

TURTLE Project

Getting together for turtle conservation

Freshwater turtles are a vital part of South Australia's rivers, creeks, wetlands and floodplains. They help keep our waterways healthy, hold deep cultural significance for First Nations peoples, and are loved by many communities. While turtle numbers are declining across much of the state, there are many people who are keen to try to turn this around.

That's why we've launched the TURTLE Project – Together Understanding and Restoring Turtles in our Landscapes and Ecosystems.



Over the next 2 years the project aims to:

- Increase awareness of freshwater turtle conservation
- Collect critical data through monitoring and research including citizen science - using TurtleSAT
- Facilitate informed on-ground action for conservation in key areas of South Australia
- Compile a turtle management plan for the state to guide future research, action and investment

How are we doing this:

2025-26

- Regular partner and knowledge-sharing workshops, including First Nations events
- Community education and citizen science training sessions.
- Turtle monitoring – including nest surveys, predation studies, and fyke net surveys
- On-ground actions such as fencing and habitat protection
- Collating and analysing data from across the state

2026-27

- Continued workshops, training and monitoring
- Completion and release of the turtle management plan for South Australia.

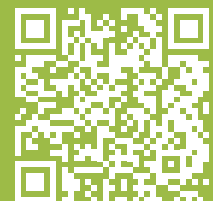
This project brings together a wide range of passionate partners including landscape boards, First Nations groups, local councils, non-government organisations, scientists, community members, landholders, and citizen scientists. We can create long-term change for turtles by combining science, culture and community.

How you can help

Our turtles need you! Please help by:

- recording sightings in TurtleSAT
- joining a community event
- taking action, and
- sharing your knowledge.

You can be part of the TURTLE Project. Together, we can make a difference!



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