

Changes to action group names for species

11th August 2009

If you have already been using the Conservation Framework outputs for species you will have noticed some changes to action group names. This was done in order to streamline action groups across species and ecosystems. With the exception of habitat tools for species, action group definitions have not changed. The old habitat tools action group for species has been further subdivided into three new action groups. Below is a list of old names and their corresponding new names, together with the new codes now being used in the spreadsheet of Conservation Framework Outputs.

Old name and code	New Name	New code	Definition
Assessing			
Re-assess Status Rank (CDC)	Review Status Rank	Rev Status	Latest trend and threat information may not be incorporated: return to CDC (S-ranks and estimated G Ranks) or NatureServe (G-ranks) for re-evaluation.
Detailed Assessment (DA)	Compile Status Report	Status Rpt	Compile or update a status report. May require research on threats, trends, habitat use, life history or demography.
Inventory (IN)	Inventory	Inventory	Inventory the species to confirm or determine status rank. May require research on inventory techniques.
Monitoring (MO)	Monitor Trends	Monitor Trends	Monitor the species or its habitat at an interval appropriate to the life history of the organism. May require research on monitoring techniques.
Taxonomic Studies (TS)	Review Taxonomy	Taxonomy	Invest in taxonomic studies to determine taxonomic validity.
Planning & Listing			
Planning Processes (PP)	Planning	Plan	Determine the type of planning process required. Includes preparing a Management Plan, Recovery Strategy and Action Plan, Land Use Plan, or updating an existing plan. Also includes implementing and monitoring effectiveness of the plan and monitoring trends, habitat or threats. May require research on threats and mitigation, habitat use and recovery techniques.
List under Wildlife Act (WA)	List under Wildlife Act	Wildlife Act	List under <i>Wildlife Act</i> as an Extirpated, Endangered or Threatened species. Includes describing residences as per the provisions of the act where warranted.
Send to COSEWIC (CO)	Send to COSEWIC	COSEWIC	Send to COSEWIC for assessment as a first step to listing under the federal <i>Species at Risk Act</i> as Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern, or for re-assessment at a higher or lower risk category.

Old name and code	New Name	New code	Definition
Acting			
Habitat Tools (HT)	Habitat Protection	Hab Protect	Use legislation, policies and guidelines to protect the species' habitat. For example, <i>Forest & Range Practices Act</i> , protected areas, stewardship, and best management practices. May require research on habitat needs or inventory to determine suitable areas for protection.
Habitat Tools (HT)	Habitat Restoration	Hab Restore	Apply management and/or restoration techniques to maintain or restore the species' habitat. Includes invasive plant control, maintaining key structures, fire suppression and prescribed burning. May require research into species' habitat requirements and use.
Habitat Tools (HT)	Private Land Stewardship	Private Land	This group contains a subset of species from the Habitat Protection and Restoration action groups that are of conservation concern but occur on private land, or crown land with tenure or rights holders, renters or leasers, or in situations outside the scope of more traditional legislation, policies, and formal guidelines.
Non-habitat Tools (NHT)	Species & Population Management	Species Mgmt	Assign to appropriate management tools to address non-habitat threats. For example, captive breeding, translocation, disease management, alien predator or competitor control, public education. May require research and monitoring.
Adjust Harvest (AH) No New Action (NNA)	Review Resource Use No New Action	Review Use No New Actn	Adjust harvest levels and/or increase penalties and enforcement. Existing management is effective, no additional conservation action is warranted. Assess whether ongoing programs need to be maintained. May require effectiveness evaluation of existing activities and monitoring of the species and habitat.