

## 2014 Regional Snapshot

### How many volunteers are involved in natural resource management?

We all have a stake in maintaining the health and sustainability of our natural resources – our plants, animals, soil and water.

One way of engaging and educating people about our natural resources is to provide opportunities to volunteer on natural resource management projects. Volunteer projects improve the sustainability of our natural resources and provide opportunities for people to network, learn new skills and improve their physical, mental and social wellbeing.

In the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM region, volunteers are involved in projects on both private and public land. Aboriginal volunteers assist in the running of co-managed national park, conservation parks and reserves, and are involved as members of boards and committees. Volunteers also assist with re-vegetation, soil and land management, native animal and plant surveys, fire management, trail maintenance, weed and pest animal control, heritage site restoration, public education, fundraising and project administration



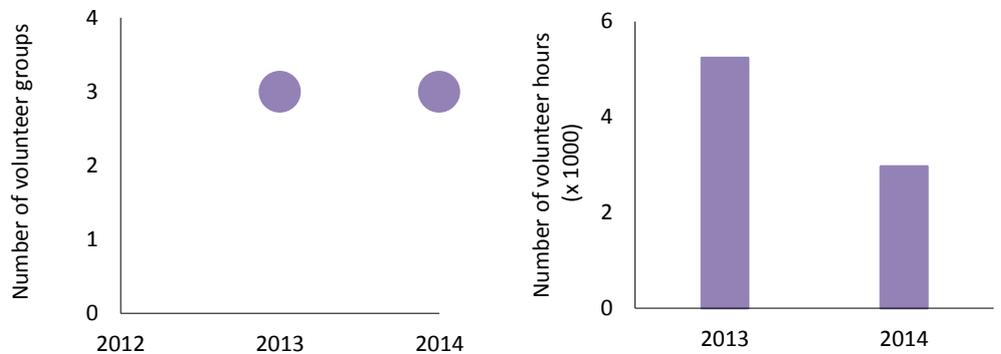
State target

Involve more people in the sustainable management of natural resources

Trend	Unknown	There has been a recent decline in volunteer hours outside of parks, but volunteer hours inside parks has remained stable
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Between 2013-14, the number of volunteer groups was stable. The number of volunteer hours declined due to a reduction in volunteer hours spend outside parks (see graphs on right).

Future reporting will track trends in volunteer effort in natural resource management projects, inside and outside parks (see graphs on right).



Where we are at (2014)	Fair	A total of 3 volunteer groups spent over 2,900 hours volunteering on natural resource management projects
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A [survey](#) undertaken by Australian Bureau of Statistics found that more than 60,000 South Australians (about 2.2 per cent) volunteered on natural resource management projects in 2012. These projects included those coordinated or undertaken by private landholders, non-government organisations, and government agencies.

In the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM region in 2014, around 80 people from 3 volunteer groups spent more than 2,900 hours volunteering on natural resource management projects coordinated or funded by the Government of South Australia and NRM Boards. Most of this volunteer effort was spent on activities in parks.

Reliability of information	★★★★☆ Good
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Further information:  
[Technical information for this report](#), [SA Volunteer Strategy](#)