

Australia's 2025-2026 Environmental Outlook: Indigenous Land Management,

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1. What percentage of Australia's critical mineral projects, including those for clean energy technology, were found to lie within formally recognised Indigenous lands in a June 2024 study, a figure that rises significantly when accounting for native title claims?

- A) Approximately 25%
- B) Approximately 40%
- C) Approximately 58%**
- D) Approximately 75%

2. Australia's Strategy for Nature 2024-2030, aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework, sets a national target for the protection and conservation of what proportion of Australia's landmass and marine areas by 2030?

- A) 15% of land and 15% of marine areas
- B) 20% of land and 25% of marine areas
- C) 30% of land and 30% of marine areas**
- D) 40% of land and 35% of marine areas

3. According to the 2025 Australia's Environment Report released in March 2026, what significant marine environmental event occurred in 2025 due to record-high sea surface temperatures around Australia?

- A) The first recorded mass migration of Southern Right Whales.
- B) A widespread collapse of seagrass meadows in Shark Bay.
- C) A sixth mass bleaching event on the Great Barrier Reef.**
- D) An unprecedented explosion of jellyfish populations along the entire eastern coastline.