

Biodiversity and pollinator protection plan (F-018)



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Background

The farm must have 5% of their arable and non-arable land available to promote biodiversity and pollinators. This area can include, forests, tree lines, bushland, nitrogen fixing crops and pastures such as pulses, clovers, lucerne, other flowering species and fallow.

This form can be used to demonstrate that a Biodiversity and Pollinator Action Plan (BPAP) is in place.

The plan shall describe the measures already adopted and planned in the future. The measures can include:

- Technology and practices applied to reduce the use of plant protection products.
- The use of drift reducing technologies (e.g. nozzles, spray shields, targeted application).
- The minimisation of dust from coated seeds.
- Switching from chemical control to biological control, in line with Integrated Pest Management strategies.
- · Planting of pulses and other nitrogen fixing crops and pastures such as pulses, clovers, lucerne, other flowering species.
- · Fallow.
- · The establishment and maintenance of native vegetation, conservations areas, biodiversity zones, tree lines, wild life corridors and buffer zones.
- Forest, tree lines, shelter belts, and bushland etc.

Details of the BPAP

Description	Comment	Yes	No
Landscape	Is the farm located in a protected area of key biodiversity?		
	If yes provide location details:		
	Lat: Long:		
Flora and fauna protection	Do you conduct any activities to protect flora and fauna?		
	If yes, describe?		
Invasive species	Are there any declared or invasive weed species identified on the property?		
	If yes, what species are present and what steps are being undertaken to eradicate/control them?		

Description	Comment	Yes	No
Plant biodiversity and pollinators	The estimated total percentage of arable and non-arable area with forests, tree lines, bushland, nitrogen fixing crops and pastures such as pulses, clovers, lucerne, other flowering species and fallow, to enhance the protection of plant biodiversity and pollinators is % andha.		
	To protect pollinators, are any of the following practices adopted?		
	 The use of drift reducing technologies (e.g. nozzles, spray shields, targeted application). The minimisation of dust from coated seeds. Reduction in the use of chemicals by switching from chemical control to biological control, in line with Integrated Pest Management strategies. The establishment and maintenance of native vegetation, conservations areas, biodiversity zones, tree lines, wildlife corridors and buffer zones. 		
Important species on the farm	Are there any species of plants or animals that are considered protected or threatened on the property?		
	See <u>Australian Government Species Profile and Threats database</u> for identified species.		
	If Yes, list the known protected or threatened, endemic species.		
	What plan is in place to protect them?		
	How is the effectiveness monitored?		
Current activities	Have you conducted any activities to enhance biodiversity?		
	If yes, please describe:		

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