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NRM ORGANISATIONS: ESSENTIAL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST PEST ANIMALS

Across Australia, 56 natural resource management (NRM) organisations play a critical role in pest animal management, education and awareness.

The 15th Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Sydney will explore how NRM organisations work and their involvement in key pest animal planning and management.

Jessica Marsh, NRM Liaison Officer at the Invasive Animals CRC, will report on how each NRM organisation has been reviewed on their pest animal management history, current targets, designated staff and resources and future planning activities on pest animal issues.

“NRM organisations are in a unique position, as they enjoy a high level of community involvement and have great influence on agricultural and environmental issues.

To greater empower these organisations to take the lead on pest animal management and educate farmers and land managers in their region could result in coordinated and strategically managed pest animal control activities that would protect entire regions,” said Ms Marsh.

NRM regions are based on physical catchments or bioregions and were established from 2000 to 2004 by the Commonwealth and State/Territory governments. All of Australia falls within one of the 56 NRM regions.

The 15th Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference will be held at the Dockside Convention Centre, Sydney from Monday 20 June to Thursday 23 June 2011. Presentations may be made available to the media upon request. Please contact Jessica Marsh (details below) for an interview.

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