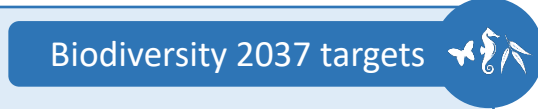## Process

A score from 1-7 is given for each Criteria and then adjusted by the weighting percentage. Scores are then calculated, producing a ranking list of all applications. The top scoring applications will be awarded successful.

Projects that address *Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037* targets will be preferenced.

Biodiversity 2037 targets

Does the project address the following themes?

- Threatened species
- Threatened communities
- Biodiversity threats
- Predation (predator and herbivore)

Does the project include the following activities?

- Habitat restoration and/or revegetation
- Weed control
- Scientific research
- Predation control

Criteria

Innovation
Weight = **40%**

Description
How innovative is the project?

Other Elements
- How well does the project address the following definition: *Something new or different that creates value.*
- Does the project invoke a change?
- Does the project develop new and different approaches to volunteering?

Volunteerism
Weight = **30%**

Description
Does the project address the 'Victorians Volunteering for Nature, Environmental Volunteering Plan'?

Other Elements
- Will the project increase the number of:
  - volunteers participating for the first time
  - diversity of people volunteering
  - volunteering opportunities not offered
  - volunteer partnerships
- Will the project improve:
  - the ability to retain, support & grow volunteering
  - volunteer management
  - inclusivity & accessibility to volunteers & visitors
  - understanding of environmental volunteering
- Will the project celebrate & promote the benefits of volunteering?

Merit
Weight = **20%**

Description
What are the overarching benefits of the project?

Other Elements
- What are the benefits to the environment?
- What are the intangible benefits?
- What is the extent of community support for the project (including Traditional Owners)?
- Is the project culturally sensitive and appropriate?
- Are the costs appropriate for the project?
- Are there other contributions to the project?
- Have sources of funding been clearly identified?
- Is the volunteer group contributing towards the project?
- Can funding be better sourced elsewhere?

Legacy
Weight = **10%**

Description
Will the project leave a legacy?

Other Elements
- Can the project be expanded?
- Can the project be continued in the future?
- Does the project develop sustainable models of volunteering?
- Can the project provide lessons for the future?

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