

Protecting Country Against Invasive Species — Indigenous Ranger-Led Control (Northern Australia)

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 60/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Australia's Indigenous Rangers Program funds 40+ ranger groups across northern Australia to control feral pigs, cats and invasive weeds like gamba grass; independent SROI studies found up to AUD 3.40 of social value per AUD 1 invested.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	2/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	2/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[NAILSMA \(North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance\) / Australian Government \(DAFF, NIAA\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[NAILSMA: Protecting Country Against Invasive Species](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[DAFF: Supporting Indigenous Rangers to protect Country from invasive species](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[NIAA: Social Return on Investment - Consolidated report on Indigenous Protected Areas](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

[NAILSMA media release: \\$2 million boost for Indigenous rangers' fight against invasive species](#) — accessed 2026-07-04

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