PROTECTED AREAS LEARNING AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION
OPEN STANDARDS SHORT COURSE

EXERCISE #2: TARGETS

- Your targets are the values, features, assets that you most care about improving, protecting, restoring and keeping healthy.

- They will become the things to focus most of your time and effort on, as a way of keeping your plan manageable.

Without targets to add to your vision, it will be a lot harder to put your plan into action and see if it is working.

SUMMARY: Develop a short list of targets, both environmental / natural targets and cultural / human welfare targets (if appropriate). Select 2 to continue working on.

Try the following approach:

- 'Brainstorm' possible targets using sticky notes – discuss important features of your site, **be specific**, and record them
- Use the Target Selection Tool as an aide
- Organise notes into 'like' groups and give each group a name – these groups are your Targets, and the individual items the 'nested' targets
- Copy the Target name into the Table below and complete the table for the target
- Draw a rough map showing where these Targets occur in your project area

Groups should consider:

- What are the values, features, assets that we care about most?
- How would we describe each target?
- Why we have chosen these targets?
- Are there associated or "nested" targets, which will directly benefit the conservation of the objects we select?

Decide on 2 Targets (natural, cultural / human) which will be the focus of management for your project area for the rest of the workshop. Targets should be recorded in a table like the one below.

Target Name	What is it?	Nested Targets
Target 1	Description: what, why, where	Things also looked after by looking after this

Focal Target Selection Tool

Is the system coarse-scale — **Yes** → **Consider as a Potential Target** ⋯ **Yes** → Is it viable or feasibly restorable — **Yes** →

Is the system coarse-scale — **No** ↓

Does it capture[2] other targets — **Yes** → (to Consider as a Potential Target path)

Consider as a Potential Target — **No** ↓ (dotted)

Is it viable or feasibly restorable — **No** →

Does it capture[2] other targets — **No** →

Is the species or comm. an ecoregional target[1] — **Yes** → Is it captured[2] in a system target — **Yes** → **Nested Target**

Is the species or comm. an ecoregional target[1] — **No** ↓

Is it a keystone in the system — **Yes** → **Consider as a Potential Target** ⋯ **Yes** → Is it viable or feasibly restorable

Is it a keystone in the system — **No** ↓

Is it captured[2] in a system target — **No** ↓

Is it an "umbrella" for many species/systems — **Yes** → (to Consider as a Potential Target)

Consider as a Potential Target — **No** ↓

Is it an "umbrella" for many species/systems — **No** →

Is it viable or feasibly restorable — **No** →

Is it viable or feasibly restorable — **Yes** ↓

Consider whether to Lump or Split

If Applicable (dashed) → **Target**

Do the targets co-occur on the landscape — **Yes** → Do they share common processes — **Yes** → Do they share similar critical threats

Do the targets co-occur on the landscape — **No** ↓ → **"Split" Target**

Do they share common processes — **No** ↓ → **"Split" Target**

Do they share similar critical threats — **No** → **"Split" Target**

Do they share similar critical threats — **Yes** ↓ → **"Lumped" Targets**

Not a Target

Target

Notes: [1] Or is the system, community, or species <u>likely</u> to be a target in a regional plan?

[2] "Captured" means that conserving the system will lead to conservation of the embedded species, community or system.