How to use the BCT's Credit Offer Portal

Biodiversity Conservation Trust



Go to <u>https://offsets.bct.nsw.gov.au/public/wanted-credits</u>



Biodiversity offset program

The Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) is a framework to avoid, minimise and offset impacts on biodiversity from development and clearing, and to ensure land that is used to offset impacts is secured in-perpetuity. The scheme consists of two elements:

- Developers and landholders who undertake development or clearing, generating a credit obligation which must be retired to offset their activity
- Landholders who establish a biodiversity stewardship site on their land, through Biodiversity Stewardship Agreements (BSA), generating credits to sell to developers or landholders who require those credits, to securely offset activities at other sites.

The purpose of the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT) is to seek strategic biodiversity offset outcomes under the BOS to compensate for the loss of biodiversity due to development and other activities. The BCT has a strategic goal to deliver a strategic biodiversity offsetting service to the developers and landholders of NSW.

The BCT works to achieve this goal by delivering the Biodiversity Offsets Program (BOP). Under the BOP, the BCT secures biodiversity offsets on behalf of developers who opt to pay into the Biodiversity Conservation Fund to meet NSW state and Commonwealth offset obligations of their development approval.



Ecosystem Credits (Table 1)

Search for ecosystem credits wanted by the BCT by answering four questions at the top of the table. The questions require the following information on your credits:

- the IBRA subregion where the credits come from (or are proposed to be created)
- the Plant Community Type (PCT)
- the Offset Trading Group of the credits Offset Trading Groups are groups of credit types that have similar characteristics, and
- the presence or absence of hollow-bearing trees.

For existing credit owners, this information is provided on the credit report or, for BBAM credits, on the statement of reasonable credit equivalence.

For interested landholders, this information is provided in a feasibility assessment prepared by an accredited assessor. New landholders who do not have a feasibility assessment can find out how to get started here.

The questions at the top of the table allows you to filter the list of ecosystem credits to see if the BCT wants the credits you have available. If the BCT does want your credits, the Wanted Credit List will identify the number of BAM credits the BCT is seeking to purchase. If the BCT doesn't want your credits the search results will be empty.

Note that the search results for different filter questions cannot be combined or added. For example, the number of credits with a status of 'Hollow-bearing tree – Present' and 'Hollow-bearing tree – Absent' can't be added together. This is because the BCT has already considered these combinations when determining the number of wanted credits.

How to search for BCT's wanted Ecosystem credits

| Biodiversity Conservation Trust | | | | | | |
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| Biodiversity Offsets Program | | Home | Wanted Credits | | | |
| Credit Offer Portal - Wanted Credits Instructions Ecosystem Credits Species Credits Species Credits | (variations) | | | | | |
| Use this table to search for ecosystem credits wanted by the BCT. Refer to the Biodi What IBRA subregion are you interested in? What PCT ID are you interested in? What Offset Trading Group are you interested in? Does the vegetation have hollow-bearing trees? | versity Credits Wanted page for more Select IBRA subregion Select Offset Trading Group Select an option | information. | | Search for the fo that match the cr 1. IBRA subregio 2. PCT ID 3. Offset Trading 4. Hollow-bearing | ur credit class criteri edits you are selling on Group g tree status | a : |
| Select IBRA Region IBRA Subregion | PCT ID Na | me Offse | t Trading Group | HBT? | No. of BAM Credits | |
| | No | o results found | | | | |
| Create offer | | | | | | |

How to search for BCT's wanted Species credits

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| Biodiversity Offsets Program | | | Home V | /anted Credits | | |
| Credit Offer Portal - Wanted Credits Instructions Ecosystem Credits S Table 2A - Species credits wanted anywh S S Use this table to search for species credits w Refer to the Biodiversity Credits Wanted page What Species are you interested in? | Species Credits Species Credits (va ere in NSW wanted by the BCT. If you can't find the spe ge for more information. | riations) ecies credits you have available in t | this table, or you have | Search for matches the | the Species name that e credits you are selling go to Table 2B. | |
| Select IBRA Region | IBRA Subregion | Species ID | Name | Offset Trading Group | No. of BAM Credits | |
| | | No | results found | | | |
| Create offer | | | | | | |

