



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, INDUSTRY & ENVIRONMENT

Biodiversity Offsets Scheme Accredited Assessor Update 48

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1. Reminder – BAM data import on 7 June 2021

A reminder that the Biodiversity Assessment Method (BAM) data import that was postponed in April will now occur on Monday, 7 June. The import includes some minor changes to include recently listed species on the list of entities at risk of a Serious and Irreversible Impact (SAIL) and bringing 16 species only listed on the EPBC Act into the BAM-C. Please see attached release notes for further information, including how to identify these changes in your existing proposals in the BAM-C. This is the same advice emailed to assessors on 27 May 2005.

2. Using the BOS enquiry form improves response time

Using the [Biodiversity Offsets Scheme \(BOS\) online enquiry form](#) will direct your query directly to the appropriate area of expertise. This means that using the enquiry form, rather than sending your query directly to the BAM support mailbox, will help minimise the time taken to get a response. During Quarter 1 of 2021, approximately 17% of the queries received by the BAM Support team had to be redirected to other teams. This includes queries relating to accreditation, Biodiversity Offsets Payment Calculator (BOPC), credit transactions and biodiversity stewardship agreements (BSA).

3. A finalised credit report must accompany a BAR

Please ensure that your Biodiversity Assessment Reports (BAR) prepared as part of a development or biodiversity stewardship application are accompanied by the finalised credit report from the BAM calculator. A certified BAR must be submitted within 14 days of the date that the credit report was finalised to be considered valid.

Advice about validity of BARs and finalising BAM-C was provided in [Assessor Update No.30](#).

4. How to submit and send back BOAMS cases

Did you know that assessors and reviewers (i.e. assessment staff in Biodiversity Conservation Trust, Local Government or Planning & Assessment) can send cases back and forth in Biodiversity Offsets and Agreements Management System (BOAMS) without requiring assistance from the BAM support team?

Please see the attached instructions and screenshots and review the published webinar on this topic, [BOAMS for Local Government and other consent authorities](#).

5. Updated BAM vegetation survey data sheet

Have you seen the field data sheet for vegetation surveys in the BAM 2020 Operational Manual – Stage 1? It is not mandatory to use it; however, you may find it useful, having been updated to reflect the requirements of BAM 2020 and include explanatory notes. Go to the [BAM 2020 Operational Manual – Stage 1, Appendix B](#).

6. Systems fixes and updates

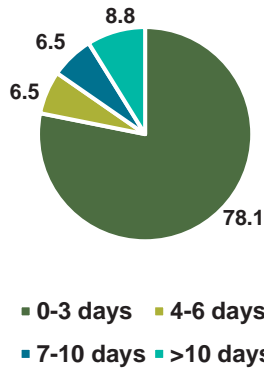
Thanks for your effort in reporting BOAMS issues via the BAM support mailbox. We understand the impact these issues can have on your work. See the table below showing the status of priority system changes.

Description	Current Status
BAM-C data import and SAll list update	Planned for 7 June
Serious and Irreversible Impact (SAll) online nomination forms for species and Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs)	Available on the Department's webpage
Code 500 or Code 503 error prevents access to BAM-C from BOAMS	Investigating possible links to high server traffic

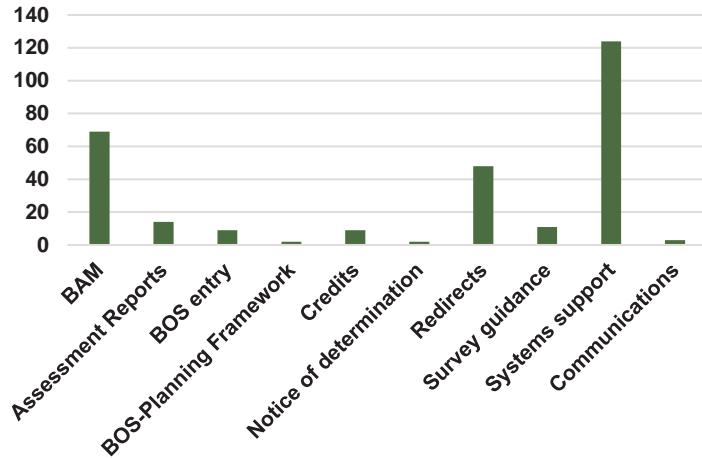
7. Mailbox query responses in 3 days

In Quarter 1 of 2021, around 291 queries were received by the BAM Support team (an average of 22/week). Approximately 73% of queries received were responded to during the quarter. Around 78% of responses were provided within three days or less. Most queries (42%) were about BOAMS/BAM-C (see below).

% Mailbox query responses by time taken to respond Q1 2021

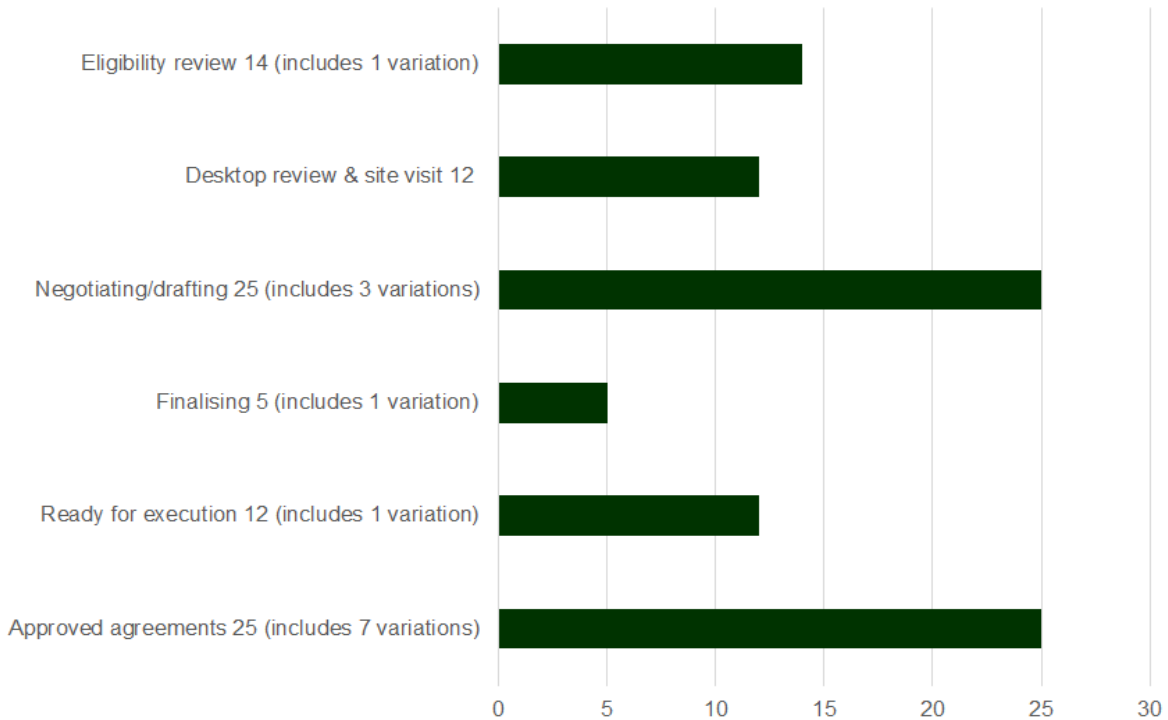


BAM Support Mailbox queries Q1 2021 by topic



8. 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 (May 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.