

CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY

Flora, fauna and ecological community data.

The precise locations for threatened species and ecological communities treated as sensitive information. This is a consequence of these species and ecologically communities being recognised as under threat of extinction through legislation. The decision to share sensitive information is based on the balance of risk to the species or community from their whereabouts being released. Risk factors of sharing locations include but are not limited to increased site visitation causing habitat degradation, unauthorised taking, deliberate disturbance and the right to privacy of landowners.

Although access to this information is restricted, it may be requested from the DBCA for valid purposes. A 'valid purpose' supports biodiversity conservation, informs environmental planning or supports research.

Conditions of supply:

1. Data supplied may not be provided to third parties, nor be used for any purpose other than for the project for which it has been originally provided without the prior consent of the Species and Community Program, Biodiversity and Conservation Science, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), through the relevant email address flora.data@dbca.wa.gov.au, fauna.data@dbca.wa.gov.au or communities.data@dbca.wa.gov.au.
2. Precise locations of threatened flora, fauna or ecological communities are sensitive, and any display must be in accordance with the published protocol. Specific locality information for threatened species or communities may only be publicly displayed with the written permission of the Species and Community Program, Biodiversity and Conservation Science, DBCA.
3. DBCA respects the privacy of private landowners. Threatened or priority species or communities on private property should be treated in confidence. Contact with property owners based on inferences from this data must only be made through DBCA.
4. The development of DBCA's WA Herbarium database was not designed for electronic mapping (that is, GIS) and coordinates have not necessarily been verified. Therefore, some records may not match the locality description. Historic herbarium records (pre-2000) may plot incorrectly on modern software.
5. Acknowledgment of DBCA as the source of data is to be made in any published material and cited as Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (202[X])

Threatened and Priority Database Search for [search area] accessed on the [date of search]. Prepared by the Species and Communities Program for [Requesters name and company] for [purpose of search].

6. DBCA may request (and be provided with) a copy of any publication, research or communiques based on this data. The data was not collected or curated for use in artificial intelligence or predictive modelling: theoretical models based on this data are not endorsed.
7. DBCA retains the right to refuse an unreasonable data request.

Public display of sensitive information

8. Exact locations must not be able to be determined, or the species or ecological community cannot be identifiable unless there is specific written permission of the Species and Community Program, Biodiversity and Conservation Science, DBCA
9. Data presented on maps cannot be displayed at a scale of 1:200,000 or less. If a map is needed at a more detailed scale, species or community names must be omitted.
10. There must be no method of identifying the precise coordinates for the data. For example, map grids should be removed.
11. There are to be no detailed written descriptions of locations or landmarks in any public material. Instead, use general locality descriptions or nearby towns for reference.
12. Where environmental plans are intended for public view (e.g. as part of the Environmental Protection Authority's public consultation processes), sensitive data should be provided as an appendix which can be removed.
13. Consideration of the land manager's right to privacy is crucial when displaying data. Do not reveal personally identifiable information (names, addresses, contact numbers) without the express, informed consent of the land manager or private property owner.
14. Data collected independently may be treated as the custodian sees fit. Nonetheless, it is strongly recommended that all threatened species and community data is treated with care.

Disclaimer

1. While reasonable effort has been made to prevent errors and omissions in the data, they may nevertheless be present. DBCA accepts no responsibility for this. Databases are subject to continual updating and amendment and such the risk of change is accepted by the user. Receiving organisations should engage appropriate scientific expertise to survey the area of interest.

2. Supplied data is not necessarily a comprehensive representation of the threatened species or communities in the area. Rather, comprehensiveness is dependent on the extent of study in a specified area.
3. DBCA has access to, but not intellectual property rights over some records. Consequently, some data are not shared beyond DBCA.

Cultural knowledge shared by Traditional Owners with DBCA staff contributes significantly to the ongoing conservation and protection of natural and cultural assets. DBCA is committed to ensuring that cultural knowledge is collected, stored, and managed in accordance with Traditional Owners requirements.