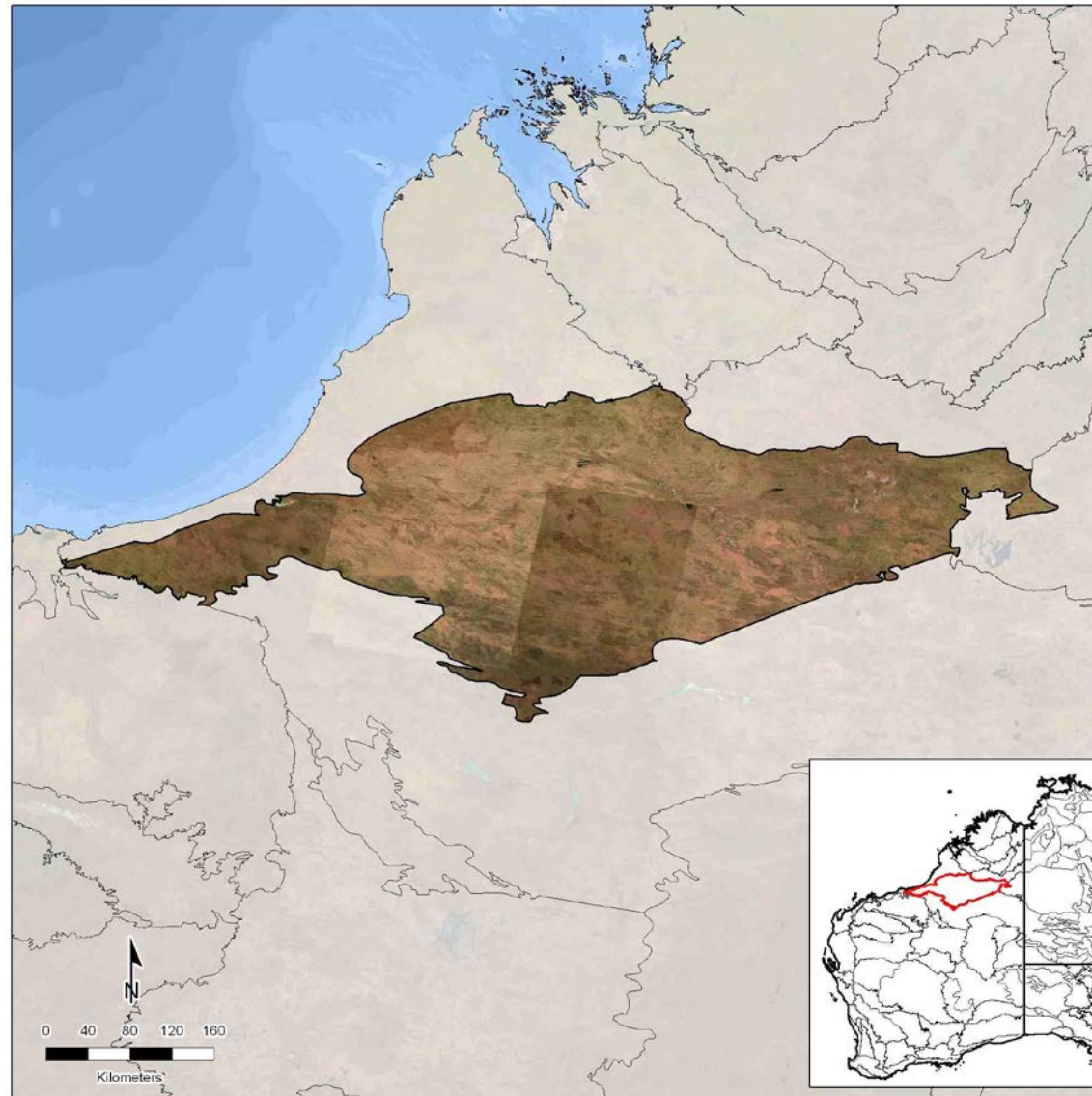


## Great Sandy Desert 1 Sub-region



*Statistics and maps produced by GIS Branch, Department of Parks and Wildlife (2014)*

Information on the methods used to generate the statistics is available [here](#).

Note: the analysis was undertaken in 2012 under the auspices of the Department of Environment and Conservation. Therefore the acronym of “DEC” is used in this document.

