

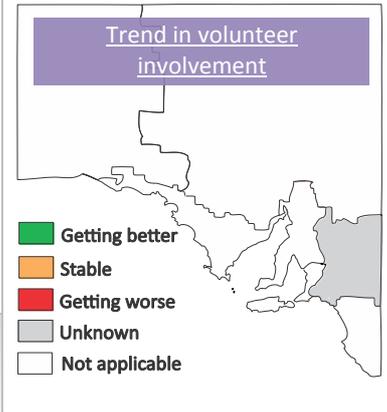
# 2014 Regional Snapshot

## 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 South Australian Murray-Darling Basin NRM region, volunteers are involved in projects on both private and public land, including national parks, conservation parks and reserves. Volunteers 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	Trends in volunteer conservation activities will be available in the future										
<p>Future reporting will track trends in volunteer effort in natural resource management projects, inside and outside parks (see graphs on right).</p>	<p>Number of volunteer groups</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Number of volunteer groups</th></tr> <tr><td>2012</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr><td>2013</td><td>~136</td></tr> </table>	Year	Number of volunteer groups	2012	0	2013	~136	<p>Number of volunteer hours (x 1000)</p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Year</th><th>Number of volunteer hours (x 1000)</th></tr> <tr><td>2013</td><td>~110</td></tr> </table>	Year	Number of volunteer hours (x 1000)	2013	~110
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Where we are at (2013)	Fair	A total of 136 volunteer groups spent nearly 110,000 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 SA Murray-Darling Basin NRM region in 2013, around 3,000 people from 136 volunteer groups spent close to 110,000 hours volunteering on natural resource management projects coordinated or funded by the Government of South Australia and NRM Boards.

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