How to select a credit class and initiate an offer

| Biodiversity C | Offsets Progra | m | | | Home | Credit Offer | r Portal | | | | | |
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| Credit Offe | r Portal - War | nted Credits m Credits Spe | ecies Credi | ts Species Credits (vari | ations) | | | | | | | |
| Use this tab | le to search for e | cosystem credits wa | inted by the | e BCT. Refer to the Biodiversity | / Credits Wanted page for more information. | | | | 0 1 111 | | 4 | 1.0 |
| What I | BRA subregion a | are you interested i | n? * | | Cumberland | * | Us | se the ' | Select tic | KDOX II | n the | e left |
| What F | CT ID are you ir | nterested in? | | | 835 | | corr | ner to s | select the | credit | clas | s that |
| What 0 | Offset Trading G | roup are you intere | sted in? | | River-Flat Eucalypt Forest on Coastal Floodplains | of 🖌 | mato | ches all | four crite | ria for | the | credits |
| Does t | ne vegetation ha | ave hollow-bearing | trees? | | Yes | ~ | | | you are s | elling | | |
| | | | | | Search | | / | 7 | | | | |
| Select | IBRA Region | IBRA Subregion | PCT ID | Name | | Offset Trading G | Group | | | | HBT? | No. of BAM Credits |
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| | Sydney Basin | Cumberland | 835 | Forest Red Gum - Rough- b Cumberland Plain, Sydney B | arked Apple grassy woodland on alluvial flats of the asin Bioregion | River-Flat Eucalyp Sydney Basin and | pt Forest on Coastal d South East Corner I | Floodplains of Bioregions | the New South Wales | North Coast, | yes | 210 |
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| ~ | Previous 1 | Next » | | Select | 'Create offer' to initate | | | | | | | |
| Create o | offer | | | a | n offer application | | | | | | | Export Excel |

| Application form - Offer to sell credits to the BCT | |
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| Delivery mechanism * | Select delivery mechanism via dropdown (e.g. Tender or Open FPO) |
| Select a delivery mechanism | |
| Delivery program * Select a delivery program | Select delivery program via dropdown (e.g. Credit Tender 24-01) |

Use this form to apply to sell biodiversity credits to the BCT.

Information on how to sell credits to the BCT can be found in the participants guide for the biodiversity credit tender or open fixed price offer program.

General information

| IBRA Subregion * Select IBRA Subregion | Select IBRA subregion of the site from which the credits were created (as per credit class) |
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| Agreement Status Select agreement status | Select Agreement status via dropdown (e.g. 'existing' or 'proposed') |
| Agreement ID (for existing biobank or BSA site) Agreement Number | Enter Agreement ID for existing Biobank (e.g BA123) or BSA site (e.g. BS0100) |
| Offset Scheme Credit Type Select offset scheme | Select Offset Scheme Credit Type (e.g. BBAM or BAM credits) |
| Status of Credits Offered for Sale Select credit status | Select status of credits offered (e.g. 'existing or 'proposed') |

Note: All credits included in this application must be from the same site, be created through the same scheme (ie BBAM or BAM credits) and have the same status (existing or proposed credits).

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Credit owner details

This section is to be completed by owners of existing credits.

The Applicant is the credit owner as identified on Credit ownership report.

Proceed to 'Landholder details' section below if you are a landholder proposing to establish a BSA.

Applicant Name (Credit owner name as identified on credit ownership report)



Landholder details

The Applicant is the landholder, as identified on land title.

Applicant Name(ie landholder name as identified on land title)

Applicant Name

Property address (Property for proposed BSA)

Address 1

Address 1

NOTE: Only existing credit owners are required to fill

out this section

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| Landholder details | NOTE: Only landholders proposing to establish a BSA | | | | |
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| This section is to be completed by landholders proposing to establish a BSA. | | | | | |
| Applicant Name(ie landholder, as identified on land title) Applicant Name | Enter applicant name as identified on Certificate of Title for proposed BSA | | | | |
| Property address (Property for proposed BSA) Address 1 | | | | | |
| Address 1 Address 2 | | | | | |
| Town/Suburb | Enter property address for proposed BSA | | | | |
| Suburb State/Territory | | | | | |
| Select state ~ | | | | | |
| postcode | | | | | |

