



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, INDUSTRY & ENVIRONMENT

Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Accredited Assessor Update 47

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1. 'New' Plant Community Types are displaying in the BioNet Threatened Biodiversity Database Collection

Plant community type (PCT) ID codes and PCT names for the new East Coast PCTs classification planned for release later this year have begun to appear in the Threatened Biodiversity Database Collection (TBDC). This results from a recent upload to the TBDC of new PCT ID codes into the vegetation type tab for threatened species and ecological communities. The new PCTs were added to the TBDC to allow department officers to review threatened species associations with the new PCTs.

The East Coast PCT's have a status of new. This is because the new classification has not been formally approved for release to be published in the BioNet Vegetation Classification database.

Therefore, accredited assessors must not consider these PCTs in the assessment of threatened species or ecological communities when applying the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM). The relevant PCT data in the BAM-C includes only those PCTs with a status of 'In progress' or 'Complete'. These can be viewed in the TBDC by scrolling down the page (or, in some cases, by navigating to subsequent pages on the list) to the PCTs with a status of 'In Progress' or 'Complete'.

Assessment	Response to management	Vegetation type	RFS
Add PCT Copy from another species			
Results 1-11 of 11			
PCT	PCT Name		PCT status
3830	Far North Basalt Scarp Tea-tree Scrub		New
3011	Far North Lowland Subtropical Rainforest		New
3032	Northern Escarpment Sassafras-Booyong-Corkwood Rainforest		New
3033	Northern Escarpment Sassafras-Prickly Ash Rainforest		New
3035	Northern Ranges Coachwood Warm Temperate Rainforest		New
3856	Woodenbong Plugs Rocky Scrub		New
648	Antarctic Beech cool temperate rainforest of the New England Tableland Bioregion and NSW North Coast Bioregion		Complete
886	Hill Kanuka - Tea-tree low closed forest on escarpment ranges of the NSW North Coast Bioregion and eastern New England Tableland Bioregion		Complete
1130	Sassafras - Crabapple - Soft Corkwood warm temperate rainforest of the North Coast		Complete
1523	Sassafras - Prickly Ash - Lilly Pilly warm temperate rainforest on ranges of the Barrington Tops and lower North Coast		Complete
1201	Soft Corkwood - Yellow Carabeen - Cryptocarya spp. subtropical rainforest of the NSW North Coast Bioregion		Complete

2. Koala SEPP questions and answers

The Department recently hosted a webinar on the [Koala SEPP](#) on 1 April 2021.

The [questions and answers](#) raised by the audience before and during the webinar are now available.

If you have further questions about the NSW Koala SEPP framework, please contact Danijela.karac@planning.nsw.gov.au – Director, Environment Policy.

3. Scheduled BAM data import is on hold

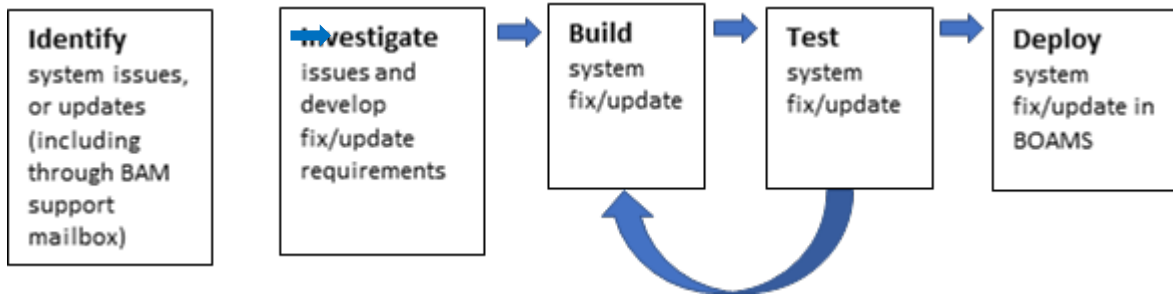
The Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) data import and proposed update to the list of Serious and irreversible impacts (SAII) entities planned for the end of April is on hold. The delay will allow the finalisation of release notes that describe the changes to the biodiversity data in BioNet that is currently referenced by the BAM-C. We will provide advice on a new date for the planned data import shortly.

4. System updates

Thanks for your effort in reporting Biodiversity Offsets and Agreements Management System (BOAMS) issues via the BAM support mailbox. We understand the impact these issues can have on your work. See the table below showing the status of priority system changes.

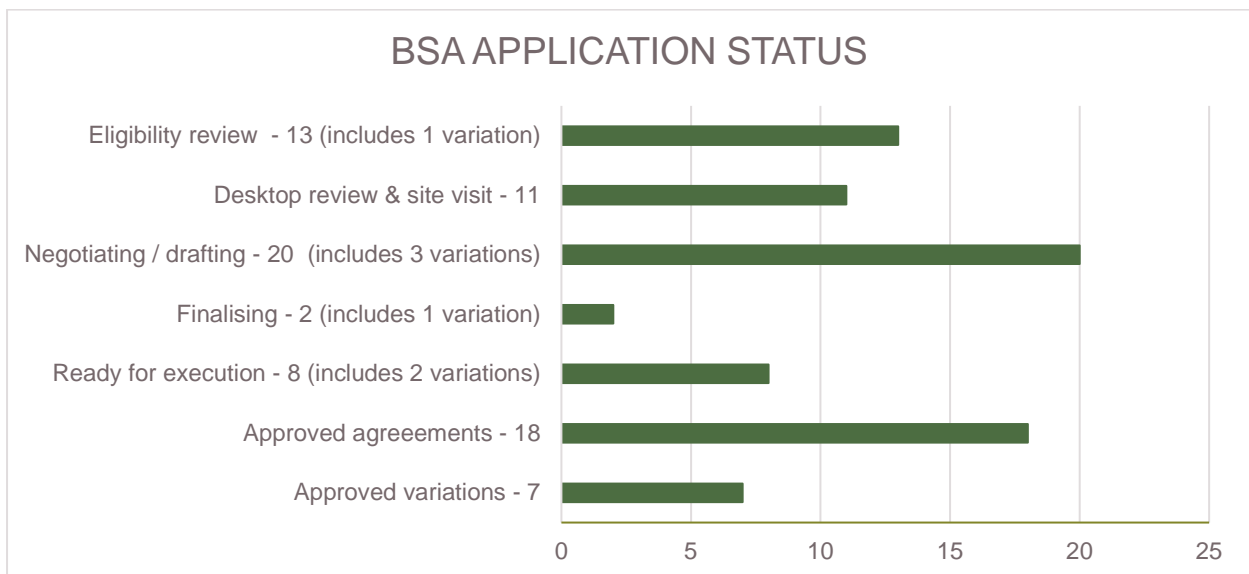
Description	Current Status
Error Code 503 BAM-C	Intermittent and under investigation
Scheduled BAM-C data import	Date to be advised
Unable to upload zip files	Seeking approval of change in BOAMS

* see flow diagram below



5.BCT update

BSA Application status



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Note: The information contained in this publication is based on knowledge and information at the time of publication (29 April 2021). However, readers are reminded of the need to ensure that the information upon which they rely is up to date and to check the currency of the information with the appropriate officer of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment or the user's independent adviser.