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Stock Route Funding Secured

Stock routes in Southern Gulf region will now be better managed through a project supported by Local Shire Councils. Southern Gulf Catchments, the organisation responsible for Natural Resource Management in the North West, has successfully secured funding to ensure that Shire Councils can undertake effective management of stock routes.

The 12 month project of 'conservation and sustainable management of the Stock Route Network in the Southern Gulf Catchments', is now secured under the Federal Government's Natural Heritage Trust Extension funding.

Through the Stock Route project, Southern Gulf Catchments aims to build the skills of land managers to conserve and manage vulnerable stock route networks. The project will also develop an organisational framework to secure ongoing management of stock routes.

The councils involved in the project include Flinders Shire, McKinlay Shire, Cloncurry Shire and Mount Isa City.

The project will include training of Rural Land Officers by the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, and using these acquired skills to perform on-ground 'condition assessments'.

Southern Gulf Catchments will also host Local Government workshops to ensure consistency in management planning associated with the Stock Route Network.

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