



Support wildlife translocations across Australia

Thank you for supporting Australian Wildlife Conservancy's (AWC) wildlife translocation program. AWC is a leader in threatened mammal translocations, employing the most extensive program in Australia. A robust, science-informed approach underpins the reintroduction of threatened or regionally extinct mammals into large, feral-free safe havens. The exclusion of feral predators from these enclosures gives threatened populations the opportunity to thrive - breeding and boosting populations without the threat of predation. The success of AWC's complex and science-informed translocation program is essential in preserving and boosting populations of our most threatened species such as the Golden Bandicoot and Numbat.

Why do we translocate?

Australia's unique biodiversity has undergone a precipitous decline in the past 250 years, driven by habitat loss and degradation, disease, inappropriate fire regimes, invasive species, overexploitation, pollution and climate change. For highly threatened species that are vulnerable to feral predators, the most effective management approaches are to protect existing populations and re-establish locally extinct populations in safe havens.

Safe havens, including islands and mainland fenced areas where feral predators have been eradicated, are critical to the persistence of many mammal species threatened by foxes and cats. These safe havens are one of the few demonstrably effective ways of safeguarding small- to medium-sized mammals in Australia.

Thirty years ago, AWC's translocation program commenced at Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary (WA), about an hour east of Perth, with the release of three species. Since then, the translocation program has expanded considerably, seeing 53 populations of 23 mammal species founded. Thank you for being a part of this incredible effort.



Northern Quoll release. Brad Leue/AWC



Shark Bay Bandicoot translocation. Brad Leue/AWC

Returning Shark Bay Bandicoots to the Pilliga

Translocations are incredibly exciting; they are the culmination of months or years of planning and hopefully the beginning of a new secure population for species that require protection from foxes and cats. When all the planning is done, the waiting begins.

A group of Shark Bay Bandicoots, which would form the foundation of a new population in the Pilliga (north-west of New South Wales) had a long journey from the Shark Bay Islands in Western Australia. A team had been working all night to capture and select suitable individuals to undertake the journey by helicopter, plane and road across Australia. Another team waited at the other end to release the animals into their new home.

It was a joy to see these little marsupials launching themselves back into an environment from which their relatives had been absent for more than 150 years. This is just one of multiple translocations that AWC conducts each year, thanks to you. It's your support that AWC has been able to conduct a thirty-year-long translocation program, and continue to conduct this critical work for threatened species across the country. It's rewarding to be part of a program like this, which has such high conservation value and opportunities for new populations of threatened Australian mammals to flourish.

Thank you for supporting this project – your contribution to wildlife translocations across Australia is essential in ensuring the continued success of Australia's most extensive wildlife translocation program.

