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1. Biodiversity Values Map Update V.12

Each year 2 major updates of the Biodiversity Values (BV) Map are planned, one in March and again in September.

Version 12 of the BV Map was published on the [Biodiversity Values Map and Threshold \(BMAT\) Tool](#) on 27 September 2021. Changes to the BV Map are described in the *Updates to the BV Map* section of the [BV Map webpage](#).

A significant amount of land has been removed from the BV Map and may no longer trigger development proposals into the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS). Councils should check the updated BV Map in the BMAT Tool to determine whether this affects development proposals that are currently being considered. The change is particularly relevant for Councils in the western Riverina where a large area of land has been removed based on the revised Plains Wanderer mapping.

The updated spatial data is available through the [SEED Portal](#).

Landholders, or their agents, who consider the biodiversity values mapped on their property are incorrect, can apply for a BV explanatory report and map review. Information and application forms are available on the [BV map review webpage](#).

Any queries: map.review@environment.nsw.gov.au or 02 6360 9000.

2. BOS Support Webinar No. 24 – Recording and Q&A

A recording of the recent BOS Support Webinar No 24 – *Update on the revised Eastern NSW Plant Community Type (PCT) Classification and State Vegetation Type maps (SVTM)* is now available on our website. A transcript of the Q&A session has been summarised and is published below the webinar recording , along with a PDF of the presentation. The webinar provided an update on progress for the revised Eastern NSW PCT and SVTM project and introduces the proposed transitional arrangements for commencement in the BOS.

3. Biodiversity Assessment Method Transitional arrangements

Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) transitional arrangements for state significant development or infrastructure and non-strategic (standard) biodiversity certification ended 22 October. All Biodiversity Assessment Reports must now be based on BAM 2020.

4. Manageable High Threat Weeds – Practice Note

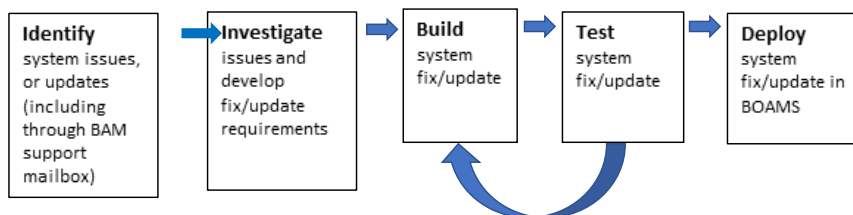
The BAM Practice Note *Manageable High Threat Weeds – Improving gain on offset sites* is now available on the Assessor Resources webpage. The Practice Note is targeted at assessors and decision-makers. It outlines the background, requirements and documentation to support use of this setting in the BAM-Calculator for achieving greater gain on biodiversity stewardship sites.

5. System updates

Thanks for your effort in reporting Biodiversity Offsets and Assessment Management System (BOAMS) issues via the BOS enquiry form. We understand the impact these issues can have on your work. See the table below showing the status of priority system changes.

Description	Current Status
Amendment to BOAMS which will enable assessors to upload executable files	Identify

* see flow diagram below



6. Biodiversity Conservation Trust update

Update to the Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) management plan template -

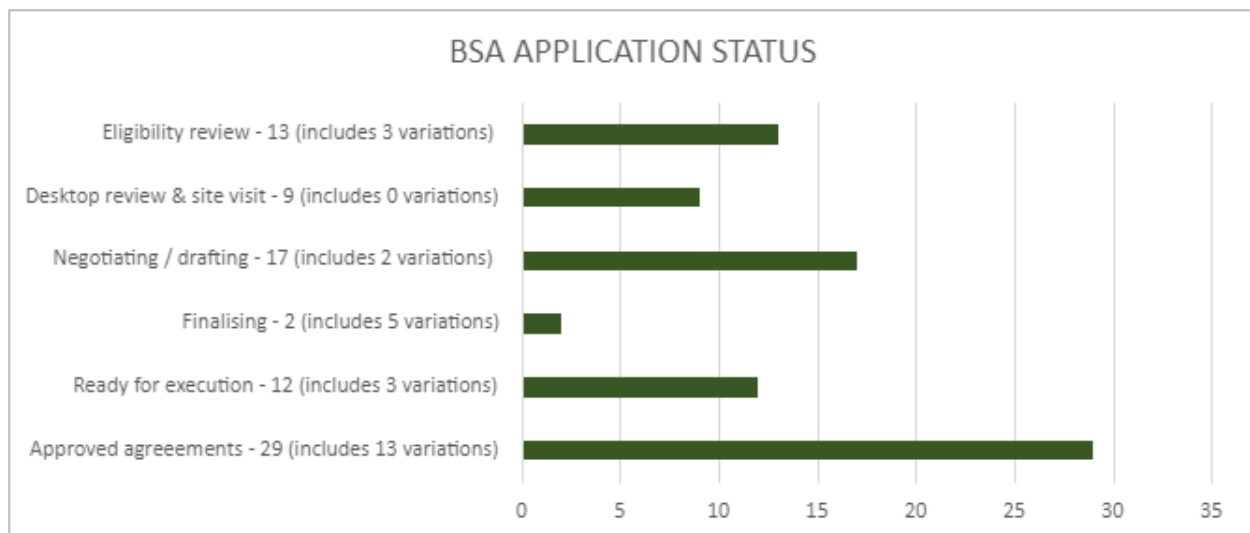
The BSA management plan template has been updated to assist assessors apply the Ecological Monitoring Module (EMM). The EMM must be applied to BSA applications submitted after 1 March.

The updated management plan template is available on the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) website.

For more information on applying the EMM, assessors are encouraged to review the BCT's [Ecological Monitoring Module Operational Manual](#).

Report on acquitted obligations – The BCT recently released a report providing information on the offset obligations that have been acquitted by the BCT with money paid into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund. More information and the report are [available online](#).

BSA Application status



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Note: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and information at the time of publication (29 October 2021). However, readers are reminded of the need to ensure that the information upon which they rely is up to date and to check the currency of the information with the appropriate officer of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or the user's independent adviser.