## PROFILE OF SUB-REGION

### Total area of sub-region (ha)

Size of sub-region in WA (ha)	Percentage of WA covered by sub-region (%)	Percentage of sub-region within WA (%)	Percentage of sub-region covered by intact habitat* (%)	Percentage of sub-region within DEC-managed conservation reserves (IUCN Ia - IV) (%)
12,316,634	4.87	100	100.00	0.14

\*Intact habitat includes remnant vegetation and additional intact habitats (wetlands) not mapped in the remnant vegetation dataset.

Please see the GIS Branch intranet site for the latest annual statistics in the following report:

- [DPaW-Managed and Other IUCN Terrestrial Lands by IBRA Sub-Regions Report](#). Statistic: Percentage of sub-region within DEC-managed conservation reserves (IUCN Ia – IV).

## Remnant vegetation

		Extent of remnant vegetation		Extent of additional intact habitats (wetlands) not mapped in the remnant vegetation dataset		Total extent	
		(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)	(ha)	(%)
Native vegetation on DEC-managed lands	Conservation reserves (IUCN Ia - IV)	17,733	0.14	0	0.00	17,733	0.14
	DEC-managed lands proposed for conservation	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Conservation reserves (IUCN V & VI)	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Other DEC-managed lands	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Native vegetation on other public lands		11,007,444	89.37	0	0.00	11,007,444	89.37
Native vegetation on leasehold lands		1,290,446	10.48	0	0.00	1,290,446	10.48
Native vegetation on freehold lands		507	0.00	0	0.00	507	0.00
Native vegetation with no tenure category assigned		0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Cleared areas		-	-	-	-	492	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,316,130</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,316,622</b>	<b>100</b>

NB: some rounding errors may occur.

Please see the GIS Branch intranet site for the latest annual statistics in the following report:

- [Statewide Vegetation Statistics \(Full report\)](#). Statistic: Extent of Remnant Vegetation including on DEC-managed lands.

## Tenure

			Extent (ha)			Extent (%)			Number of reserves		
			2002	2012	Change	2002	2012	Change	2002	2012	Change
DEC-managed lands	Conservation reserves (IUCN Ia - IV)		17,733	17,733	0	0.14	0.14	0.00	1	1	0
	DEC-managed lands proposed for conservation		0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
	Conservation reserves (IUCN V & VI)		0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
	State forest / timber reserves		0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
	Other DEC-managed lands		0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0
Other lands	Unallocated crown lands		10,893,133	10,893,211	78	88.44	88.44	0.00	-	-	-
	Other crown reserves		113,029	113,954	925	0.92	0.93	0.01	-	-	-
		Crown reserves vested in Aboriginal Lands Trust*	-	7,766	-	-	0.06	-	-	-	-
	Pastoral leases^		1,265,491	1,264,274	-1,217	10.27	10.26	-0.01	-	-	-
		Pastoral leases held by Aboriginal Lands Trust*	-	54,522	-	-	0.44	-	-	-	-
	Other leasehold lands^		0	26,643	26,643	0.00	0.22	0.22	-	-	-
		General purpose leases held by Aboriginal Lands Trust*	-	0	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Freehold lands		26,647	510	-26,137	0.22	0.00	-0.22	-	-	-
		Freehold lands held by Aboriginal Lands Trust*	-	0	-	-	0.00	-	-	-	-
	Commonwealth lands (defence)		0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-
	Other public lands (roads and water bodies)		0	298	298	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-
	No tenure category assigned†		591	0	-591	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>			<b>12,316,624</b>	<b>12,316,623</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>

NB: some rounding errors may occur.

\* Aboriginal Lands Trust data are only available for 2012. The extents shown are a subset of the category they sit below. These values should therefore not be summed since they are not mutually exclusive.

^ In 2002, there is not data to differentiate other leasehold lands. Therefore it is likely that the total extent shown for pastoral leases in 2002 includes both pastoral leases and other leasehold lands.

† The attributing of the state cadastral database has improved considerably over time. Therefore much of the land which had no tenure category assigned in 2002 will have been attributed and consequently distributed between other reporting categories in 2012. Much of this is expected to be distributed to the "Other public lands (roads and water bodies)" category, as road casings are progressively digitised and attributed, though increases in other categories is also possible as attributing improves.

Please see the GIS Branch intranet site for the latest annual statistics in the following report:

- [DPaW-Managed and Other IUCN Terrestrial Lands by IBRA Sub-Regions Report](#). Statistic: DEC-managed lands (extent only).

