

Regional Wild Dog Management Plan for the North Coast Livestock Health and Pest Authority Area

2011 – 2015



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1. Introduction

Bounded to the north by the NSW/QLD border, to the west by New England Livestock Health and Pest Authority (LHPA), south by Mid Coast LHPA and to the east by the South Pacific Ocean, the North Coast LHPA (Figure 1) covers an area of approximately 2,285,886 hectares, including Lismore, Tweed, Byron, Richmond Valley, Ballina, Kyogle, Clarence Valley, Bellingen and Coffs Harbour Shires.

Within the North Coast LHPA, wild dogs, including dingoes, are a significant management problem. They are declared pests in NSW (RLP Act 1998) and consequently, all private landholders are obliged to continually suppress and destroy them, using any lawful methods. Similarly, public land managers are obliged to control dogs to the extent that they minimise harm by wild dogs, including dingoes, on any land, but may conserve them in those areas listed on Schedule 2 of the relevant Pest Control Order, providing management plans addressing both control and conservation have been agreed to by the LHPA.

This Regional Wild Dog Management Plan has been prepared under guidelines issued by State Council under Section 25 of the RLP Act for the North Coast LHPA.

It sets out the framework for cooperative management of wild dogs between key stakeholder groups and specifies how local area management plans, addressing the management of wild dogs and conservation of dingoes, will be developed within the North Coast LHPA.

This plan will be reviewed annually and rewritten within 5 years.

2. Stakeholders in Wild Dog Management within the North Coast LHPA

- North Coast Livestock Health and Pest Authority ratepayers
- North Coast Livestock Health and Pest Authority
- NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, Parks and Wildlife Group - Northern Rivers, North Coast and Northern Tablelands Regions
- Industry & Investment NSW, Forests NSW – Northern Region, Northeast Region and Plantations
- Land & Property Management Authority
- Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
- Affected members of the wider community who are not LHPA ratepayers

3. Wild dog management issues

- Wild dogs, including dingoes, are a declared pest in NSW (RLP Act 1998)
 - All private landholders and Managers of public lands that are not Schedule 2 lands, must continually suppress and destroy wild dogs on their lands
 - Public land managers of Schedule 2 lands must minimise the impact of wild dogs on all lands
- The Pest Control Order Number 17 states that the plan will address both control and conservation objectives. This may produce conflicting management issues where wild dog habitat involves both schedule 2 and private lands.
- Conservation of dingoes on Schedule 2 lands.
- Control of wild dogs on Schedule 2 lands.
- Feral dogs have been listed as a Key Threatening Process in NSW
- Large numbers of small holdings, <100ha, 16426 from a total of 19305. This is 85% of all holdings within the North Coast LHPA
- Absentee landholders

Negative impacts of wild dogs within the North Coast LHPA area

- Predation of livestock
 - Associated animal welfare, economic and social impacts
- Attacks on domestic / working animals
- Predation of threatened species
- Transmission of disease, e.g. hydatid, Neospora caninum, Parvo virus
- Threats to human safety
- Loss of genetic purity in conserved dingo populations

Positive impacts of wild dogs within the North Coast LHPA area

- Ongoing presence of dingoes in Schedule 2 public lands

4. Wild dog management goal

Goal: Together, minimise the negative impacts of wild dogs on the stakeholders, economy and environment of the North Coast LHPA area by taking a strategic, cooperative approach to management

5. Wild dog management objectives

- Objective 1: Minimise livestock losses to wild dogs within the North Coast LHPA area.
- Objective 2: Minimise threats to human safety by wild dogs
- Objective 3: Maintain viable populations of pure dingoes in Schedule 2 areas
- Objective 4: Evaluate the genetic makeup of wild dogs in North Coast LHPA area.
- Objective 5: Develop, and then maintain, effective means of communicating vital wild dog management information between stakeholders
- Objective 6: Share the burden of wild dog management equitably across the range of stakeholder groups within the North Coast LHPA
- Objective 7: Promote the development of wild dog control groups, which involves all relevant stakeholders, as the primary method of gaining effective wild dog control across all areas of the North Coast LHPA.

6. Actions

- Action 1: Distribute and promote the existence of this overarching plan among stakeholders within the North Coast LHPA
- Action 2: Meet annually, February, to review previous years' management programs in the context of negative impact data (livestock losses, biodiversity impacts) and control effort data to review the plan and agree upon changes in strategy for the coming year.
- Action 3: Seek external funding to evaluate purity of dingoes in North Coast LHPA area.

