

Gorse National Priority Action Framework

	Eradication	Best Practice Management	Prevent Spread	Protect Clean Areas	Coordinate Management
Priority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Identify target areas for eradication (2.3.1) ❖ Determine best practice eradication methods (2.3.2) ❖ Provide assistance & resources (2.3.3) ❖ Undertake strategic follow-up surveillance and control of treated areas (2.3.4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Gain stakeholder commitment (2.1.4) ❖ Development of best practice control including biological control (2.1.5) ❖ Improve efficiency of WONS strategy delivery (2.1.6) ❖ Develop integrated gorse control protocols for established infestations (2.1.7) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Uniform National Declaration (2.2.2) ❖ Develop integrated gorse control protocols in riparian areas and other areas subject to erosion or flooding (2.2.3) ❖ Provide assistance & resources (2.2.4) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Regulatory support to protect clean areas (2.4.1) ❖ Conduct public awareness campaign (2.4.2) ❖ Target rural producers for special awareness campaign (2.4.3 - actions 3,4 and 5) ❖ Refine and extend best practice management (2.4.4 - actions 2 and 3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Appoint Strategy Coordinator (2.5.1) ❖ Monitor and evaluate implementation of the strategy (2.5.2) ❖ Funding (2.5.3) ❖ Integration of Gorse management into other WONS activities (2.5.5)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Appoint State Strategy Coordinator (2.1.1) ❖ Determine current information (2.1.2) ❖ Determine environmental, social & economic impacts (2.1.3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Introduce best practice protocols for sourcing materials for road construction & maintenance (2.2.1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Refine and extend best practice management (2.4.4 - action 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Potential distribution (2.5.4)
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Target rural producers for special awareness campaign, (2.4.3 - actions 1 and 2) 	

NOTE:

Priority actions were developed by the National Gorse Taskforce in line with the National Gorse Strategic Plan. Numbers in brackets correspond to an approach strategy, which has individual actions in the Strategic Plan.

See detailed information on next page. For further information see the *Gorse National Strategic Plan* (www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/gorse) or contact the National Gorse Coordinator.



Detailed information regarding the Gorse National Priority Action Framework

The framework is divided into 5 sections:

1. Eradication
2. Best Practice Management
3. Prevent Spread
4. Protect Clean Areas
5. Coordinate Management



This document provides further detail regarding each action contained in the framework. Priorities were developed by the *National Gorse Taskforce* and are based on the National Strategy. Numbers correspond to an approach strategy, which as individual actions in the Strategy. Please see the *National Gorse Strategic Plan* (www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/gorse) for more information regarding gorse.

Eradication

Priority 1

- Identify target areas for eradication (2.3.1)
 - Identify new or strategic locations for eradication
 - Seek cooperation of relevant land-managers
 - Develop adaptive eradication plans for each infestation
- Determine best practice eradication methods (2.3.2)
 - Monitor and refine control practices for eradication
 - Support research into seedbank eradication techniques
 - Enforce the use of land tenure conditions in support of eradication
- Provide assistance and resources (2.3.3)
 - Provide information on best practice and the development of strategic management partnerships in areas of high conservation concern to stakeholders for eradication and effective follow up
- Undertake strategic follow-up surveillance and control of treated areas (2.3.4)
 - Undertake regular surveys of previously treated areas

High priority strategic eradication areas

See the list of National priority Eradication Areas for Gorse www.weeds.org.au/WoNS/gorse

Best Practice Management

Priority 1

- Gain stakeholder commitment (2.1.4)
 - Create community awareness
 - Coordinate formation of community groups and landowners to undertake on-ground works
- Development of best practice control including biological control (2.1.5)
 - Support and facilitate the introduction of tested and approved biological control agents where potential success and scientific assurance on wider ecological issues has been identified
 - Develop new or improved practices which encompass biological control and other new techniques
- Improve efficiency of WoNS strategy delivery (2.1.6)
 - Investigate linkages with other WoNS strategies at the state level

- Develop integrated gorse control protocols for established infestations (2.1.7)
 - Use research tools and active management practice to develop regional best bet long term integrated gorse control management strategies for different habitats

Priority 2

- Appoint State strategy coordinator (2.1.1)
 - Establish a State strategy coordinator to provide link with the national Coordinator and National Gorse Task Force and State based community groups
- Determine environmental, social and economic impacts on production and conservation areas (2.1.3)
 - Benefit: cost analysis
- Determine current information (2.1.2)
 - Collect and collate existing state information re classification and severity using protocols confirmed by the NGTF

Prevent Spread

Priority 1

- Uniform national declaration (2.2.2)
 - Declare gorse nationally in order to prevent the sale or trade of the plant or its seed
- Develop integrated gorse control protocols in riparian areas and other areas subject to erosion or flooding (2.2.3)
 - Identify key target areas for on-ground control measures
 - Refer to any State based river corridor management policies, guidelines and legislation and any State guidelines for the use of herbicides in or near waterways
 - Identify best practice control measures applicable at each site (2.2.4), including biological control
 - Monitor progress and evaluate effectiveness
- Provide assistance and resources (2.2.4)
 - Provide information on best practice and the development of strategic management partnerships in the areas of high conservation concern to stakeholders for effective control and follow up
- Support on-ground works to protect and enhance containment line

Priority 2

- Introduce best practice protocols for sourcing materials for road construction and maintenance (2.2.1)
 - Identify clean areas for source materials
 - Monitor use and effectiveness of hygiene procedures
 - Integrate best practice procedures for gorse with other WoNS relevant in the area

Protect Clean Areas

Priority 1

- Regulatory support to protect clean areas (2.4.1)
 - Prevent importation of all Ulex species into Australia
- Conduct public awareness campaign (2.4.3)
 - From maps of known gorse distribution (2.1.2) identify areas for clean area status
 - Assist local authorities in improving public awareness of gorse to local government and catchment management authorities, schools and community groups
 - Disseminate appropriate information packages
- Target rural producers for special awareness campaign (2.4.3, Actions 3,4,5)

- Incorporate gorse control into overall weed management in whole farm planning courses, property planning, including government lands
- Adopt direct extension of results to farmers, along with appropriate methods of control
- Monitor results of control methods

Priority 2

- Refine and extend best practice management (2.3.4, Actions 2,3)
 - Extend best practice procedures to land managers
 - Where possible protect and restore riparian zones with vegetation
- Target rural producers for special awareness campaign (2.4.3, Actions 1,2)
 - Evaluate results of the cost benefit study (2.1.3)
 - Working with landowners review cost:benefit study results and determine best strategy for extension to farmers

Coordinate Management

Priority 1

- Appoint Strategy Coordinator (2.5.1)
 - Appoint a Strategy Coordinator within the National Gorse Task Force for 5 years to coordinate the routine activities of the Task Force
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the Strategy (2.5.2)
 - Develop and operational protocol and milestones consistent with the National Gorse Strategy
 - Identify stakeholders and produce and distribute communication plan
 - Report on progress and results annually to all stakeholders
- Funding (2.5.3)
 - Develop and coordinate applications for external funds to achieve identified strategic plan outcomes
- Integration of gorse management into other WoNS activities (2.5.5)
 - Determine mechanism for integrating national gorse management into other WoNS strategies at state regional or catchment level

Priority 2

- Potential distribution (2.5.4)
 - Climate modelling