**Introduction**

The free-living animal (FLA1) form should be completed by anyone using free-living animals in research and teaching. The information requested on this form is a requirement of the [*NHMRC Australian Code for the Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes*](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/australian-code-care-and-use-animals-scientific-purposes).

The wellbeing of wildlife must be supported and safeguarded by:

1. using methods, techniques and equipment that:
   1. are appropriate for the species and the situation, and the purpose and aims of the project or activity
   2. minimise the risk of transmission of disease, and direct and indirect disturbance to the habitat
2. avoiding or minimising harm, including pain and distress:
   1. to target and non-target species
   2. to dependent young
   3. from indirect effects arising from impact on the habitat and environment.

This form must be submitted as an attachment to your ACEC application.

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| SECTION A. CAPTURE | | |
| Where will the animals be captured? | | |
| What method will be used to capture animals? | | |
| Are non-target species likely to be caught? | YES  NO | |
| If **YES**, what proportion is likely to be non-target species? | | |
| If non-target animals are not released, please state your intention. | | |
| List known adverse effects on captured species. How is it proposed to counter them? | | |
| If traps are used, how often will they be inspected? | | |
| Are weather conditions or predators likely to adversely affect trapped animals? | | YES  NO |
| If **YES**, provide a short summary of the details. | | |

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| SECTION B. HANDLING AND RESTRAINT |
| Provide details of the method/s of handling and restraint. |
| Give details of the likely duration of restraint. |
| Outline techniques implemented to minimise stress during handling and restraint. |

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| SECTION C. TRANSPORT | |
| Will animals be transported from site of capture? | YES  NO |
| If **YES**, give details of the following: | |
| Duration of journey. | |
| Frequency and duration of rest periods. | |
| Availability of feed and water. | |
| Steps taken to minimise transport stress. | |

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| SECTION D. RELEASE | |
| Will the animals be released? | YES  NO |
| If **YES**, give details of the following: | |
| Provide details of the procedure. | |
| Describe the release site. | |
| Will the release site be different to the point of capture? | YES  NO |
| If YES, provide reasons. | |
| Detail factors that may prejudice their survival and provide details how these can be minimised. | |

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| SECTION E. OBSERVATIONAL STUDIES |
| Provide details of potential impact of observational studies on the ability of observed animals to use habitat or to rear young. |

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| SECTION F. SHARING OF RESOURCES |
| Provide details of steps proposed to ensure fullest use of information and materials gained from this study e.g. teaching, publication, lodging of results into wildlife data repositories (examples of such repositories include the Australian Museum, the NSW Wildlife Atlas and the Atlas of Living Australia). |