- Action 4: North Coast LHPA Rangers will assist landholders and other stakeholders to facilitate wild dog control groups and group control programs.
- Action 5: Each stakeholder (Landholder, DECCW, FNSW and LPMA) to respond to wild dog attack reports in a timely manner, <48 hrs.
- Action 6: Stakeholders to respond to wild dog sightings on private lands and lands that are not Schedule 2 lands, by means of a coordinated control program that involves all applicable stakeholders.
- Action 7: Where local areas and schedule 2 areas have ongoing wild dog management problems, and/or seek to implement aerial baiting programs, develop an operational plan for local wild dog management with representatives of all stakeholder groups
- Action 8: Each stakeholder agency (LHPA, DECCW, FNSW and LPMA) will record wild dog management data (stock losses, control efforts, conservation data) in a mappable format (i.e. quantities with spatial references)
- Action 9: Stakeholder representatives to annually exchange a summary of impacts and management efforts, including any relevant monitoring data. (Excel format)
- Action 10: Prior to the annual planning and review meeting develop a map summarising management efforts and wild dog impacts and distribute this among meeting participants

7. Records of management

The following tables list key 'impacts' and 'costs' in wild dog management, as well as the 'conservation status' of dingoes within the North Coast LHPA. They will be updated annually to record progress in wild dog management by stakeholders within the area. Stakeholders to provide a report on DNA testing carried out on wild dogs/dingoes within the management area.

Table 1 – Stock impacts

Year	Stock Reports	Stock killed	Stock injured	Area under control
2006 - 2010 (avg)				
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015				

Table 2 – Annual costs of wild dog control across key stakeholder groups

Year	Cost of LHPA control	Cost of FNSW control	Cost of NPWS control	Cost of private control
2006 - 2010 (avg)				
2011				
2012				
2013				
2014				
2015				

Schedule 2 Wild Dog Management areas that have some part located in North Coast LHPA

CADID	CREATE DATE	MODIFIED DATE	RESERVE NAME	RESERVE TYPE	LABEL	HECTARES
108021006	01/01/1999	01/06/2010	BINDARRI	NP	BINDARRI NP	5583.48
108020865	17/01/1969	22/01/2009	BANYABBA	NR	BANYABBA NR	14841.96
108020827	08/06/1979	21/02/2009	BORDER RANGES	NP	BORDER RANGES NP	31935.23
108020944	01/01/1999	01/07/2008	BYRNES SCRUB	NR	BYRNES SCRUB NR	737.75
108020663	25/01/1980	18/06/2010	BUNDJALUNG	NP	BUNDJALUNG NP	21153.64
108021105	01/01/1999	25/06/2008	CAPTAINS CREEK	NR	CAPTAINS CREEK NR	2831.20
108021165	01/01/1999	14/04/2010	CASCADE	NP	CASCADE NP	3605.32
108020677	01/01/1997	08/06/2010	CHAE LUNDI	NP	CHAE LUNDI NP	19143.23
108020818	01/10/1967	17/03/2009	DORRIGO	NP	DORRIGO NP	11780.99
108021000	01/01/1997	17/06/2008	FORTIS CREEK	NP	FORTIS CREEK NP	7919.23
108020979	01/10/1967	12/08/2009	GIBRALTAR RANGE	NP	GIBRALTAR RANGE NP	25418.34
108021141	30/06/1972	08/09/2010	GUY FAWKES RIVER	NP	GUY FAWKES RIVER NP	108360.71
108021170	01/01/1999	08/06/2008	GOONENGERRY	NP	GOONENGERRY NP	436.13
108020890	09/07/1976	26/06/2009	ILUKA	NR	ILUKA NR	136.01
108021164	01/01/1999	31/01/2006	JUNUY JULUUM	NP	JUNUY JULUUM NP	946.16

