

Country condition checklist

Date Property location

Ground component and organic matter

- Is leaf litter or organic material present on the soil surface?
- Yes Indicates longer-term recovery processes
- No Suggests limited biological activity and soil protection
- Are soil crusts present (lichen, moss cover)?
- Yes Positive indicator of recovery and grazing rotation
- No Increased erosion and moisture loss risk
- Are there bare ground patches with no crust and what area?
- <5m²
- 10-20m²
- 20-50m²
- >50m²
- Is bedrock exposed?
- Yes
- No

Flora composition (This is designed to address multiple plants in a data sheet)

Is the understorey dominated by:

- Unpalatable species – indicates heavy historic grazing
- Mixed species (preferred) unpalatable and palatable
- Monoculture (e.g. Black Oak – note colonial growth pattern)

Are Ice-Cream species present?

Target up to five species

- Missing
- Present but heavily browsed
- Recovering (new growth beyond browse lines)
- Seedling & juvenile recruitment?
- Intact and reaching maturity

How many different ice-cream plants are present?

Invertebrate damage presence

Borer Damage

- None
- Some 2-5 large holes
- Lots > 5 large holes

Invertebrate damage on ice cream species causing defoliation

- Yes – 0-20%
- 20-50%
- >50%
- No

Grazing animal scat indicators

- Low – sparsely scattered (1–2 small piles) → desirable
- Goats
- Kangaroos
- Rabbits
- Yellow-footed rock-wallaby
- Donkey
- Other
- Moderate – patchy clumps → moderate pressure
- Goats
- Kangaroos
- Rabbits
- Yellow-footed rock-wallaby
- Donkey
- Other
- High – Lots of scats, clumped throughout → sustained pressure
- Goats
- Kangaroos
- Rabbits
- Yellow-footed rock-wallaby
- Donkey
- Other

