

- environmental monitoring and rehabilitation activities for mining operations on Aboriginal land in the Tanami including participation in the Tanami Biodiversity Monitoring Project

- environmental management of important cultural places and sensitive habitats in the Wilson's Creek flood-out of the Central Desert ALT supported by Envirofund

- assistance to Lajamanu Community Education Centre with establishment of the Junior Ranger Program and support for school-based and traditional owner country visits programs.

- convened and facilitated three meetings of the Northern Tanami Indigenous Protected Area Management Committee comprised of 33 senior male and female traditional owners of the IPA area.

- Successful submission to NHT for funds from the NT RIS to undertake strategic fire management activity over 2006-2008 focussed on five key management zones in the Lajamanu IPA comprised of biologically and culturally significant wetland areas in the Northern Tanami Desert.

An aerial control burning (ACB) pilot project will also occur in this region aimed at raising traditional owner awareness of regional fire issues and management techniques;

- successful submission to NHT for funds from the NT RIS to undertake targeted threatened species survey and recovery actions for the Greater Bilby on Aboriginal lands in the northern Tanami Desert over 2006-2008;

Yuendumu (Southern Tanami)

– Warlpiri Ranger Group

- Extended the activities of the NHT-funded Tanami Indigenous Land Management Co-ordinator project up to December 2005 to continue to develop the Warlpiri Ranger group, implement identified NRM projects and increase

awareness among traditional owners of land management issues in the southern Tanami Desert region.

- continued participation of Warlpiri Rangers from Yuendumu and Willowra in the Tanami Biodiversity Monitoring Project utilising both scientific trapping and tracking methods in biannual surveys of 96 survey sites selected and established in the Tanami Region in 2004-2005.

- supported traditional owner involvement in planning and management activities on Newhaven Reserve in conjunction with Birds Australia and other agencies such as the NT Bushfire Council through consultations and field trips;

- continued implementation of the Threatened Species Network funded project protecting threatened species from foxes in the Tanami Desert researching efficacy of fox and cat baiting methods in protecting three nationally threatened vertebrate species at three trial sites in the Central Tanami desert;

- successful submission to NHT for funds from the NT RIS to build on the previous TSN predator mitigation project through implementing priority recovery actions for the Greater Bilby and other key threatened species on Aboriginal lands in the southern Tanami Desert over 2006-2008;

- successful submission to NHT for funds from the NT RIS to undertake priority weed control actions for Parkinsonia and Rubber Bush infestations on the Yuendumu ALT and adjoining areas in the southern Tanami area;

- successful submission to NHT for funds from the NT RIS to undertake strategic fire management activities build on the previous TSN predator mitigation project through implementing priority recovery actions for the Greater Bilby and other key threatened

species on Aboriginal lands in the southern Tanami Desert over 2006-2008;

- successful submission to NHT for funds from the NT RIS to undertake strategic fire management activity over 2006-2008 focused on six key management zones on Aboriginal land in the south-west Tanami Desert comprised of biologically and culturally significant wetland areas and the Lander River/Lake Surprise flood out in the south-east Tanami area;

- submission lodged with DEH's IPA program for funds to support a Southern Tanami IPA Feasibility Study as a basis for providing long-term resourcing for the Warlpiri Ranger group and wider indigenous NRM activity in this area;

- successful submission to NT Government landcare program EnvironmeNT – Weeds on Warlpiri Lands.

others

Significant additional efforts were made to support emerging community ranger groups and develop community interest in structured land management activity elsewhere in the region. These included:

- development of a five-year strategic plan to guide the growth of community land management initiatives across the region linked to priority natural and cultural resource management actions identified in the CLC Resource Condition Analysis Reports;

- unsuccessful efforts in late 2005 to secure NHT funds from the NT RIS to implement six 'pilot' projects across Central Australia to build capacity for Aboriginal landowners to participate in land management initiatives on their country in situations where biodiversity hotspots, traditional owner aspirations and capacity exists.

These projects were to guide future expansion of ranger programs and provide a frame-