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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 9.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has observed and reported plants or animals in a natural area at least once and has:

- accurately identified species of animals or plants in a natural area
- recorded observations in required format
- carried out a survey of plants or animals in a natural area in a manner that minimises disruption or degradation to the environment
- applied work health and safety practices in the context of own work, including use of safety equipment
- used maps, grid references and/or navigation systems to accurately plot or describe locations.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander guidelines and/or protocols, including:
 - use of images and voices
 - acknowledgement and respect for cultural identity, practices and beliefs
 - openness and transparency in communication
 - asking permissions
- policies and procedures for documenting observations
- minimising disruption or degradation to an area including:
 - not removing or disturbing plant material
 - disposing of all waste or litter
 - walking or driving on designated tracks and pathways
- equipment used for observing and report plants or animals including:

- digital recording equipment
- computers or laptops
- smart phones
- cameras and video equipment
- safety equipment required for observation activities including personal protective equipment
- instruction manuals for operating equipment
- workplace health and safety procedures used when observing and reporting on plants or animals
- criteria used to identify and group species
- navigation systems including:
 - Global Navigation Satellite System
 - handheld GPS receivers
 - car navigation systems
 - maps and grid references
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander names, as appropriate, common and scientific names of plants or animals
- biological species occurring in the study area
- invasive plants (weeds) and animals
- basic requirements for ensuring the welfare of animals when being observed.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of the skills in this unit of competency must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated on Country and/or within an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- specifications:
 - policies and procedures relating to observing and reporting on plants or animals
- relationships:
 - local Community Elders and/or Custodians.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards. In addition, the following specific assessor requirements apply to this unit:

- Assessment must be undertaken by a workplace assessor who has expertise in this unit of competency and who is:

an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Elder and/or Custodian or:

- accompanied by, and/or in communication with, an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person who is a recognised member of the community with experience and knowledge of local cultural protocols.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bf1a-524b2322cf72>