



## Slater's Skink *Egernia slateri* RECOVERY PLAN

### DESCRIPTION

Slater's Skink also known as Floodplain Skink, is a medium-sized, smooth bodied lizard with an average snout-vent length of 85mm. Some large individuals grow up to 97mm. It has a short snout and large head. The upper body is light to medium brown with each dorsal scale having a black edge. In combination these scales form a series of conspicuous black longitudinal striations on the back and onto the base of the tail. The flanks may be salmon-pink and the underbody is cream to greyish-blue. The tail is over 50% longer than the snout-vent length.

### DISTRIBUTION

All recent records of the species are from the Finke and MacDonnell Ranges bioregions in the Northern Territory. It was also formerly found in northern South Australia

### STATUS

The Northern Territory subspecies of Slater's Skink is listed as endangered under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and Section 29, NT, Territory Parks and Wildlife Act 2000. The South Australian subspecies is listed as endangered under legislation Schedule 7, SA, *National Parks & Wildlife Act 1972*.

### PARK COMPONENT

The Desert Park is involved in two ways. One of our staff has been searching for Slater's Skinks at historical and new locations. It is

planned that if deemed necessary, the Desert Park will collect wild lizards and breed them in captivity for either release or research outcomes.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

The Desert Park has collected a single animal from a new population and material from this specimen has been submitted for genetic analysis.

### COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

*Dept of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts (NT) – Alice Springs Desert Park, Biodiversity Conservation – Threatened Species Network & Parks & Wildlife Service.*

*Dept Environment & Heritage (SA)*

*Threatened Species Network*

*Central Land Council*

### PRIMARY OBJECTIVE(S)

1. To achieve an accurate assessment of distribution, abundance and systematic of Slater's Skink within 5 years.
2. To maintain or improve the conservation status of Slater's Skink (currently endangered).

