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REPORT SHOWS PROGRESS BEING MADE ON EFFORTS TO BOOST THREATENED SPECIES RECOVERY

The release of 240 critically endangered southern corroboree frogs into the Kosciuszko National Park is one of the many success stories detailed in a progress report on the Coalition Government's Threatened Species Strategy.

Key achievements in the last year under the Threatened Species Strategy include:

- Mobilising more than \$255 million in funding for projects with outcomes for threatened species.
- Funding an additional 19 programs under the Threatened Species Recovery Fund.
- Launching Australia's first Threatened Species Prospectus and brokering more than \$6 million towards projects.

The Threatened Species Strategy was released in July 2015 and contained one, three and five-year targets aiming to improve the population trajectories of 20 mammals, 20 birds and 30 plants.

As the progress report shows, a number of actions have been completed under the strategy, including in relation to the eradicating of feral cats on Christmas, Bruny, Kangaroo, French and Dirk Hartog Islands.

The report also shows a number of targets are on track, including actions to recover at least 30 plant species and moving state and territory jurisdictions to a common assessment method for species listings.

However, there is still work to do in commercialising feral cat bait and boosting our seedbank stocks with known threatened species.

Other success stories in the progress report include:

- A doubling in the population of black-flanked rock-wallabies in the Kalbarri National Park.
- The release of 90 eastern barred bandicoots on Phillip Island.
- Around 100 critically endangered regent honeyeaters released into the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park.

The next formal report against the strategy is due in late 2018 and will outline our efforts against the year three targets.

For more, visit: <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/threatened/publications/threatened-species-strategy-year-two-progress-report>

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