



Australian Bustard (*Ardeotis australis*)

Annex 1

Region 8: Southeast Asia and Australia

BUSTARD
Multi-species Action Plan

COUNTRY: Australia

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Australian Bustard	10,000 – 100,000 ind.	Stable in parts of the N; Scarce in S/Coastal regions	N/A Sub-national level: CR (Victoria); EN (New South Wales); VU (South Australia); NT (Western Australia and the Northern Territory); LC (Queensland)	N/A	Protected under state/territory legislation; Not nationally listed	Resident (arid interior and tropical savanna regions)	Year-round	Mitchell Grass Downs; Great Victoria Desert; Kidman Springs & Daly River; Black Soil Plains; Channel Country; Tanami Desert; Arafura Swamp; Alligator Rivers Floodplains; Boodjamulla; Buckley River; Staaten River; Gulf Plains; Broad Sound; Diamantina and Astrebla Grasslands; Lake Yamma Yamma; Coongie Lakes; Lake Sylvester System; Lake Argyle; Lake Machattie Area; Mornington Sanctuary; Ord Irrigation Area; Fortescue Marshes; Lake Gregory/Paraku; Mandora Marsh and Anna Plains; Roebuck Bay; Diamantina Floodplain; Simpson Desert	U: Anthropogenically introduced predators (Foxes, Cats, Dogs); Unsustainable hunting; Habitat loss and fragmentation (Land-use change, Overgrazing, Invasive alien plant species, Unsustainable fire regimes); Collision (Fences, Overhead cabling); Lack of awareness	Focus on conservation in strongholds incl. Mitchell Grass Downs, Great Victoria Desert, Victoria River District, Channel Country, Tanami Desert; implement predator control (especially around breeding areas). Work with Aboriginal communities to regulate hunting, especially involving firearms and vehicles. Promote Indigenous-led conservation recognising cultural significance of bustards in food systems, Dreaming stories, and fire management.

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COUNTRY: Indonesia

Species	Population Size	Population trend	National Red List status	Regional Red List status	National Protection Status	Presence in Country	Months of presence	Key sites	Key Threats	Priority Actions
Australian Bustard	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Not protected; No species-specific conservation laws	Unknown (Suspected resident)	Year- round	Papua Province	U: Habitat loss and degradation (Land-use change); Unsustainable hunting; Lack of information	Survey border area near PNG; include bustards in biodiversity monitoring programs.

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COUNTRY: Papua New Guinea

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Australian Bustard	Likely <50 ind.	Unknown	N/A	N/A	Not protected; No species-specific conservation laws	Resident	Year- round	Bensbach River area; Trans-Fly region from Wuroi; Near the Oriomo River; W of Kurik; Irian Jaya	U: Habitat change; Unsustainable hunting; No formal assessment due to rarity	Conduct surveys in the Trans-Fly region. Gather local knowledge on sightings/cultural value. Assess potential threats incl. Hunting.

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