

# Pilbara Corridors is a collaborative approach to address biodiversity threats on a landscape-scale in the Pilbara.

## PROTECTING THE PILBARA

The Pilbara is one of Australia's top fifteen biodiversity hotspots with an abundant range of fauna, flora and culturally-significant sites.

Pilbara Corridors brings together a range of individuals and organisations with environmental expertise to establish and sustain a coordinated approach to manage biodiversity threats in the Pilbara.

The project aims to control invasive pests and weeds and protect endemic fauna and flora by applying shared knowledge and best practice through disciplined landscape scale activities.

Pilbara Corridors is currently working in the Fortescue River catchment area where it is stabilising critical ecosystems by delivering on-the-ground land management including fire planning, grazing management, coordinated mapping and targeted control of feral animals and invasive weeds.

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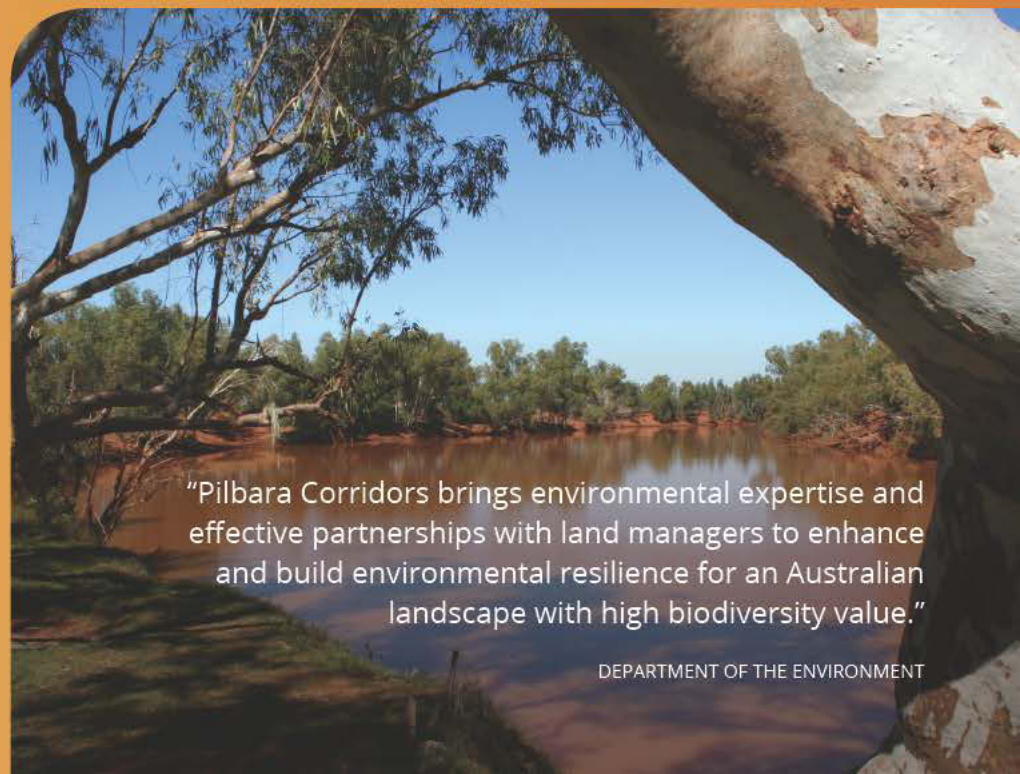
## PILBARA CORRIDORS – A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH

**Pilbara Corridors is the result of a collaborative partnership between Rangelands NRM, Greening Australia and the WA Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW).**

The initiative provides advice and counsel to pastoral, mining, conservation and Indigenous land managers to connect and coordinate sustainable land management across management boundaries.

Pilbara Corridors is realising environmental, socio-economic and cultural benefits for the region, including:

- Shared knowledge and best practice environmental management;
- Expert and experienced counsel and advice;
- Assisting mining and resource companies manage their carbon offset requirements;
- Distributing funding with a coordinated and needs based approach;
- Removing duplication and organising delivery of land management work for pastoralist, not-for-profit, Indigenous and community organisations;
- Proactively encouraging Indigenous training and employment in land management positions through an Indigenous Ranger program.



