

# **Introduction to INFFER** **(Investment Framework for Environmental Resources)**

A two-day intensive workshop on the application of INFFER

## WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

To:

- provide participants with a practical introduction to INFFER (Investment Framework for Environmental Resources) including:
  - o Rationale for an Asset based approach to NRM
  - o Components of complete INFFER process – asset/threat identification, filtering and prioritisation and the Project Assessment Form (PAF)
  - o The Public: Private Benefits Framework
  - o Application of the Benefit Cost Ratio
- Provide a detailed understanding of the use of the PAF through application to a selected asset
- Enable participants to evaluate and reflect on the application of INFFER to their specific context

AGENDA – Day 1	
1. 8.30am (30 min)	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Workshop purpose and overview</li> <li>◆ CMA/regional perspective on why INFFER is being considered for use</li> </ul>
2. 9.00am (60 min)	Introduction to INFFER & context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ What is an asset based approach?</li> <li>◆ Components of INFFER</li> <li>◆ Experiences with implementing INFFER</li> <li>◆ Public Private Benefits Framework</li> </ul>
10.30am (20 min)	Morning Tea Break
3. 11.00am (70 min)	<b>Activity</b> - Best Management Practices and the PPBF Q and A - discussion of PPB framework from the participants perspective <b>Activity</b> – Making Investment Decisions
12.30pm	Lunch Break

4. 1.00pm (90 min)	<p>Identifying Assets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Identifying assets from the map – values and record the level of threats to the asset</li> <li>◆ Developing a long list and refinement to a short list</li> <li>◆ Pre assessment checklist for a subset of assets</li> </ul> <p>Pre Assessment Checklist</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Considerations for community/expert workshops – process for ID of assets, ground-truthing, and principles of community consultation (group discussion).</li> </ul>
2.45pm	Afternoon tea
5. 3.00pm	<p>Introduction to the Project Assessment Form (PAF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Components of PAF</li> <li>◆ Introduction to the ePAF (web-based version of Project Assessment Form)</li> </ul>
6. 4.00pm	Review of Day 1 – open discussion
4.30pm	Close

#### AGENDA – Day 2

7. 8.30am (30 min)	Recap and reflections
8. 9.00am (60 min)	<p>Completing the PAF for a selected asset*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section 1: Asset and threats</li> <li>◆ Section 2: Goal and on-ground works</li> </ul>
10.30am (15 min)	Feedback session on PAF
10.45am	Morning Tea Break
9. 11.00am (60 min)	<p>Group work on PAF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section 3: Practice Change</li> <li>◆ Section 4: Budget and Risks</li> </ul>
10. 12 noon	Feedback session on PAF
12.30pm	Lunch Break
11. 1.00pm	PAF Review – suggest this might work well if groups review each others draft PAFs and provide feedback followed by an open discussion.
12. 2.00pm (60 min)	<p>The Benefit Cost Ratio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Understanding the BCR</li> <li>◆ Applying BCR to make investment decisions</li> <li>◆ Practical Application – Gippsland Lakes case study</li> </ul>

3.00pm	Afternoon tea
13. 3.15pm	What is a good PAF and how might you compare projects? Experiences from the Australian context.
14. 3.30pm (30 min)	Open discussion/focus group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Workshop evaluation</li> </ul>
4.15pm	Closing remarks and next steps

\*This part of the workshop will focus on partial completion of an example PAF (chosen by the participants) with a view to post workshop completion and evaluation/feedback from the INFFER team.

#### Pre-reading

In addition to completing the on-line training it would be great if participants could visit the INFFER website [www.inffer.org](http://www.inffer.org) and look at the following:

- ◆ Introduction to INFFER and the Summary of INFFER Steps
- ◆ Publications esp. Journal Article and Practical and Theoretical underpinnings
- ◆ The on-line version of the Project Assessment Form ( see details under Implementing INFFER Step 3)

We will set up ePAF accounts for all participants so that they have access prior to the workshop – an email will be generated with a user name and password to access the site.