## 2014 Regional Snapshot

## How many people are involved in NRM training activities?

An involved and informed community is essential to care for our natural and cultural resources. Training in natural resource management aims to improve the knowledge and skills of landholders, volunteers and community members to improve environmental awareness and resource management.

Volunteers and staff from government and non-government organisations run a range of training courses, workshops and field days to help landholders, volunteers and community members improve their knowledge of sustainable management practices, and to promote awareness of environmental issues.

Training typically focuses on the needs of landholders and the community, with courses often covering pest plant and animal control, threatened species and habitat protection, re-vegetation, bushfire prevention, grazing improvement practices, and other water and land management practices. Other training events focus on improving environmental awareness of the broader community, students and teachers.



## State target

Involve more people in the sustainable management of natural resources



Trend

Unknown

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Trends in participation in NRM training are not known. Information on the level of participation in events such as seminars, field days and workshops in NRM will be available in the future.

Where we are at (2012)

Fair

At least 2,441 people participated in natural resource management training events such as seminars, field days and workshops. More information about participation in training is required.

The Government of South Australia and NRM Board members regularly consult with the community to assess their needs and provide natural resource management information, research and practices.

Each region has different strategies to address natural resource management training needs, and the collection of information on training participation is not standardised across the state.

Information from the South Australian Arid Lands NRM region indicates that in 2012 at least 2,441 people participated in training events such as seminars, field days and workshops. A survey undertaken in 2012 to assess progress against <u>South Australia's Strategic Plan</u> showed that training events in nature conservation were attended by about 17 per cent of people in the NRM region.

It is clear that the available information underestimates training participation rates across the region.

**Reliability of information** 



Good. Training information is not standardised across NRM regions.

## **Further information:**

Technical information for this report, South Australia's Strategic Plan, South Australia's Strategic Plan survey 2012

