

WILD DOG CONTROL INITIATIVES

5.74

Benefit:Cost ratio

For every \$1 invested by AWI there is a \$5.74 return on investment to the woolgrowers

OVERVIEW

From 2011 to 2020 AWI provided funding for “On Ground” control assistance to over 208 Wild Dog (WD) control groups. Collection of data measuring changes in losses pre and post program(s) commenced in 2014, and over the period 2014-2022 AWI’s investment in WD control initiatives has contributed to an average 81% reduction in sheep lost to wild dog attacks.



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WD MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Providing training to land managers in management of WD.



KEY ACTIVITIES

BAITING AND MONITORING

Promoting best practice baiting and monitoring standards for the control of WD.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Engaging agricultural land managers, landscape boards and public lands managers in the control of WD from inside and adjoining land title areas

KEY FINDINGS



The program's success stems from its ability to reduce livestock predation and protect agricultural livelihoods. By managing the wild dog population, the program not only reduces economic losses for farmers but also helps improve animal welfare, maintain ecological balance and enhance the socio-economic well-being of rural communities.

SURVEY RESULTS



The “7 questions survey” of AWI’s Community WD Control Initiatives program showed that participants reported an average 81% reduction in the number of sheep lost to WD attacks.

UPTAKE IN PARTICIPATION

The overall annual uptake in participation in AWI WD initiatives by woolgrowers in WD affected areas was 2.9% p.a. with high variability by state, reflective of the varying degree of WD impact. This included an average annual uptake of 5% over the 2017-2021 period.

INVESTMENT BY OTHER AGENCIES



The average leverage-funding ratio for the 2017-2021 period was **4.26**. (*Landscape boards, PIRSA, State Governments, Animal Health Australia, amongst others*)

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