



Outcome 1
Recovery and Persistence of Native Fish



Outcome 2
Threats to Native Fish are identified and mitigated



Outcome 3
Communities are actively involved in native fish recovery



Outcome 4
Recovery actions are informed by best available knowledge

- Action 1 – establish a NFRS Stakeholder Taskforce and Advisory Panels**
- MDBA are proposing to lean on the Cultural Advisory Group and Technical Advisory Group to provide expert advise to the steering group when required.
 - Seeking alternate avenues to:
 - actively generate community support for the long-term stewardship of native fish recovery (Suggested to be achieved through communication and engagement activities, and existing networks)
 - secure future government and non-government funding and support



Fishing for options

- Action 2 – Establish a Recovery Reach Program**
- All 4 recovery reaches have been selected and are underway, these include Lower Darling Recovery Reach, Murray River Recovery Reach, Upper Murrumbidgee Recovery Reach and Upper Condamine “Blackfish” Recovery Reach.
 - The Minister has announced the establishment of the recovery reaches.
 - Planning and implementing recovery reach activities are underway.



In progress

- Action 2.1 – Establish a network of Local Recovery Coordinators**
- Recovery Coordinators have been established for each of the Recovery Reaches. The coordinators will Lead on ground activities across region, foster ongoing and effective relationships between key stakeholder groups and the community, provide mentoring, and help stakeholder and community capacity building.
 - Recovery Coordinators are Antia Brademann (UMRR), Ian Ellis (LDRR), Jacinta Cox (UCRR) and Peter Rose (MRRR)
 - The first coordinator meeting was held on the 31st of March



Complete

Action 3 – Establish emergency funding to manage risks

- An Interim Emergency Response Plan (ERP) was endorsed by the steering group.
- To date there have been no applications for funding under this plan.



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- Development of the ERP has not been progressed at this point. As time permits a longer term Emergency Response Plan will be developed.



We have a target/ goal

Action 4 – Planning and action for threatened fish

- Scoping discussions have started. Under the NFRS implementation plan, this action is scheduled to start in the next financial year.
- Look to build on the recent assessments (IUCN red list).
- Investigating options to address actions 4 and 5 concurrently.



We have a target/ goal

Action 2.2 – Develop First Nations partnerships

- The requirement to consult and work with First Nations Groups during the implementation of the NFRS is embedded in each recovery reach agreement through the requirement to co-design recovery reach activities.



In progress

- Project scoping discussions with First Nations peoples have been initiated to scope the Language sharing project.
- A CAG meeting is currently being organised to scope producing a product that firstly meets the needs of First Nations people and non- indigenous stakeholders second.



We have a target/ goal

Action 2.3 – Monitoring of Recovery Reaches

- Each reach will develop a Recovery Reach monitoring and evaluation plan. Each plan is expected to differ in size and scale in accordance with size and scale of the recovery reach. They will monitor engagement, actions and ecological outcomes.
- The RR M&E plans are due to be completed by the June 2021.



In progress

Action 2.4 – Establish a series of coordinated native fish education and awareness activities

- The Native Fish Recovery Strategy Communication Plan was developed in late 2020 and endorsed by the steering group.



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- Finterest (ARRC) has been contracted to implement the communication and engagement activities in the plan.
- A variety of media products will be used to increase the profile of the NFRS and Recovery Reaches. It is planned this will be ramped up shortly.



In progress

Action 5 – Establish baseline for evaluating the strategy

- Scoping discussions have started. Under the NFRS implementation plan, this action has been scheduled to start progress in the next financial year.
- MDBA has acknowledged that interactions will need to be explored between this activity, the Basin Wide Environmental Watering Strategy review, and the 2020 Basin Plan Evaluation to look for efficiencies.
- Look to convene a technical panel to work through options for Action 4 & 5.



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