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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Package Version 6.0.

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:

- implemented biodiversity protection procedures in an operational forest on one occasion
- followed workplace policies and procedures, current legislation, regulations and related industry standards and codes of practice applicable to biodiversity protection in operational forest environments
- monitored work practices in one operational forest for consistency with biodiversity principles, and made at least one recommendation on ways of improving work practices to enhance biodiversity protection.

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:

- applicable regulatory and legal requirements that affect forest operations in relation to ecological and biodiversity protection:
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (the EPBC Act)
 - Threatened Species Conservation Act
 - Native Vegetation Act
 - native forest legislation
 - private native forest codes
 - forest operational plans
 - environmental legislation, policy and procedures
 - environmental planning and assessment
 - specific site environmental management plans
 - relevant codes of practice
 - water catchment management

- surface and ground water conservation requirements
- relevant Australian standards and industry standards
- hazard reduction policy and procedures
- plantation legislation
- plantation and reforestation code
- fisheries and fish passage
- national parks and wildlife legislation
- good neighbour policies
- award and organisational agreements
- heritage and traditional landowner
- forest certification (Responsible Wood Certification Scheme and Australian Forestry Standard (AFS) certification)
- types or range of forest operational plans:
 - forest operations plan
 - harvesting plan
 - plantation establishment plan
 - coupe plan
 - roading plan
 - drainage plan
 - sediment and erosion control plan
- habitats, including any area or region local animals, plants or organisms may live or rely upon for food, water, shelter or breeding purposes:
 - habitat plants and trees (*specific species, burrow, food, roost and nest*)
 - recruitment trees
 - standing trees with hollows (dead and alive)
 - stags with roost sites
 - hollow logs
 - rocky outcrops
 - rock overhangs
 - caves
 - soil mounds
 - creeks, springs or river banks
 - sheltered valleys or canyons
 - wetlands
- any other site, feature or zone listed as habitat or potential habitat
- threatened and endangered plant and animal species
- protection zones and protection zone methods where operational conditions are varied by prescriptions for the management of ecological and biodiversity values:
 - buffer zones
 - filter strips

- riparian protection areas
- exclusion zones
- conservation management plan
- regulations, standards, codes of practice and established safe practices for ecological and biodiversity protection
- established communication channels and protocols for compliance with biodiversity protection principles
- procedures for recording and reporting workplace information related to biodiversity protection activities.

Assessment Conditions

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

- physical conditions:
 - skills must be demonstrated in operational forest environments or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - personal protective equipment
 - communication system
- specifications:
 - access to workplace policies and procedures applicable to biodiversity protection operations
 - access to forest operational plans
 - access to workplace procedures and forms for recording biodiversity protection activities.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=0d96fe23-5747-4c01-9d6f-3509ff8d3d47>