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Establishing Indigenous-led feral-ungulate control in northern Australia

Feral ungulates are a big problem

In northern Australia, feral ungulates (hoofed animals), especially pigs, buffalo, and cattle, cause damage to the environment and can spread disease.

Land and sea managers need help

We know these animals need to be better monitored and controlled – ideally, by a coordinated program across the entire north. Indigenous Land and Sea Managers have tried to do this but funding shortfalls have limited the extent of their efforts and success.

What can we do?

Successful control of these animals has the potential to not only restore ecosystems but reduce carbon emissions by decreasing their impacts on wetlands and other important habitats.

An opportunity

The Australian Government's Emissions Reduction Fund and Nature Repair Market are providing new opportunities to fund this work through payments for activities that increase carbon storage and repair the environment.

Working together
as a team

Traditional Owners
Scientists

Creating a roadmap

To access these opportunities northern Australia's Traditional Owners, researchers and the Indigenous Carbon Industry Network are working together to design a 'roadmap' for achieving Indigenous-led feral animal management in northern Australia.

They are:

- considering land tenure issues
- conducting regional skills audits
- considering culture and consent
- defining resource requirements
- designing management structures
- mapping Indigenous land tenures

Benefiting our communities

Not only will this work improve the environment and reduce carbon emissions, it will also improve outcomes for existing industries, provide jobs, and empower our communities.



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