



Government of **Western Australia**
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IBSA

Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments

What is IBSA?



The Index of Biodiversity Surveys for Assessments (IBSA) captures data from land-based biodiversity field surveys conducted to support assessments and compliance by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Environmental Protection Authority and Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. IBSA consolidates this data and provides a platform to make it publicly available online.

IBSA delivers better environmental outcomes and improves the efficiency of assessments by:



Improving the availability of information for proponents

Reducing costs and delays associated with poor availability of biodiversity data



Allowing government, industry and the community to get maximum value from existing data

Supporting ongoing strategic planning, decision making and management



What are the benefits?



Approximately \$38 million is spent each year collecting biodiversity data to support environmental assessments, yet before IBSA the information was not centralised or easily discoverable.



Find out more

Visit dwer.wa.gov.au/ibsa for more information, including frequently asked questions, and for links to the IBSA website and the IBSA instructions, data standards and templates.

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