

Media Release



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PROTECTING OUR UNIQUE PLANTS AND ANIMALS

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered \$7.7 million for large-scale regional partnership projects to protect threatened plants and animals as part of the Biodiversity On-Ground Action initiative.

The funding will go towards twenty-six large-scale projects that address major risks to threatened species and ecosystems in priority areas including:

- removal of woody weeds and other pest plants
- rabbit, fox and feral animal control
- implementation of protection measures such as fencing from overgrazing
- selective fire management and habitat restoration

This funding is part of a broader \$25.7 million Labor Government package to support our native species through community action grants, support programs and regional partnerships.

This latest round of funding follows the launch of three other projects in December 2016 including:

- \$2 million for icon species funding
- \$1 million for community and volunteer action grants
- \$554,000 for critical projects to protect Victoria's most vulnerable threatened species

For more information about the large-scale regional partnership projects visit www.environment.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"I'm proud that on International Day for Biological Diversity we are continuing to work across government and the wider community to protect our environment."

"This funding continues our on-going support for biodiversity initiatives that work towards protecting both habitat and species."