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We invite organisations to offset their carbon footprint by supporting our groundbreaking fire management.

The Jawoyn Fire Project is an Australian government-approved project that recognises carbon credits that we produce by reducing wildfires through strategic, controlled savanna burning.

The fire project's benefits reach far and wide. It reduces harmful emissions, protects important wildlife and delivers significant social, cultural and economic benefits to Indigenous Australians.

**This is a unique opportunity to help create a better future for Indigenous Australians and our environment.**



# FIRE MANAGEMENT


Along with other tropical savannas, northern Australia is among the most fire prone landscapes in the world.

Our ancestors managed this landscape through deliberate and skillful fire management.

Through burning as the wet season subsided and vegetation began to dry, they created a country safe from wildfire.

When this fire management is neglected, huge uncontrollable wildfires sweep across the land.

Sadly, our country has suffered from damaging wildfires since the upheaval of colonisation, but thanks to carbon for savanna fire management, we are reclaiming proper fire management for Jawoyn land.



# OUR WORK

Today, we employ the same techniques as our ancestors - burning areas in the early dry season to reduce wildfires and refresh country.

But we also use the latest in modern technology to plan and strategically manage fire.

Our rangers conduct aerial and on-ground burning to prevent late season wildfires and reduce overall carbon emissions.





# THE METHODOLOGY

**Jawoyn were an early participant in carbon economy.**

Together with four other Arnhem Land ranger groups - Wardekken, Mimal, Djelk and Ardjamarlarl - we contributed to the successful West Arnhem Land Fire Abatement (WALFA) project, which pioneered the savanna burning approach to emissions reduction.

From 2006, we worked with scientists and landowners across Arnhem Land to determine how traditional fire management reduces uncontrollable wildfires and cuts greenhouse gas emissions.

The Australian Federal Government's Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) recognised our approach to early dry season savanna burning and approved a methodology to calculate carbon credits.

Since then, the success of the partnership has seen it expand across our region. It is transforming fire management, preserving the environmental and land, creating employment and improving people's lives.

**READ MORE**

<http://www.cleanenergyregulator.gov.au/DocumentAssets/Documents/A%20guide%20to%20the%20emissions%20abatement%20through%20savanna%20fire%20management%20method%202015.pdf>

# OUR OFFSETS

We offer a certified environmental offsets service that enables individuals and organisations to offset carbon emissions from their activities and events.

Our clients first need to understand the carbon footprint of their business or lifestyle

They can use simple calculators to estimate their footprint or choose rigorous accounting under national carbon offset standards (NCOS)

Once clients have a clear understanding of their carbon footprint, we are able to match it with an offset to neutralise their carbon emissions.

On behalf of the buyer, we voluntarily cancel their required volume of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) under Part 6 of the Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Act 2011.

The credits are permanently cancelled and formally count towards Australia's emission reduction targets

The Jawoyn Association issues a certificate to the purchaser outlining their official offset.



## READ MORE

<http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/government/carbon-neutral/ncos>



# BENEFITS

All revenue from the sale of credits is reinvested in managing country, supporting jobs and training for land owners and custodians, and connecting people back to country.

Over the past decade, fire management has transformed the patterns of fire across Jawoyn land.

We use satellite technology to track our progress and observe this important change from space.

The reduction in late dry season wildfire helps protect significant fire sensitive ecosystems and the many threatened species in our region. We are seeing important birds, mammals and reptiles return to country.

The employment of old and young people is facilitating reconnection with cultural values and protection of important cultural sites.



# CARBON CREDIT CYCLE

**Registration:** Jawoyn fire project registration is approved under the Australian Governments carbon credit scheme by the Clean Energy Regulator.

**Fire management:** Jawoyn rangers carry out fire management that reduces emissions.

**Report:** Jawoyn reports to the Clean Energy Regulator (CER) demonstrating compliance with the methodology.

**Audit:** An independent auditor verifies the report.

**Carbon credits:** The CER recognises the emission reduction and issues Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs) to Jawoyn.

**Offset:** Jawoyn provides a Carbon offset service where we cancel the ACCUs on behalf of client intending to reduce their carbon footprint. Alternatively, Jawoyn sells and transfers the ACCUs to a buyers account.

**Reinvest:** We reinvest revenue into excellent fire management and the cycle continues.



# ABOUT US

The Jawoyn Association has a proud history, representing more than 600 Jawoyn members since 1985.

We are registered not-for profit with public benevolent institution (PBI) status.

The association's Jawoyn Rangers manage the Jawoyn estate across the Katherine, Kakadu and Roper region in the Northern Territory.

## MORE INFORMATION

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