

**Title** Koala Habitat Suitability Model for North East NSW

**Abstract** A habitat suitability model at a 250 m resolution for the Koala *Phascolarctos cinereus* in north-eastern New South Wales using 'presence only' records and MaxEnt modelling. Model extent was based on the extent of Crafti vegetation mapping for north east NSW. Substantial spatial clustering of records in coastal urban areas was reduced using a 2 km spatial filter and by modelling separately two sub-regions divided by the 500 m elevation contour. An average of 1086 occurrence records was used to develop models. A bias file was prepared that accounted for variable survey effort, including the concentration of Koala records along sealed and unsealed roads. A reduced set of 14 variables was used in model building. The models were evaluated using a test set of 25 % of the records, with a resulting good fit for each model, as measured by AUC. Frequency of wildfire, Australian Soil Classification, floristic mapping and elevation had the highest relative contribution to the model, whilst a number of other variables made minor contributions. The model was field validated at 65 ground-truth sites.

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## Unique resource identifier

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Presentation form Map digital

Edition Version 1

Dataset language English

## Metadata standard

Name ISO 19115

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Purpose To model variations in habitat suitability for Koalas in forests across tenure and at a fine resolution (250 m) using a range of environmental layers.

Status Completed

Spatial representation type grid

## Spatial reference system

Code identifying the spatial reference system 4283

Spatial resolution 250 m

Topic category

<b>Keyword set</b>	
keyword value	Ecology - habitat Native Fauna VEGETATION Natural Forests
<b>Originating controlled vocabulary</b>	
Title	ANZLIC Search Words
Reference date	2008-05-16
<b>Geographic location</b>	
West bounding longitude	149.606543
East bounding longitude	153.457031
North bounding latitude	-35.650863
South bounding latitude	-29.082286
<b>Vertical extent information</b>	
Minimum value	-100
Maximum value	2228
<b>Coordinate reference system</b>	
Authority code	urn:ogc:def:cs:EPSG::
Code identifying the coordinate reference system	5711
<b>Temporal extent</b>	
Begin position	1990-01-01
End position	N/A
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Maintenance and update frequency	Irregular
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Contact position	Data Broker
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<b>Lineage</b>	The model was produced in 2015 from Koala records collated between 1990-2015.
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