## Mining and petroleum

		IBRA sub-region					DEC-managed conservation reserves (IUCN Ia - IV)			DEC-managed lands proposed for conservation			DEC-managed conservation reserves (IUCN V & VI)			Other DEC-managed lands		
		2001/02	2001/02 % of IBRA sub-region	2012	2012 % of IBRA sub-region	Change^	2001/02	2012	Change	2001/02	2012	Change	2001/02	2012	Change	2001/02	2012	Change
Number of mining (live) tenements	Prospecting	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Exploration	1	N/A	51	N/A	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mining	5	N/A	5	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of petroleum (active) titles	Exploration	6	N/A	18	N/A	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Production	0	N/A	1	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Land area (ha)	Mining (live) tenements	4,394	0.04	801,668	6.51	6.47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Petroleum (active) titles	2,622,708	21.29	7,148,243	58.04	36.75	0	17,733	17,733	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mining (live) tenements and petroleum (active) titles*	2,627,102	21.33	7,739,295	62.84	41.51	0	17,733	17,733	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\*An area of land can have over it both a mining tenement and petroleum title. The combined total represents the land area which is covered by a mining tenement or petroleum title or both.

^For the Land Area "Change" is calculated as the difference in % coverage at the IBRA sub-region scale of the two year dates.

## Current dominant land uses

	Extent (ha)			Extent (%)		
	1996/97	2005/06	Change	1996/97	2005/06	Change
Miscellaneous (non-intensive use)*	10,796,232	10,940,490	144,258	87.66	88.83	1.17
Pastoralism	1,473,019	1,317,191	-155,828	11.96	10.69	-1.27
Conservation	23,675	24,428	753	0.19	0.20	0.01
Water (not classified)	23,077	22,919	-158	0.19	0.19	0.00
Traditional indigenous use	0	11,506	11,506	0.00	0.09	0.09
Mining	101	100	-1	0.00	0.00	0.00
Agriculture (intensive use)	530	0	-530	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native forestry	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plantation forestry	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water (man-made/man modified)	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
No data	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,316,634</b>	<b>12,316,634</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-</b>

NB: some rounding errors may occur.

\* Largely unmodified natural systems under various land uses. See detailed descriptions.

See the methods document available [here](#) for definitions of the categories.

## Linear infrastructure

	Length (km)	Area of reporting region (ha)	Length per hectare (km/ha)
Roads (sub-region)	4,255	12,316,634	0.0003
Roads (Strategic Survey Roads in national parks, conservation parks and nature reserves)	0	17,733	0.0000
Railways (sub-region)	35	12,316,634	< 0.0001

## Complementary conservation initiatives to the formal conservation reserve system

	Extent (ha)			Extent (%)		
	2002	2012	Change	2002	2012	Change
Private conservation organisations' land	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nature Conservation covenants	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land for Wildlife properties	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Combined total*	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00

\* These conservation initiatives are not mutually exclusive. For example freehold land owned by a private conservation organisation may have a formal nature conservation covenant on its title. Therefore its area will be included in both category totals. The combined total represents the total extent of land which is covered by one or more initiative.

Please see the GIS Branch intranet site for the latest annual statistics in the following report:

- [\*DPaW-Managed and Other IUCN Terrestrial Lands by IBRA Sub-Regions Report\*](#). Statistic: Nature conservation covenants.

## Indigenous

		Extent (ha)			Extent (%)		
		2002	2012	Change	2002	2012	Change
Native Title determinations	On DEC-managed lands	0	3,547	3,547	0.00	0.03	0.03
	On all other lands	1,996,538	10,034,500	8,037,962	16.21	81.47	65.26
Commonwealth Indigenous Protected Areas		54,994	1,000,501	945,507	0.45	8.12	7.67

Please see the GIS Branch intranet site for the latest annual statistics in the following report:

- [\*DPaW-Managed and Other IUCN Terrestrial Lands by IBRA Sub-Regions Report\*](#). Statistic: Commonwealth Indigenous Protected Areas.

## Climate projection 2030, 2050 and 2070

### *Projected climate change scenarios (OzClim)*

ANNUAL	Projected (Average)			Change from Base Climate* (Average)			Change from Base Climate* (range)		
	2030	2050	2070	2030	2050	2070	2030	2050	2070
	High impact scenario								
Minimum Temperature (degrees C)	21.46	23.27	25.39	1.68	3.48	5.60	1.41 - 1.87	2.93 - 3.89	4.71 - 6.26
Maximum Temperature (degrees C)	36.20	38.23	40.62	1.88	3.92	6.30	1.51 - 2.09	3.15 - 4.36	5.06 - 7.02
Precipitation (mm)	386.12	325.45	271.65	-74.51	-135.18	-188.98	-94.80 - -53.10	-171.80 - -100.30	-241.00 - -135.00
	Medium impact scenario								
Minimum Temperature (degrees C)	21.12	22.05	22.95	1.33	2.27	3.17	1.12 - 1.49	1.91 - 2.53	2.67 - 3.54
Maximum Temperature (degrees C)	35.82	36.87	37.88	1.50	2.55	3.57	1.21 - 1.67	2.05 - 2.84	2.87 - 3.97
Precipitation (mm)	399.55	364.39	334.78	-61.07	-96.24	-125.85	-77.80 - -43.10	-122.30 - -69.60	-159.89 - -92.80

