

# NATIONAL WEEDS STRATEGY



## Fact Sheet

### Weeds of National Significance – The first attempt ever

|                                                        | Alligator Weed       | Athel Pine                                         | Bitou Bush/<br>Boneseed    | Blackberry | Bridal Creeper |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>Origin of Weed</b>                                  | North-east Argentina | Northern Africa, Arabian Peninsula, Iran and India | South-western South Africa | Europe     | South Africa   |
| <b>Threat to human health and safety</b>               | ✓                    |                                                    |                            |            |                |
| <b>Threat to pastoral industries</b>                   |                      | ✓                                                  |                            | ✓          |                |
| <b>Threat to cropping industries</b>                   | ✓                    |                                                    |                            |            | ✓              |
| <b>Threat to forestry management</b>                   |                      |                                                    | ✓                          | ✓          | ✓              |
| <b>Threat to water quality and supplies</b>            | ✓                    | ✓                                                  |                            |            |                |
| <b>Threat of damage to infrastructure</b>              | ✓                    | ✓                                                  |                            |            |                |
| <b>Threat to endangered species (animal and plant)</b> | ✓                    | ✓                                                  | ✓                          | ✓          | ✓              |
| <b>Threat to plant communities</b>                     | ✓                    | ✓                                                  | ✓                          | ✓          | ✓              |
| <b>Threat to cultural values</b>                       |                      | ✓                                                  | ✓                          |            |                |
| <b>Threat to tourism</b>                               | ✓                    | ✓                                                  | ✓                          | ✓          | ✓              |
| <b>Threat to the community</b>                         | ✓                    |                                                    | ✓                          | ✓          | ✓              |
| <b>Threat to recreation and amenities</b>              | ✓                    | ✓                                                  | ✓                          | ✓          | ✓              |

|                                                        | Cabomba       | Chilean<br>Needle<br>Grass | Gorse                      | Hymenachne                         | Lantana         |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Origin of Weed</b>                                  | United States | Southern America           | Central and western Europe | South and central tropical America | Central America |
| <b>Threat to human health and safety</b>               | ✓             |                            | ✓                          | ✓                                  | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to pastoral industries</b>                   | ✓             | ✓                          | ✓                          |                                    | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to cropping industries</b>                   | ✓             |                            |                            | ✓                                  | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to forestry management</b>                   | ✓             | ✓                          | ✓                          | ✓                                  | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to water quality and supplies</b>            | ✓             |                            |                            | ✓                                  |                 |
| <b>Threat of damage to infrastructure</b>              | ✓             |                            |                            | ✓                                  |                 |
| <b>Threat to endangered species (animal and plant)</b> | ✓             | ✓                          | ✓                          | ✓                                  | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to plant communities</b>                     | ✓             | ✓                          | ✓                          | ✓                                  | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to cultural values</b>                       |               |                            |                            |                                    |                 |
| <b>Threat to tourism</b>                               | ✓             |                            |                            | ✓                                  | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to the community</b>                         | ✓             | ✓                          | ✓                          |                                    | ✓               |
| <b>Threat to recreation and amenities</b>              | ✓             |                            | ✓                          | ✓                                  | ✓               |

|                                                        | Mesquite                                                        | Mimosa           | Parkinsonia                                                       | Parthenium Weed | Pond Apple                                                         |
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| <b>Origin of Weed</b>                                  | Northern South America, central America, southern United States | Tropical America | Southern United States, Caribbean, Mexico, northern South America | Caribbean       | North, central and south America and west coast of tropical Africa |
| <b>Threat to human health and safety</b>               | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               |                                                                    |
| <b>Threat to pastoral industries</b>                   | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               |                                                                    |
| <b>Threat to cropping industries</b>                   |                                                                 |                  |                                                                   | ✓               | ✓                                                                  |
| <b>Threat to forestry management</b>                   | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               | ✓                                                                  |
| <b>Threat to water quality and supplies</b>            | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 |                 |                                                                    |
| <b>Threat of damage to infrastructure</b>              | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 |                 |                                                                    |
| <b>Threat to endangered species (animal and plant)</b> | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               | ✓                                                                  |
| <b>Threat to plant communities</b>                     | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               | ✓                                                                  |
| <b>Threat to cultural values</b>                       | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               | ✓                                                                  |
| <b>Threat to tourism</b>                               |                                                                 | ✓                |                                                                   | ✓               | ✓                                                                  |
| <b>Threat to the community</b>                         | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               |                                                                    |
| <b>Threat to recreation and amenities</b>              | ✓                                                               | ✓                | ✓                                                                 | ✓               | ✓                                                                  |

|                                                        | Prickly Acacia       | Rubber Vine           | Salvinia             | Serrated Tussock                | Willows                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Origin of Weed</b>                                  | Africa, western Asia | South-west Madagascar | South-eastern Brazil | Argentina, Peru, Chile, Uruguay | Europe, America and Asia |
| <b>Threat to human health and safety</b>               | ✓                    |                       | ✓                    |                                 |                          |
| <b>Threat to pastoral industries</b>                   | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    | ✓                               |                          |
| <b>Threat to cropping industries</b>                   |                      |                       | ✓                    | ✓                               |                          |
| <b>Threat to forestry management</b>                   | ✓                    | ✓                     |                      | ✓                               | ✓                        |
| <b>Threat to water quality and supplies</b>            | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    |                                 | ✓                        |
| <b>Threat of damage to infrastructure</b>              | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    |                                 | ✓                        |
| <b>Threat to endangered species (animal and plant)</b> | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    | ✓                               | ✓                        |
| <b>Threat to plant communities</b>                     | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    | ✓                               | ✓                        |
| <b>Threat to cultural values</b>                       | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    |                                 |                          |
| <b>Threat to tourism</b>                               | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    | ✓                               | ✓                        |
| <b>Threat to the community</b>                         | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    | ✓                               | ✓                        |
| <b>Threat to recreation and amenities</b>              | ✓                    | ✓                     | ✓                    | ✓                               | ✓                        |

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