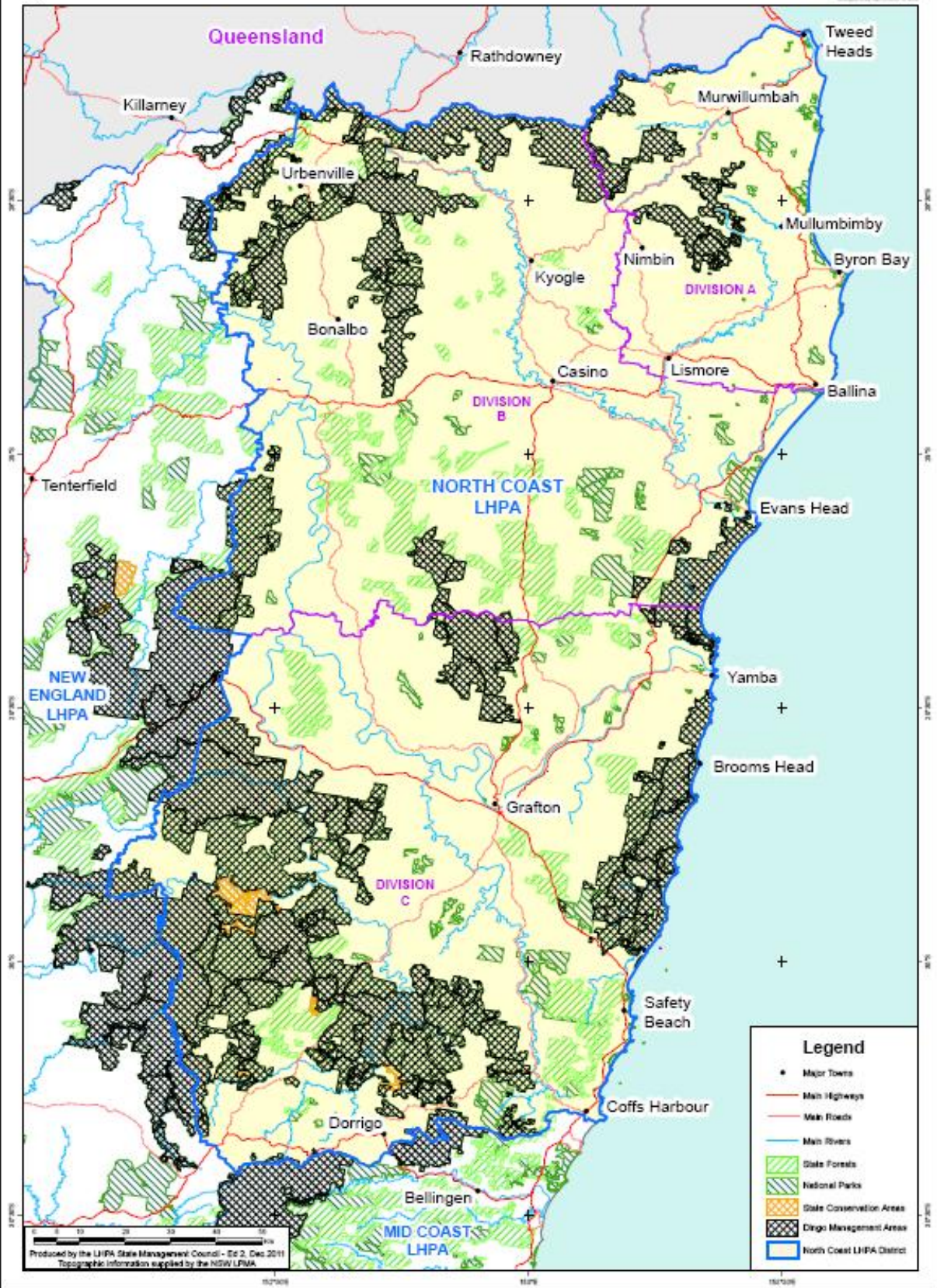
108021197	11/04/1963	09/06/2008	LIMPINWOOD	NR	LIMPINWOOD NR	2868.20
108020742	27/06/1984	17/05/2010	MOUNT HYLAND	NR	MOUNT HYLAND NR	2527.42
108020745	12/06/1987	04/08/2008	MOUNT NEVILLE	NR	MOUNT NEVILLE NR	6558.03
108021010	01/01/1999	01/04/2010	MOUNT NOTHOFAGUS	NP	MOUNT NOTHOFAGUS NP	2179.28
108020837	22/12/1995	08/10/2009	MOUNT JERUSALEM	NP	MOUNT JERUSALEM NP	5131.29
108020849	01/01/1999	19/09/2008	MOUNT CLUNIE	NP	MOUNT CLUNIE NP	1422.58
108021171	01/01/1999	12/06/2008	MEBBIN	NP	MEBBIN NP	3780.95
108020822	01/10/1967	05/05/2010	NEW ENGLAND	NP	NEW ENGLAND NP	71130.99
108020668	22/04/1983	19/11/2010	NIGHTCAP	NP	NIGHTCAP NP	8025.26
108020840	01/01/1997	23/11/2010	NYMBOI-BINDERAY	NP	NYMBOI-BINDERAY NP	17232.55
108020828	19/09/1980	22/09/2010	NYMBOIDA	NP	NYMBOIDA NP	40817.58
108020850	01/01/1999	13/08/2010	RAMORNIE	NP	RAMORNIE NP	3276.04
108021001	01/01/1997	28/05/2010	RICHMOND RANGE	NP	RICHMOND RANGE NP	15734.45
108021221	31/12/1981	00000000	NUMINBAH	NR	NUMINBAH NR	894.69
108020945	01/01/1999	06/08/2010	TABBIMOBLE SWAMP	NR	TABBIMOBLE SWAMP NR	1074.79
108021158	22/12/1995	15/04/2010	TOOLOOM	NP	TOOLOOM NP	4382.31
108020674	22/12/1995	02/11/2009	TOONUMBAR	NP	TOONUMBAR NP	14953.42
108021152	22/04/1983	01/04/2010	WASHPOOL	NP	WASHPOOL NP	68941.42
108020689	01/01/1999	06/10/2010	YABBRA	NP	YABBRA NP	8893.45
108021147	05/09/1975	01/07/2010	YURAYGIR	NP	YURAYGIR NP	36496.36
162863418	08/08/2009	08/08/2009	WOLLUMBIN	NP	WOLLUMBIN NP	4279.34
108021090	01/07/2003	29/10/2009	WHIAN WHIAN	SC	WHIAN WHIAN SC	2438.53
108020702	10/02/2003	18991230	BANYABBA	CR	BANYABBA CR	3532.16
					DECCW	581400.48

