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Kakadu is home to an estimated 75 threatened species, probably more than any other Australian conservation reserve. Like most of northern Australia, the park has seen a worrying decline in threatened species over the last decade. In response to these worrying facts, Kakadu is ramping up action to bring threatened species back to Australia's largest national park with the release of Kakadu's Threatened Species Strategy.

Work on the strategy will start immediately, through a \$750,000 investment coordinated by the Threatened Species Commissioner, Gregory Andrews. This is in addition to the significant conservation work funded through Kakadu's total \$17 million annual budget.

The \$750,000 will deliver four priority projects, in partnership with Indigenous ranger groups where possible, aimed at giving a kick start the work ahead.

Project 1 - Intensive work to target threats from fire, weeds and feral animals in crucial habitat, extending from the Stone Country to the lowland woodlands.

Project 2 - Creating a wildlife refuge on Gardangarl (Field Island) for species struggling on the mainland including small mammals and goannas.

Project 3 - Expanding the 'toad smart' quolls project, building on the highly successful research conducted in Kakadu since 2010.

Project 4 – Seed-banking and propagating threatened plant species, many of which occur nowhere else in the world.

