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TALISMAN SABER 2009

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

The Australian Defence Force is committed to sustainable environmental measures in order to minimise potential impacts to the immediate and surrounding environments.

FLORA AND FAUNA

Defence is committed to the continued protection of flora and fauna within its training areas throughout Australia. With an influx of up to 23,000 personnel and the varying activities that occur throughout the exercise, the protection of flora and fauna is well considered and incorporated into all briefing information to exercise participants guides their actions.

As part of Defence's ongoing environmental stewardship of training areas, the location of significant habitats and threatened species are studied and used to guide decisions on the location of activities within the training areas.

Within training facilities, different levels of access are in place to protect of local flora and fauna. 'No-go' restrict areas all entry to a particular land or sea area. 'Restricted' access allows personnel to enter land or sea areas; however entry is conditional to following certain protocols e.g. no firing in particular areas. Any sensitive areas are automatically assigned as 'no-go' for the entirety of the exercise.

Marine flora and fauna is also a major consideration when conducting Exercise Talisman Saber 2009. The movement and activities that are conducted within Australian waters are subject to rigorous environmental protection under several Commonwealth Acts. The ADF Maritime Activities Environmental Management Plan also outlines what activities and areas can be accessed throughout Exercise Talisman Saber 2009 and specific mitigation measures for these areas.

