

Biolinks Web Map for South Gippsland

Guidance for using the online Web Map to submit information on native vegetation, habitat and wildlife in your local area.

Introduction

SGLN is embarking on a process to develop a Biolinks Map for the South Gippsland region - a key action of the Biodiversity Protection Plan. The map will show how different fauna species move through the landscape, or not, and will be important for informing on-ground actions, planning and investment to improve biodiversity outcomes across the region.

The map will be prepared using a connectivity modelling approach, drawing on existing information on vegetation, habitat, land use and fauna in the region. In addition, we are seeking input from Stakeholders to help us improve our understanding and refine the datasets we will use in the connectivity models.

To facilitate this process, we have prepared an online **SGLN Biolinks Web Map**, allowing anyone to provide basic information about the vegetation, habitat and wildlife you have seen at a specific location.

Please follow the **instructions on Page 2** to access the web map and begin recording your feedback.

What to consider when providing feedback

- When you open the map and zoom in, you will see areas of 'potential habitat' appear as green patches. These are areas we have identified which may be important habitat for wildlife. Please focus on these locations and tell us what you know about them, or if we have missed any patches which you think are important.
- Your responses will be visible to anyone else using the Web Map, therefore please do not add any information you are not comfortable sharing, including your name and organisation.
- Provide any information you think is relevant – such as how often you see a particular animal, where in the landscape you see them, and what they are doing. Likewise, please be as descriptive as you can about the nature of the vegetation or habitat – everything helps. If you need to, add multiple points at a single location.

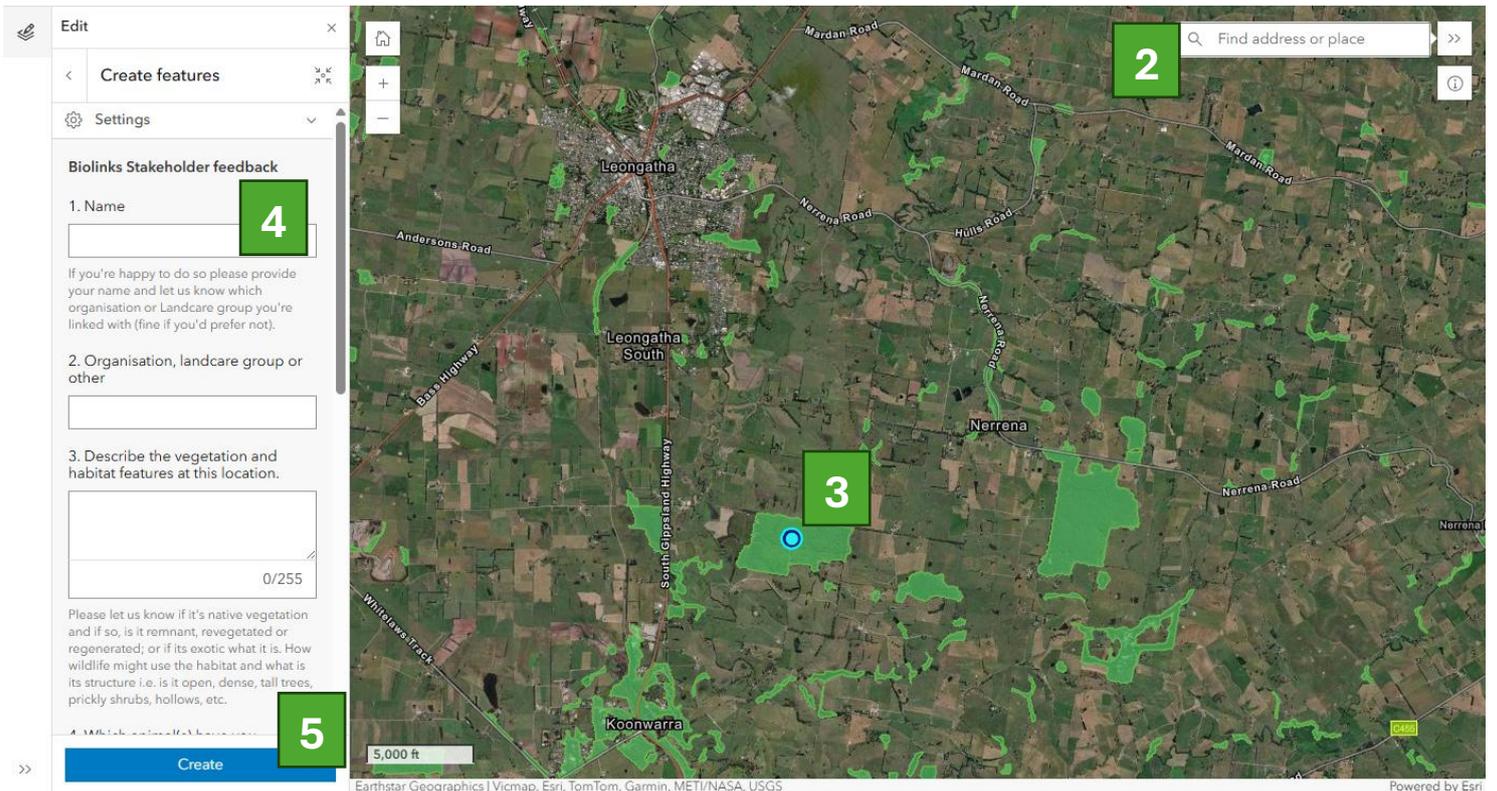
Instructions for using the SGLN Biolinks Web Map

1. To access the web map use the following link (either click on the link or copy and paste it into your preferred web browser):

<https://ecolsys.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/sidebar/index.html?appid=beff56cc36824ca28fc497e9b15aeff2>

2. Search for an address (top right), or zoom to your area of interest.
3. Click the  BL Stakeholder feedback **button** from the menu on the left, and place a point on the map at the location you would like to provide feedback.
4. A **form** will appear on the left, use this to record information about native vegetation, habitat and wildlife.
5. Once finished, click the '**Create**' **button** at the bottom of the form, and repeat steps 2 – 4 if you wish to record information on other locations.

SGLN Biolinks Web Map



The screenshot displays the SGLN Biolinks Web Map interface. On the left, a sidebar contains an 'Edit' menu with 'Create features' selected. Below this is a 'Settings' section and a 'Biolinks Stakeholder feedback' form. The form includes the following fields:

- 1. Name (highlighted with a green box labeled '4')
- 2. Organisation, landcare group or other
- 3. Describe the vegetation and habitat features at this location. (highlighted with a green box labeled '3')

At the bottom of the form is a blue 'Create' button (highlighted with a green box labeled '5'). The map on the right shows a satellite view of the Leongatha area with green overlays indicating vegetation. A search bar at the top right (highlighted with a green box labeled '2') contains the text 'Find address or place'. A blue location pin on the map (highlighted with a green box labeled '3') indicates the selected location. The map includes a scale bar for 5,000 ft and is powered by Esri.