

Farm Biodiversity Certification



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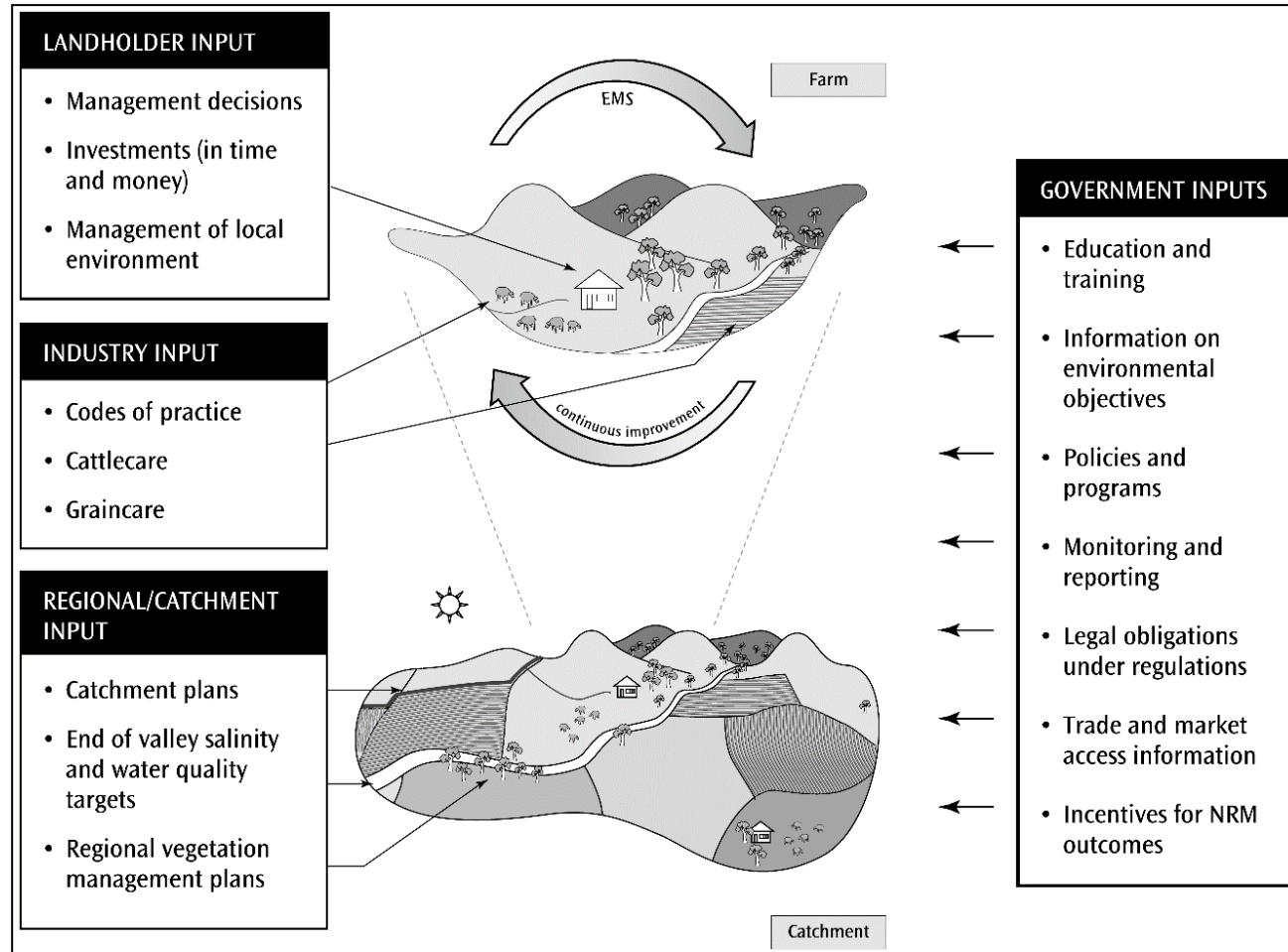
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BACKGROUND



| Name | Managing organisation | Level of accreditation |
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| Collaborative Catchment Based Schemes | | |
| Certified Land Management System | Australian Land Management Group | Independent audit & certification |
| BestFarms | Blackwood Basin Group WA | Self-assessment |
| Sector based Environmental Management Systems. | | |
| 'myBMP' | Cotton Australia | Self-assessment |
| Grains BMP | AgForce Qld, DPIF, FBA | Self-assessment |
| Horticulture for Tomorrow | Horticulture Australia Ltd | Self-assessment |
| Freshcare Codes of Practice / On-Farm Assurance Program | Freshcare | Independent audit & certification |
| Farm Management System | Growcom | Self-assessment supporting independent audit & certification |
| Entwine Australia | Winemakers' Federation of Australia | Independent audit & certification |
| Sustainable Australian Winegrowing | McLaren Vale Grape Wine and Tourism Association | Self-assessment & independent certification. |
| Grazing BMP | AgForce Qld / FBA | Self-assessment |
| Making More From Sheep | AWI and MLA | Self-assessment |
| National Feedlot Accreditation Scheme | Australian Lot Feeder Association | Independent audit & certification |
| Certified Sustainable Seafood | Marine Stewardship Council | Independent audit & certification |
| FSC Certification | Forestry Stewardship Council | Independent audit & certification |
| Global Green Tag Green Product Certification | Global Green Tag | Self-assessment through to independent audit & certification |
| Australian Government Initiatives | | |
| National Framework for EMS in Agriculture | NRMMC / Australian Government | Guiding Framework |
| Environmental Stewardship Program | Australian Government | Independent audit (tied to funding arrangements) |
| Corporate Initiatives | | |
| Natural Capital | NAB | In development |

Program Design



What is the purpose(s)

- Engender third party or community support for agricultural practices (social licence to operate).
- Enable increased market access.
- Enable increased financial return.
- Improve the environmental condition.
- Provide a tool for land managers to use for increasing resilience under climate and resource condition change.
- Inform decisions for funding, program development, business investment etc.
- Links to other initiatives. Co-benefits, Reef Credits

Potential Benefits

A national voluntary certification process potentially provides:

- A credible certification framework.
- Tiered entry to enable participation by farmers of varying size, capacity market exposures, etc.
- A process for enabling continuous improvement in environmental and animal health outcomes.
- A national approach to addressing climate change adaptation.
- Increased ability to demonstrate outcomes from national NRM investment.
- A tool for locally empowered prioritisation and decision making for NRM issues.

The Way Forward

What works for Producers?

What Does the market require (Purchaser)?

Are there beneficial Links with other initiatives?