

SYDNEY'S SALTY COMMUNITIES

turning the tide for blue+green carbon

aim

Sydney Coastal Councils Group's biodiversity initiative brings new science, mapping, planning, restoration, participation and evaluation to help coastal communities protect their unique legacy. "Salty" is a 3-year project with focus on 'salt-dominated' and 'salt-influenced' ecosystems within Sydney's coastal region

science

Salty science is based on the latest investigations from CSIRO and NSW NRM agencies and will develop necessary information, methods and tools to minimise loss of environmental values resulting from current and future population and climate impacts on foreshore and intertidal ecosystems. Salty science will be guided by an expert reference group for direct application by participatory working group: to find out more (or join these groups) contact us below

mapping

Salty GIS will identify, assess, map and prioritise areas of coastal and urban waterway biodiversity and associated condition/exposure/ resilience to provide methodologies that are transferable to comparable coastal areas across the country

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planning

Local governments participating in Sydney's Salty Communities project will link land use planning frameworks with biodiversity management activities to support timely responses to urbanisation and climate change. The project is being collaboratively developed by the participants working group and guided by a reference committee with broad technical expertise.

want to get involved?

We are seeking to work with existing and new partners, alongside local and professional communities to undertake research, planning, capacity-building and on-ground restoration of critical coastal habitats

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restoration

Salty devolved grants will establish a targeted program supporting Sydney coastal land managers (and other groups) to restore, enhance, strengthen and maintain valued coastal ecosystems. Grant activities are selected to meet local priorities aligned with the Australian Government's Biodiversity Fund investment targets for ecosystem restoration, planting/ connectivity and pest management

2014 will focus on building a community of practice: addressing research gaps, developing prioritisation methods and other tools, and selecting candidate sites and sub-projects from SCCG member councils and others in Sydney's coastal area.

2015 will allocate up to \$1.5 million to sub-projects via devolved grants to participating councils/ land managers. Research, planning, capacity-building and on-ground activities that improve protection, management and community value of coastal biodiversity.

2016 will continue implementation via sub-projects and undertake evaluation.

monitoring + evaluation

Salty project data will be available on the Atlas of Living Australia MERIT portal and SCCG website www.sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au



legacy

Sydney's Salty Communities represents a gateway project for the SCCG: compiling data, building capacity, undertaking education and outreach, all focussed around on-ground work protecting and managing coastal Sydney's remnant biodiversity for our shared future ...

participation

Salty participants are forming the core of a collaborative community-of-practice supporting inclusive education, outreach and biodiversity custodian programs: salty sites have visible exposure to Sydney's global community and represent some of the highest values per hectare in the nation



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