

2014 Regional Snapshot

What are the distribution and abundance of pest animals?

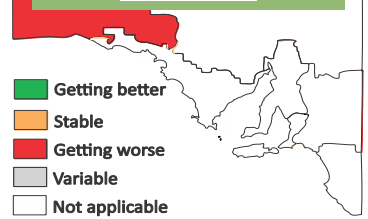
Pest animals prey on and compete with our native and agricultural plants and animals. For example, foxes and cats are efficient hunters of native animals, and rabbits damage native animal habitat and reduce agricultural productivity. Foxes, cats and rabbits are nationally listed as *key threatening processes* due to their environmental impacts. In 2009, pest animals were estimated to cost Australia about \$740 million every year.

In 2007, about 90 per cent of pastoral businesses in Alinytjara Wilurara NRM region reported pest animal problems and implemented some pest animal control activities.

This report summarises information on the distribution and abundance of pest animals and should be read alongside reports on the [management of weeds and pest animals](#).



Trend in the distribution and abundance of key pest animals



State target

Limit the establishment of pests and diseases and reduce the impact of existing pests.

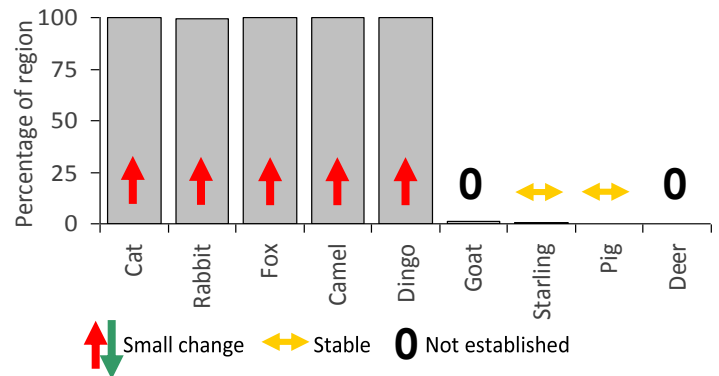
Trend (2008–12)

Getting worse

The trend for key pest animals varies between species: 5 species are increasing and 2 are stable

In the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM region the distribution and abundance of key pest animals are generally getting worse (map above).

The distribution and abundance of cats, rabbits, foxes, camels and dingoes have increased (arrows on graph). This may be due to higher summer rainfall experienced in 2010-12.



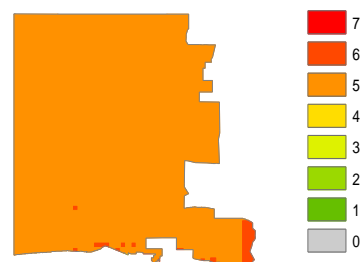
Where we are at (2012)

Fair

Managing pest animals continues to be a complex challenge

Key pest animals have been recorded throughout the Alinytjara Wilurara NRM region (map to right and graph above)

The areas where key pest animals have been recorded (map to right) do not reflect their abundance and do not reflect the impacts of recent control efforts.



The number of key pest animal species recorded in each 10x13 km area, 2000–12

Reliability of information



Poor, there are insufficient data on the abundance and trends of pest animals

Further information:

[Technical information for this report](#)
[Pest animals in South Australia](#)