# Assessing Co-management in Protected Areas in the Northern Territory: Lessons for Marine Protected Areas

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# 'Does monitoring and evaluation improve joint management? The case of national parks in the NT'.

#### **Project objectives:**

- Identify whether Participatory
   Monitoring and Evaluation
   (PME) enhances the benefits
   of Joint Management
- Determine how PME can be implemented cost effectively in a partnership with significant differences in perspectives and power
- How to scale up PME of Joint Management to all (27) Parks and Reserves in the NT



#### Partners and pilot study areas

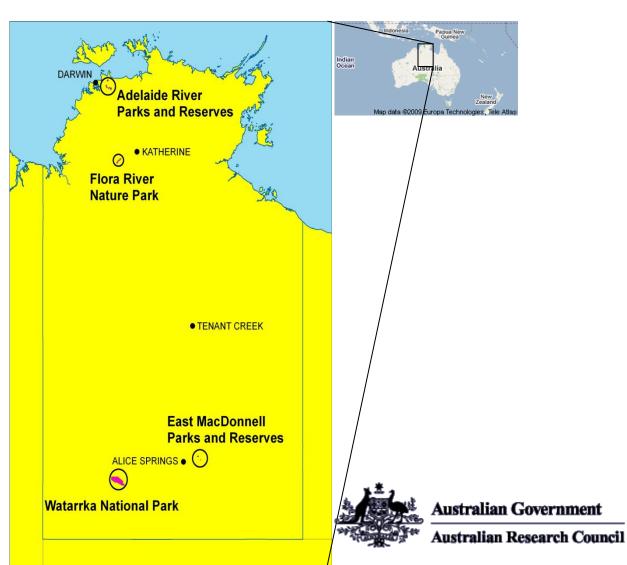




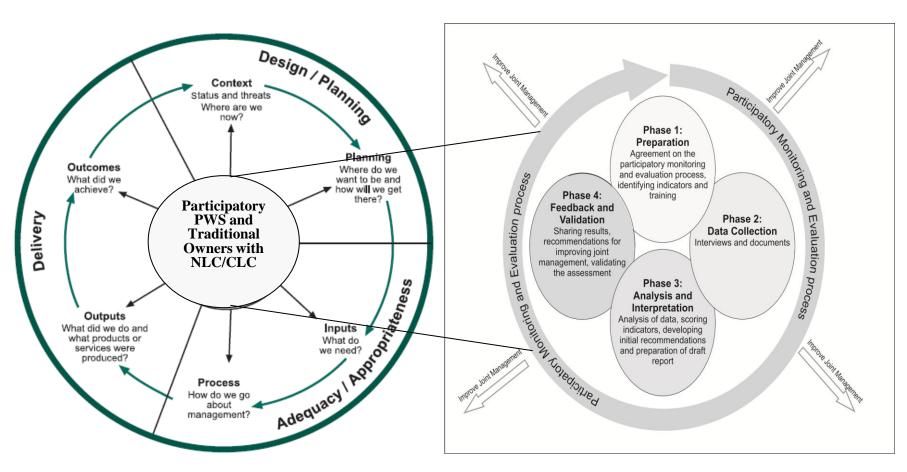


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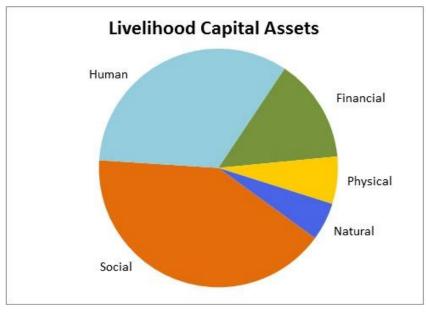


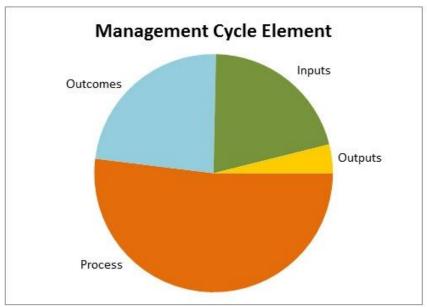
#### Participatory monitoring and evaluation phases



adapted from Hockings et.al 2006)

## Number of joint management indicators classified as capital assets and as management cycle elements





# Results 2: PME Evaluation Method



Indicators	Flora	Adelaide		East MacDonnells		
	River	River	Watarrka	Traditional Owners	Parks staff	Average
between partners (formal meetings)						
between partners				-		
Communication (between meetings)						
amongst partners						
with other stakeholders						
Decision making management						
process planning			-			
satisfaction joint management						
Satisfaction with representation and participation in meetings						
Training in governance						
Cultural site protection						
Natural resource and biodiversity management						
Traditional knowledge transfer						
Combined use of Traditional and western knowledge						
Resource use financial						
and availability human						
Infrastructure infrastructure						
availability equipment	5					
Training in park management					î .	
Employment levels						
Associated enterprises						
Training in business						
cultural						
Visitor information						
Visitor information natural, safety			3-1			
hunters				-		
Average						

VERY GOOD

GOOD

NOT SO GOOD

BAD

### Thank you

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