\* Base Climate is 1990

The Global Climate Change Model (GCM) used in both scenarios is CSIRO Mk3.5 (CSIRO: CSIRO Mk3.5 on OzClim).

For more information see <https://wiki.csiro.au/confluence/display/ozclim/Science#Science-CSIRO35>

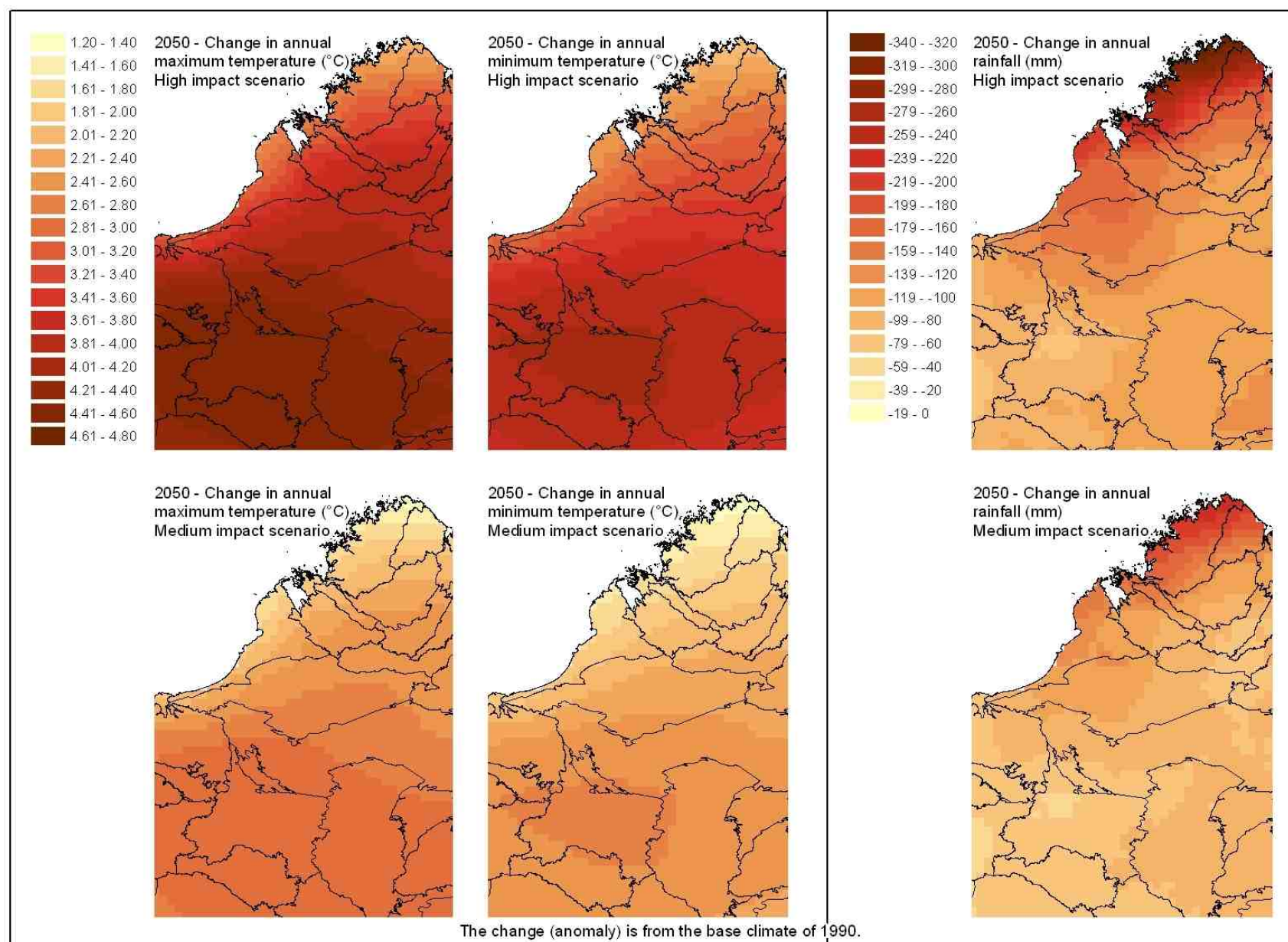
#### Medium Impact Scenario:

- *Emission Scenario:* Medium CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, peaking around 2030 (SRES Marker Scenario A1B)
- *Climate Sensitivity (Rate of Global Warming):* Moderate rate of global warming corresponds to a global warming of 2.6°C for a doubling of CO<sub>2</sub> from 280 ppm to 560 ppm.

