Community collaboration for plant conservation

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- Alliance of 15 environmental organisations.
- National focus & collaboration on plant conservation.
- Not-for-profit environmental charity, with strong ties to national/international plant networks.
- Our national partnership contributes to conservation of Australia's plant diversity through:











## Working with community

The Partnership is increasingly working with community groups and landholders to share skills and knowledge for improved plant conservation.

Community groups have important roles to play in conserving native plants:

- Ongoing stewardship of priority species and ecosystems,
- Provision of crucial data and cultural knowledge,
- Aiding seed collection, processing and propagation.

Recent case studies show how our work with Indigenous groups, farmers & landcare groups has improved conservation outcomes.

#### **Cultivating connections** from Uluru to Canberra

- As part of our **Rare Bloom Project**, scientists from the National Seed Bank in the ACT visited Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to build relationships with Anangu Traditional Owners.
- Sharing of cultural & western knowledge enabled the co-design of on-country seed collecting, including culturally significant species.
- Working with Anangu, 29 species were secured, and the Mala Rangers from Uluru visited Canberra to learn seed propagation techniques.
- This collaboration has laid the foundation for further First Nations-led plant conservation activities on-park in the future.

#### Chalk it up to good genes; family legacy protects a wattle

- The Endangered Chalky Wattle (Acacia cretacea) is only found on one Eyre Peninsula farm in South Australia.
- Under our Save 20 in 2020 Project, the SA Seed Conservation Centre secured seed with the help of landowner Neil Smith, whose father assisted with describing the species.
- This was the **first wild seed collection** for the wattle in 12 years, enabling propagation & translocation activities at a nearby reserve.
- Active engagement with this farming family improved recovery prospects for the species.

#### Community crowdfunding conserves a Conostylis

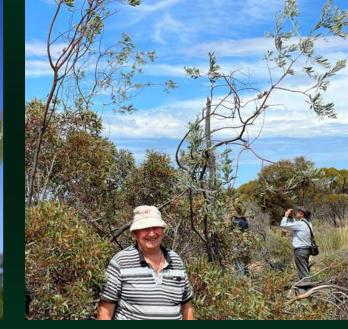
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- The Endangered Small Flowered Conostylis (Conostylis micrantha) is known only from 250 plants on the lands of the Yamatji Nation, WA.
- The Partnership ran an appeal raising \$5,000 in donations for our **Seeds of Hope Project** to survey and secure seeds of this rare herb.
- Scientists from the West Australian Seed Centre, Kensington partnered with local Indigenous ranger groups to locate 1000+ plants and secure 800+ seeds for long term conservation
- Thanks to our donors & the efforts of Yamatji rangers, there is renewed hope for this species.















### Community collaborations allow for better plant conservation outcomes through:

- Shared knowledge and resources
- Local expertise and stewardship
- Empowerment and ownership
- Reach and engagement
- Policy and advocacy

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