

## 2014 Regional Snapshot

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

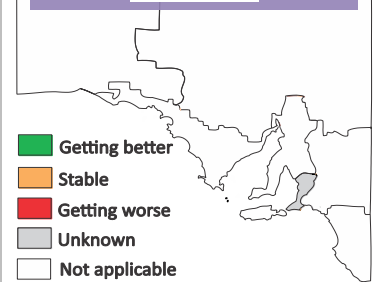
We all have a stake in maintaining the health and sustainability of our natural resources – our plants, animals, soil and water.

One way of engaging and educating people about our natural resources is to provide opportunities for 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 Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges 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 assisting in project administration.



Trend in volunteer involvement



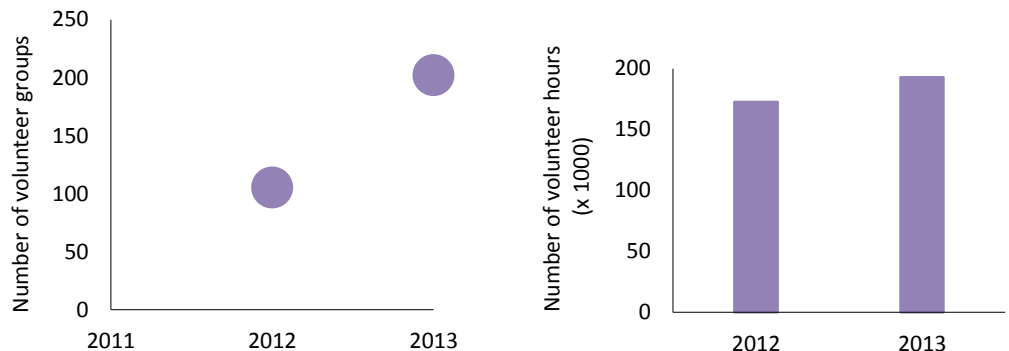
State target

Involve more people in the sustainable management of natural resources

**Trend**      Unknown      Trends in volunteer conservation activities will be available in the future

Between 2012-13, there was an increase in the number of volunteer groups and volunteer hours (see graph 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 (2013)

Fair

A total of 202 volunteer groups spent nearly 200,000 hours volunteering on natural resource management projects

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 Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM region in 2013, around 10,000 people from about 202 volunteer groups spent close to 200,000 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 outside of parks.

Reliability of information



Good

Further information:

[Technical information for this report](#), [SA Volunteer Strategy](#)