“Pilbara Corridors brings environmental expertise and effective partnerships with land managers to enhance and build environmental resilience for an Australian landscape with high biodiversity value.”









“It’s good for the kids to grow up and see us doing this sort of work as a mentor for them... the Ngurrawaana Ranger program is set up for the future of our kids.”

KINGSLEY WOODLEY, SENIOR NGURRAWAANA RANGER

## PROJECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Pilbara Corridor’s expert and experienced team deliver land management advice, coordinate conservation programs and ensure work effort and funding produces the best biodiversity and social outcomes for the region and stakeholders.

Our current projects include:

-  Fire Management
-  Feral Herbivore Control
-  Weed Control
-  Working with Traditional Owners
-  Working with Pastoralists
-  Research and Education

Please visit our website for updates on our current projects.

## INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH PILBARA CORRIDORS

Pilbara Corridors is looking for partners to co-invest to ensure the consistency and continuity of our programs. Help us protect and manage this vital part of Australia’s landscape beyond the five-years of Federal Government funding by getting involved.

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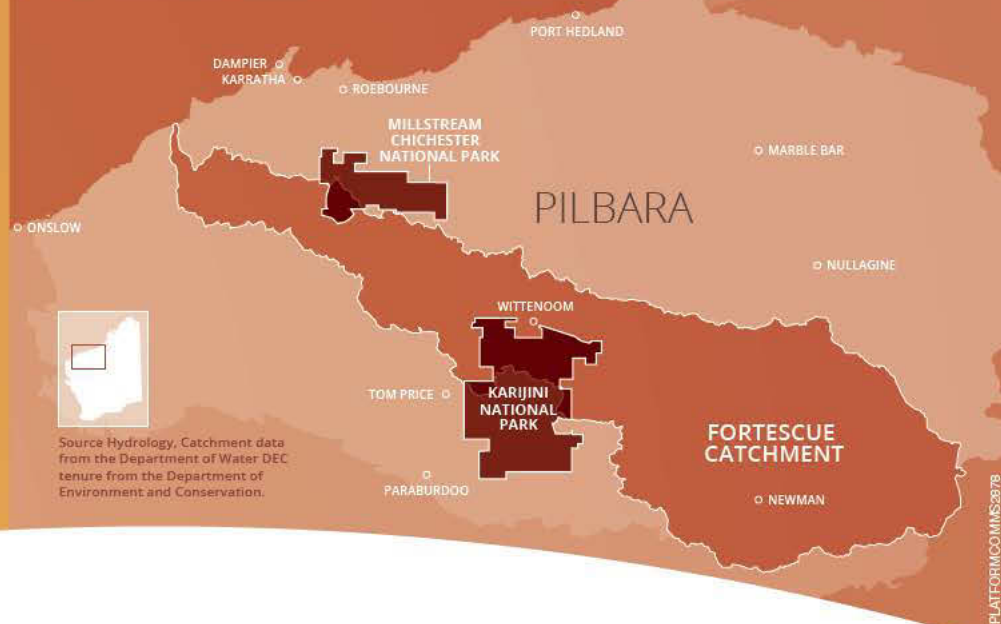
## WORKING WITH TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The 4.5 million hectare Fortescue River catchment is a largely intact ecosystem that includes high conservation value aquatic ecosystem sites and is of cultural significance to the local Yindjibarndi people. We recognise the Traditional Owners have cared for the region for thousands of years and continue to assert inherited rights and responsibilities over their lands and waters.

Pilbara Corridors has developed an Aboriginal Ranger scheme by delivering Conservation and Land Management training to the local Yindjibarndi people. The three-year Ngurrawaana Rangers program will manage the biodiversity of the lower Fortescue River and be a model for future additional ranger teams.

The project seeks to identify other Aboriginal communities to develop partnerships for training and employment in conservation and land management to help close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage by delivering vocational opportunities to local Indigenous residents.

The bioregion provides much of Western Australia’s exports in petroleum, natural gas and iron ore and generates about 30 per cent of Australia’s GDP but contains only about two per cent of the country’s population.



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