Short	Short	Short	Short
	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent
Condition of Habitat Impacted	Low	Low	Low	Low
	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
	High	High	High	High
	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal	Marginal
Type of Habitat Impacted	Average	Average	Average	Average
	Core	Core	Core	Core
	Refugia	Refugia	Refugia	Refugia

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£ Note that some high or very high impacts may not be able to be offset
*Minimum direct offsets point requirements may vary for some protected matters
¶ Priority actions are those contained in any Recovery Plan or other approved conservation advice for the protected matter additional to the standard management actions in consultation with the department

KEY	
V	Vulnerable
E	Endangered
CE	Critically endangered

DECISION RIBBON	Impact Points	Impact Area (ha)	Total Offset Points Required (Impact points X Impact area)	Minimum Direct Offset Points required*	Direct Offset Points earned	Indirect Offset Points required	Actual Indirect Offsets	Required Offset (ha)	Net Result
	From Impact Calculator		Impact points X Impact Area	75% of Total Impact points	From Offset Calculator	Total offsets required minus Direct Offsets achieved	Selected from Offsets Calculator	Total Impact Points/Offset Points	Surplus/ Deficit
	From impact point menu as selected		100% of Total offset requirement	75% of Total offset requirement	Sum of Ongoing Actions Menu	Total Offset Required - Direct Offset Points earned	Sum of Indirect offsets points as selected		

OFFSETS CALCULATOR				
<div>Direct Offset Points Menu</div> <div>Direct offsets are mandatory. A selection of actions from this menu is to be chosen to fulfill 75% of the total offset requirements.</div>	Examples of ongoing actions		Offset Points	
	Land tenure change and maintenance	Basic Direct Offset requiring: enduring, secure land tenure for the protection of the conservation values of the direct offset; <i>plus management actions</i> to <i>maintain</i> in current condition; habitat condition must be good or better		Basic offset accruing a standard number of points
	Site Characteristics	Location of offset to impact site	adjacent	High points
			close	Medium points
			sub-bioregion	Low points
		Contribution to a wildlife corridor or other connectivity (e.g. proximity to NRS) for the protected matter		Points awarded for connectivity
		Ecological significant revegetation		High points awarded where ecological benefit is likely
		Length of time between action and offset delivering ecological benefit	immediate	Bonus points
			12 months	Standard requirement
			medium	Points deducted
	long		Points deducted	
	Other Actions	Significant additional actions above legal requirements which <i>improve</i> the conservation value of the direct offset for the protected matter <i>above</i> those needed to maintain the offset in its current condition (see separate sheet).		Various points awarded
		Actions on private land to create buffer zones around the direct offset e.g removal of stock, invasive species control or sympathetic fire regime		Various points awarded
		Other direct offset actions as proposed for consideration in consultation with the department ¶		Appropriate point allocations determined on expert advice and extent of program
<div>Indirect Offset Points Menu</div> <div>These are optional actions to fulfil offset point requirements if direct offsets do not deliver 100% of the offset requirements</div>	Other indirect offset actions as proposed for consideration in consultation with the department		Various points awarded	
	Actions from green table with social and/or economic co-benefits (e.g. employing Indigenous rangers to undertake actions) that benefit the protected matter	High	High points	
		Medium	Medium points	
		Low	Low points	
		None	No points	
	Direct offset for a particular species that enhances the viability of other species that are not impacted by the proposed action	3 or more species	High points	
		2 species	Medium points	
		1 species	Low points	
	Actions that improve the conservation value of private land other than the direct offset and the buffer zone for the protected matter within the same bioregion		Various points awarded	
\$100 000/year for priority actions¶		Standard number of points		