#### High Impact Scenario:

- *Emission Scenario:* High CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, increasing throughout the 21st century (SRES Marker Scenario A1FI)
- *Climate Sensitivity (Rate of Global Warming):* High rate of global warming corresponds to a global warming of 4.2°C for a doubling of CO<sub>2</sub> from 280 ppm to 560 ppm.





# BIODIVERSITY ASSETS

## Native vegetation

Please see the GIS Branch intranet site for the latest annual statistics in the following report:

- [Statewide Vegetation Statistics \(Full report\)](#). Statistic: All statistics except 'Currently remaining on other lands'.

Vegetation Association descriptions can be viewed [here](#) (worksheet "Veg Assoc Descriptions").

### *Dominant vegetation associations*

Dominant vegetation associations are those which together occupied 85% of the sub-region at the time of European settlement (when sorted from largest to smallest).

Beard's veg assoc no.	Percentage of veg assoc within sub- region (%)	Pre- European extent (ha)	Current extent (ha)	Percentage remaining (%)	Currently remaining on DEC-managed lands (ha)				Currently remaining on other lands (ha)		
					IUCN Ia-IV	Proposed for conservation	IUCN V-VI	Non-IUCN	Public lands	Leasehold lands	Freehold lands
<b>155</b>	98.78	5,830,424	5,830,424	100.00	0	0	0	0	5,354,781	475,644	0
<b>713</b>	99.84	3,603,492	3,603,492	100.00	7,271	0	0	0	3,440,612	155,451	159
<b>138</b>	97.89	987,451	987,451	100.00	0	0	0	0	987,451	0	0
<b>101</b>	52.47	625,007	624,962	99.99	0	0	0	0	446,232	178,432	298

### *Unique vegetation associations*

Unique vegetation associations are those which were largely restricted to only one sub-region at the time of European settlement (i.e.  $\geq 85\%$  of the vegetation association falls within one sub-region).

Beard's veg assoc no.	Percentage of veg assoc within sub-region (%)	Pre-European extent (ha)	Current extent (ha)	Percentage remaining (%)	Currently remaining on DEC-managed lands (ha)				Currently remaining on other lands (ha)		
					IUCN Ia-IV	Proposed for conservation	IUCN V-VI	Non-IUCN	Public lands	Leasehold lands	Freehold lands
<b>2097</b>	100.00	52,753	52,753	100.00	10,463	0	0	0	42,291	0	0
<b>923</b>	100.00	28,699	28,699	100.00	0	0	0	0	7,773	20,926	0
<b>3131</b>	100.00	4,704	4,704	100.00	0	0	0	0	4,704	0	0
<b>713</b>	99.84	3,603,492	3,603,492	100.00	7,271	0	0	0	3,440,612	155,451	159
<b>80</b>	99.62	293,426	293,426	100.00	0	0	0	0	202,904	90,523	0
<b>922</b>	99.59	64,428	64,428	100.00	0	0	0	0	36,850	27,578	0
<b>155</b>	98.78	5,830,424	5,830,424	100.00	0	0	0	0	5,354,781	475,644	0
<b>138</b>	97.89	987,451	987,451	100.00	0	0	0	0	987,451	0	0

### *Rare vegetation associations*

Rare vegetation associations are those which together occupied  $\leq 1\%$  of the state at the time of European settlement. The table below lists any rare vegetation associations which fall within this sub-region.

Beard's veg assoc no.	Percentage of veg assoc within sub- region (%)	Pre- European extent (ha)	Current extent (ha)	Percentage remaining (%)	Currently remaining on DEC-managed lands (ha)				Currently remaining on other lands (ha)		
					IUCN Ia-IV	Proposed for conservation	IUCN V-VI	Non-IUCN	Public lands	Leasehold lands	Freehold lands
1121	17.98	4,571	4,571	100.00	0	0	0	0	2,656	1,914	0
3131	100.00	4,704	4,704	100.00	0	0	0	0	4,704	0	0