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108029131	30/07/2004	13/05/2010	ELLIS	SF	ELLIS SF	9729.08
108029293	30/07/2004	00000000	BANYABBA	SF	BANYABBA SF	1829.71
108029002	30/07/2004	00000000	BAGAWA	SF	BAGAWA SF	5380.92
108029373	30/07/2004	21/10/2008	BALD KNOB	SF	BALD KNOB SF	1688.43
108028952	30/07/2004	04/09/2008	BARCOONGERE	SF	BARCOONGERE SF	2137.35
108029356	30/07/2004	15/04/2010	BEAURY	SF	BEAURY SF	8261.20
108029099	30/07/2004	02/06/2010	BOUNDARY CREEK	SF	BOUNDARY CREEK SF	2535.65
108028823	30/07/2004	11/08/2008	CANDOLE	SF	CANDOLE SF	6563.04
108029517	30/07/2004	23/06/2010	CHAE LUNDI	SF	CHAE LUNDI SF	18291.44
108029372	30/07/2004	23/11/2010	CLOUDS CREEK	SF	CLOUDS CREEK SF	11765.67
108029306	30/07/2004	10/05/2010	DALMORTON	SF	DALMORTON SF	27884.89
108028838	30/07/2004	01/04/2010	DONALDSON	SF	DONALDSON SF	2322.23
108028908	30/07/2004	08/04/2009	EDINBURGH CASTLE	SF	EDINBURGH CASTLE SF	945.74

108029313	30/07/2004	01/04/2010	EWINGAR	SF	EWINGAR SF	18383.42
108029359	30/07/2004	00000000	GUNDAR	SF	GUNDAR SF	119.20
108029461	30/07/2004	17/05/2010	HYLAND	SF	HYLAND SF	4934.18
108029358	30/07/2004	19/11/2010	KANGAROO RIVER	SF	KANGAROO RIVER SF	11342.55
108029177	30/07/2004	19/09/2008	KOREELAH	SF	KOREELAH SF	1541.36
108029228	30/07/2004	00000000	LONDON BRIDGE	SF	LONDON BRIDGE SF	117.33
108029278	30/07/2004	00000000	MARARA	SF	MARARA SF	5333.63
108028873	30/07/2004	29/07/2010	MARENGO	SF	MARENGO SF	10132.04
108029435	30/07/2004	14/05/2010	MOONPAR	SF	MOONPAR SF	2474.95
108029086	30/07/2004	16/01/2007	MOUNT LINDESAY	SF	MOUNT LINDESAY SF	3044.00
108028837	30/07/2004	00000000	NANA CREEK	SF	NANA CREEK SF	1783.68
108029130	30/07/2004	11/12/2009	NEWFOUNDLAND	SF	NEWFOUNDLAND SF	6293.47
108029296	30/07/2004	00000000	NYMBOIDA	SF	NYMBOIDA SF	6382.96
108029263	30/07/2004	01/06/2010	ORARA WEST	SF	ORARA WEST SF	4793.48
108028926	30/07/2004	22/09/2010	RAMORNIE	SF	RAMORNIE SF	6165.24
108029275	30/07/2004	28/05/2010	RICHMOND RANGE	SF	RICHMOND RANGE SF	6369.40
108028947	30/07/2004	09/06/2010	SHEAS NOB	SF	SHEAS NOB SF	4112.97
108029232	30/07/2004	02/11/2009	TOONUMBAR	SF	TOONUMBAR SF	1741.33
108029443	30/07/2004	08/04/2009	UNUMGAR	SF	UNUMGAR SF	3648.07
108029055	30/07/2004	01/04/2010	WASHPOOL	SF	WASHPOOL SF	2902.99
108029256	30/07/2004	19/11/2010	WILD CATTLE CREEK	SF	WILD CATTLE CREEK SF	13497.69
108028876	30/07/2004	00000000	WOODENBONG	SF	WOODENBONG SF	304.63
108029240	30/07/2004	06/10/2010	YABBRA	SF	YABBRA SF	13063.32
					Forests NSW	227817.25

Schedule 2 WDM Areas within the North Coast LHPA District



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Signed for and on behalf of DECCW North Coast	
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