



# Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Accredited Assessor Update 39

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## 1. Does the 14-day submittal period apply to amended biodiversity assessment reports?

Where the original Biodiversity Assessment Report (BAR) was valid (i.e. submitted to the decision-maker within 14 days of the date that the biodiversity credit report was finalised) and the decision-maker requests amendments to the BAR which, **do not** affect the number or class of biodiversity credits, then the amended BAR may be re-submitted without reopening and finalising the BAM-Calculator. Under these circumstances, the date of re-submission may not necessarily be within 14 days of the date on the finalised biodiversity credit report. However, the assessor must sign and date the amended BAR.

Where amendments are requested which **do** alter the number or class of biodiversity credits, assessors must provide an amended and finalised biodiversity credit report and apply the 14-day submittal period when re-submitting the amended BAR. This is to ensure the currency and accuracy of the amendments made to the proposal in the BAM-Calculator. (Note – guidance about applying the 14-day submittal period has been provided previously in [Assessor Update No. 30](#))

## 2. NSW BOS and Land Management Framework Flowcharts

The NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme and Land Management Framework: Biodiversity Assessment and Approval Pathways are a set of flowcharts that provide guidance on when the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) applies to development, activity or vegetation clearing. The flowcharts are now available on our website [land management framework](#). The updated flowcharts were the subject of the most recent [BOS Support Webinar](#)

## 3. BOAMS accounts and case parties

Some recent changes have been made in Biodiversity Offset and Agreement Management System (BOAMS) to improve the way new accounts are created and linked to case parties. These changes have recently been deployed and include:

- new account types for individual landholders and business
- updates to allow creation of business accounts, including requiring the Australian Company Number (ACN)
- validation of ACN against ASIC records
- ability to link an authorised person as a case party to a case
- automated email to inform customers that an account has been created for them
- details for the preferred method of contact are mandatory once that method is selected
- pop up to assist an assessor identify a customer number for newly created accounts.

The **attached document** provides further guidance on creating and linking accounts in BOAMS. No action is required from assessors for previously created accounts.

## 4. Import of Maroubra Woodland Snail into BAM-C

Information to support assessment of the Maroubra woodland snail and its habitat has recently been imported to BAM-C following the NSW Scientific Committee decision to list the species as Endangered. Inclusion of this species into the BOP-C will occur in the next scheduled update at the end of October 2020.

## 5. High Threat Weed list review (manageable weeds) – Invitation to participate in survey

We are seeking your input by 11 September 2020 to a [survey](#) identifying high threat weeds (HTW) that can be effectively managed with repeated management practices to inform review of the current HTW list and deliver better conservation outcomes. If you have good field or technical knowledge about any species currently on the list of HTW's, we would love to hear from you by completing the survey.

## 6. Interim Advice species polygons – Bird dual credit species

The BioNet Threatened Biodiversity Data Collection (TBDC) general notes are being updated with interim advice for survey and subsequent drawing of species polygons for the glossy black cockatoo, gang-gang cockatoo, powerful owl and barking owl until the Department publishes a Threatened Bird Survey Guideline. Please ensure that you review and follow the TBDC guidance if surveying and preparing polygons for these species.

## 7. Biodiversity Conservation Trust update

### Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement application status

The Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) is currently processing 43 Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement applications and 3 variation applications (see below).

### Current status of applications for Biodiversity Stewardships Agreements



### New BCT Publications (Private land conservation agreements)

The [Artificial Hollow Guidelines](#) can be used to guide whether the installation of artificial hollows may be an appropriate management action, whether the installation of artificial hollows may generate biodiversity credits for the target species and a maintain and replace framework.

The [Guidelines for Ecological Thinning](#) can be used to guide accredited assessors in determining if ecological thinning is appropriate and if so, provides an implementation framework.

## Smart tip – use the most current template

To ensure you are using the most current template, please download Total Fund Deposit Calculator (Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website), Management Plan template (Biodiversity Conservation Trust website) and BSA application form template (Biodiversity Conservation Trust website) for each new application. If the incorrect version is used, information will need to be transferred to the new version.

-----**End of Assessor Update No.39**-----

Note: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and information at the time of publication (2 September 2020). However, readers are reminded of the need to ensure that the information upon which they rely is up to date and to check the currency of the information with the appropriate officer of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or the user's independent adviser.