

FUNGIMAP STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025

ORGANISATIONAL PURPOSES

<p>FUNGI RECORDS Stimulate and support the study of Australian macrofungi through the accumulation, storage, analysis and dissemination of information about fungi.</p>	<p>CITIZEN SCIENTIST NETWORKING Link and bring together those with an interest in Australian macrofungi, providing opportunities for sharing and learning; and fostering relationships between groups and individuals that share the objectives of Fungimap.</p>	<p>EDUCATION Promote the appreciation of fungi with a focus on Australian macrofungi in the natural environment.</p>	<p>CONSERVATION Foster the conservation of Australian macrofungi.</p>
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VISION

<p>That high quality Research Grade records from citizen scientists continue to increase our understanding of Australia's macrofungi; continue to underpin threat-listing regionally, nationally and internationally; and cover all areas of high ecological significance in Australia including remote locations.</p>	<p>That all fungi citizen scientists, particularly Fungimap members, are able to access the information and training they need to continue on their learning journey, and are well connected in a support network with other likeminded people.</p>	<p>That most Australians can identify the most common, easily identifiable fungi species in their area (as they can for plants and animals), and understand the role that they are playing in the environment.</p>	<p>That fungi are included on an equal footing with flora and fauna at all levels of government, that fungi are included in all decision-making related to development, that current threatened species are tracked and monitored and populations increase through conservation programs, that threat assessments are carried out for all Australian fungi, and habitat destruction is halted.</p>
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CURRENT CONTINUING STRATEGIC ACTIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iNaturalist project receives citizen scientist observations • Fungimap bookshop provides access to Australian fungi field guides and equipment • website provides substantial information • eNews promotes engagement with iNaturalist project • final Fungimap records database corrections and transfer to ALA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • online beginner identification workshops and YouTube videos • expert guest speaker webinars (at least 3 annually) • annual research grant program offered to citizen scientists • eNews links people together, promotes face to face fungi activities, promotes learning opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing field guides, books, brochures and website resources • holding local public events and promoting local events via eNews • providing guest speakers for local and online events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research grant funds to conservation-focussed projects • information provided on website regarding IUCN Red-Listed species and how to record lost fungi
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NEW STRATEGIC ACTIONS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • publish Fungi Down Under 2 (200 target species) to improve citizen scientist records, increase data on key species, significant income stream for Fungimap • host annual national fungi bioblitz linked to schools and local fungi groups and increase media take-up • aim for 50% of iNat records to attain Research Grade by upskilling identifiers, upskilling users, more engagement with users to improve records, local groups verifying own foray records etc • encourage local fungi groups to go further afield to more remote locations for surveying in collaboration with local TOs and govt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in lieu of national conference, host event in multiple states on same day comprised of televised national/international guest speakers, and local foray (includes policymakers, council workers etc as well as citizen scientists) • support creation of new local/regional groups with online workshop and/or info packs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop primary school curriculum resources to distribute to schools and on website, connected to Fungi Foundation resources and national fungi bioblitz • Australian Fungus of the Year competition in connection to national bioblitz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nominate current IUCN Red-Listed threatened species (15) for Federal EPBC Act lists. • put together 1 pager + 6 pager explainer briefing for ministers regarding problems and solutions • monitoring of threatened species - bring together monitoring by individuals into national approach • create briefing summary every 2 years of status of individual IUCN threatened species with case studies, send to environment departments etc • make submissions to development application processes that threaten fungi habitat
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