

Vegetation Condition Assessment Form V1.0

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| DATE: | LOCATION: | MAP : |
| SITE NAME: | | GRID REFERENCE (centre of zone): |
| ZONE no./name | | E.....N |
| TASVEG VC CODE: | ASSESSOR: | GPS DATUM (circle one): |
| SIZE of zone (ha): | | WGS84 / GDA94 / AGD66 |
| COMMENTS: | | |
| | | |

.....**Site Condition Score**.....

Dominant Life Form Cover

Benchmark cover % Observed Cover % **Score**

| Category & Description | Score |
|---|-------|
| <10% overall (observed) cover | 0 |
| ≥10% overall (observed) cover <50% of benchmark cover | 5 |
| ≥ 150% benchmark cover | 9 |
| ≥50% to <150% of benchmark cover | 15 |

Dominant life forms are the most common life form in the EVC being assessed (see benchmark for species and life form).
Cover is the percentage projective foliage cover of the dominant life form averaged over the zone.

Understorey Life Forms

Benchmark No. Life forms
Phytophthora cinnamomi symptoms (tick if observed)

| LF code From benchmark | # spp observed/benchmark # spp. | % cover observed/benchmark % cover | Present (tick) | Modified (tick) |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| T | / | / | | |
| S | / | / | | |
| PS | / | / | | |
| H | / | / | | |
| TG | / | / | | |
| LTG | / | / | | |
| MTG | / | / | | |
| NTG | / | / | | |
| TGS | / | / | | |
| LSR | / | / | | |
| MSR | / | / | | |
| GF | / | / | | |
| TF | / | / | | |
| SCE | / | / | | |
| ML | / | / | | |
| SC | / | / | | |
| Total | / | Total | | |

Present
Life forms with benchmark cover of <10% are considered 'present' if any specimens are observed.
Life forms with benchmark cover of ≥ 10% are considered 'present' if the life form occupies at least 10% of benchmark cover

Modified
(apply only where life form is 'present')
Life forms with benchmark cover of <10% are considered substantially modified if the life form has either:
- <50% of benchmark species diversity; or
- no reproductively mature specimens are observed
Life forms with benchmark cover of ≥ 10% are considered substantially modified if the life form has either:
- <50% of benchmark cover; or
- < 50% of benchmark species diversity

Understorey Summary

Benchmark Life forms present.....% **Score**

| Category and Description | Score | |
|--|---|----|
| All strata and life forms effectively absent | 0 | |
| Up to 50% of life forms present | 5 | |
| ≥50% to 90% of life forms present | - of those present ≥50% substantially modified | 10 |
| | - of those present, <50% substantially modified | 15 |
| ≥90% of life forms present | - of those present, ≥50% substantially modified | 15 |
| | - of those present, <50% substantially modified | 20 |
| | - of those present, none substantially modified | 25 |

Lack of Weeds

Observed weed cover%
Observed high threat weeds% **Score**

| Category & Description | 'high' threat weeds* | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------|------|
| | None | ≤ 50% | >50% |
| > 75% cover of weeds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25-75% cover of weeds | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| 10-25% cover of weeds | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| 5-10% cover of weeds | 11 | 9 | 7 |
| <5% cover of weeds** | 15 | 13 | 11 |

*Proportion of weed cover due to 'high threat' weeds.
'High threat' weed species are defined as introduced species (including non-indigenous 'natives') that achieve >5% cover in the zone or those weed species listed as high threat weeds in Tasmania.
A list of high threat weeds in Tasmania is provided in the TASVEG Vegetation Condition Assessment manual.

**if total weed cover is negligible (<1%) and high threat weed species are present then score '13'.

The Assessor should determine the threat posed by any weed in the zone listed or not.