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| Contact details | | | | NC | DTE: All applicant | s must fill out t | this sectio | n 🛧 |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| First Name * | | | | | | | | |
| Contact name | | | | | Enter applicant | t details as req | uired | |
| Last Name | | | | | | | | |
| Contact Last name | | | | | | | | |
| Email * | | | | | | | | |
| Email | Delete function to re | amove | | | For ten | der only. | | |
| Phone | credit class from o | Enter nu | mber of | ered Enter bid pric | | e per NOTE: lotal t | | |
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| Credits offered for sale | | | | | | | | ^ |
| If you own BBAM credits, then en | er information for the BAM-equivalen edit information will be provided in yo | t credits from the statement of reasonab our feasibility assessment, business case c | le credit equivalence. or draft BSSAR. | | | | | |
| Action Credit Type ID | Credit Category Offset | Trading Group | Hollow-Bearing Tree status | edits Offered | Credits Wanted | Price per BAM Credi (Exc. GST) | t | Total Price (Exc. GST) |
| 1232 | Ecosystem Coastal | Swamp Forests >= 90% cleared | Yes | ł | 4 | 2500 | | \$10,000.00 |

Credits offered for sale

If you own BBAM credits, then enter information for the BAM-equivalent credits from the statement of reasonable credit equivalence. For landholders, expected BAM credit information will be provided in your feasibility assessment, business case or draft BSSAR. NOTE: To add additional credits to your offer application, navigate back to the Ecosystem Credits or Species Credits tabs in the Wanted Credits List and repeat the search process

| Action | Credit Type ID | Credit Category | Offset Trading Group | Hollow-Bearing Tree status | Credits Offered | Credits Wanted | Price per BAM Credit (Exc. GST) | Total Price (Exc. GST) |
|--------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ē | 1232 | Ecosystem | Coastal Swamp Forests >= 90% cleared | Yes | 4 | 4 | 2500 | \$10,000.00 |

Hint: Take and save screen shots or keep a record of the credits and prices offered in each application, as currently our system does not provide you with a summary.

| Supporting information | ^ |
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| Refer to the Open FPO or tender participants guide for information on the documents that you are required to submit with your application. File Type * Select file type | Select the supporting document type to be uploaded. (See the relevant Tender or Open FPO participants guide for information on supporting documents) |
| File * Choose file No file chosen | Choose file and select 'Upload'. The file will show in the table below once uploaded. Hint: If the file name is too long, it may not upload. Shorten the file name and try again. |
| Delete File Name | File Type |
| No files found | |

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How to submit your credit offer application

Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge:

- the credits identified in this application are available for purchase by the BCT. If I am a landholder proposing a BSA then, to the best of my knowledge, these credits will be available for purchase when the BSA is established.
- I have read the Participants Guide for the BCT delivery program.
- all eligibility requirements to apply for the delivery program, as identified in the participants guide, are addressed.
- I have prepared my application based on my own research and independent advice, and I have not relied upon any representations made by BCT staff.
- where the credit owner or landholder is an organization or comprises of more than one entity, I have authority to complete this form on behalf of the organization or, if more than one entity, on behalf of all entities and
- · the information provided on this form is complete and correct.

I agree and acknowledge that:

- I give permission for the BCT to collect, store and use personal information contained in this application in accordance with the privacy notice and application details and for the purpose of assessing the application and purchasing the credits.
- I give permission for the BCT to access, store and use any information that is held by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and the BCT, in accordance with the privacy notice and application details and for the purpose of assessing the application and purchasing the credits. This includes information to verify the ownership and attributes of the credits that are the subject of this application, as well as attributes of the agreement that created the credits, including information on the Total Fund Deposit for the agreement.
- I acknowledge that the BCT has the right to revoke its acceptance of my application if it is discovered that any statement made by me in this form is incorrect, incomplete or misleading, in a way that may have affected the decision to commit to purchase my biodiversity credits.
- I acknowledge that I have the right to decline an offer by the BCT to purchase my biodiversity credits, based on this application.

□ I confirm that I have read and consent to the above declarations (box to be checked to indicate consent).

- I confirm that I have read and acknowledge the privacy notice and application details (box to be checked to indicate confirmation).
- If the applicant is an organisation or comprises of more than one entity, then a person who has authority should complete this declaration and submit the applica

To browse more Wanted Credits, select 'Browse more credits'

Fill out declarations and applicant details

I am the applicant
 I am authorised to complete the declaration and submit the application on behalf of the applicant

Position

Name *

position

Organisation

organisation

Browse more Credits

Submit Offer

Ensure you have saved screen shots or recorded the credits and prices offered in your application.

When ready, select '**Submit Offer**' and record the application number for your records.

You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your application. This email will not include any offer details.

Thank you for your application!

For technical assistance, please email offsets@bct.nsw.gov.au