



Appendix 8. Guide to Wetland Oriented Organisations

The following organisations are involved with wetlands in Australia and are either involved in the arid NT or have activities or policies that are relevant to the arid NT. This is not a definitive list; other organisations of relevance may have been inadvertently left out and government departments, museums, universities and similar research institutions have not been included. The list is ordered in loosely defined groups: wetland focussed organisations; specialist biota/scientific bodies; and conservation organisations.

Ramsar Organisation. The Ramsar Convention is administered by the secretariat, or Bureau of the Convention on Wetlands which maintains a website at <http://www.ramsar.org/>.

Wetlands International. Wetlands International is a leading global non-profit organisation dedicated to wetland conservation and sustainable management. It is a formal part with the Ramsar organisation and has responsibility for maintaining the list of wetlands of international importance (Ramsar sites). There is an Australian office of the Oceania Programme of Wetlands International.

Water Watch (www.waterwatch.org.au): Waterwatch Australia is a national community water monitoring program, initiated by the Commonwealth Government in 1993.

Land and Water Resources Research and Development Corporation (LWRRDC). LWRRDC is a Commonwealth Government body that identifies and funds research aimed at increasing the sustainability of national land, water and vegetation use.

Wetland Care Australia. Wetland Care Australia (formerly Ducks Unlimited Australia) is a not-for-profit community organisation dedicated to conserving Australia's wetlands. Website: www.wetlandcare.com.au

Inland Rivers Network. The Inland Rivers Network is a network or groups involved with conservation of the Murray River system, including wetlands. Website: www.nccnsw.org.au/member/wetlands

Birds Australia. Birds Australia (formerly the Royal Australian Ornithological Organisation) is the peak Australian body for amateur and professional ornithological studies. Website: www.birdsaustralia.com.au
There are two special interest groups within Birds Australia that are focussed on waterbirds: the Australasian Wader Studies Group (AWSG); and the Australasian Seabird Group. AWSG produces a biannual journal - *The Stilt* – and a quarterly newsletter – *The Tattler*.

Native Fish Australia (NFA). NFA is an volunteer organisation dedicated to the well-being of Australian native fish and their habitats. The NFA website includes links to many other fish and wetland related Australian internet sites, including groups focussed on aquarium and recreational fishing.
Website: www.nativefish.asn.au

Australian Society for Fish Biology (ASFB). The ASFB is a professional body of fish biologists. It maintains a list of threatened Australian fishes. Website: www.asfb.org.au

Australian Society for Limnology (ASL). The ASL is a scientific society, whose focus is the study and management of inland waters. It has several wetland related policies, available on its web pages. Website: www.asl.org.au. The ASL has several wetland related policies, available on its web pages (internet site for ASL): A 'Wetlands Policy Document';

- (20/9/99 [asl_wetlands_poldoc.htm](#));
- 'A Dryland Rivers Policy Document' (20/9/99 [asl_dryland_poldoc.htm](#)); and
- 'Australia's Aquatic and Wetland Resources: the Critical Challenges' (25/9/01 [asl_poldoc_challenges.htm](#)).
- proceedings of 'The Australian Wetland Forum', convened in July 2000, in partnership with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The aim of the forum was to comment on wetland policies, programs and actions (internet site for ASL: [asl_wetlandforum.htm](#)).
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Conservation Volunteers Australia (formerly Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers - ATCV). Currently has a major wetland program – **Revive our Wetlands** - with corporate sponsorship.
Website: www.atcv.com.au/revive/index.htm.

Threatened Species Network (TSN). The Threatened Species Network (TSN) is a joint program of WWF and the Natural Heritage Trust. TSN's aim is to increase public awareness of, and involvement with, the protection and recovery of threatened Australian species and their habitats. Website: www.wwf.org.au

Australian Network for Plant Conservation (ANPC). The ANPC is a network of individuals and organisations involved in plant conservation in Australia.
Website: www.cpbr.gov.au/anpc

World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). WWF (formerly World Wildlife Fund) is an international non-government conservation organisation that has several Australian offices, including a wetlands officer for northern Australia, based in Kununurra. Website: <http://www.panda.org> & <http://www.wwf.org.au/>.

IUCN – The World Conservation Union. The IUCN is an international union of governments and other organisations and has developed criteria for assessing the conservation status of species that have been adopted for use by the Northern Territory Government in assessing the status of species under the Territory Parks and Wildlife Act. Website: www.iucn.org

Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF). The ACF is one of Australia's leading national, non-government environment and conservation lobby groups.

Greenpeace. Greenpeace is an international environment and conservation lobby group.