



PROJECT SUMMARY

Rapid Appraisal methods review

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Regional organisations, such as Catchment Management Authorities, need reliable biophysical and social data to inform their Natural Resource Management investment decisions. To complement large scale socio-economic studies a number of smaller scale, more rapid approaches for assessment have developed in a range of disciplines. This report provided an overview of the rapid assessment approaches that may be useful for natural resource management.

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Objectives:

The focus of the report was on identifying and briefly discussing a range of low cost, relatively quick and reliable techniques which have the potential to gather socio-economic information on economic sustainability and socio-economic well being.

Policy/management implications/impacts:

By informing the technical report 12 by Gale, R. Brock, P & Milham, N. 2010 this research contributes to ensuring that that NSW's natural resource management policies and projects meet the state wide Standard and targets set by the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). The research contributes to the implementation of the NSW MER Strategy 2010-2015 Strategy by providing means for each of the thirteen NSW CMAs to rapidly collect and interpret social data relevant to their programs.

Publications:

Allan, C., 2010. Rapid, small scale socioeconomic studies for natural resource management. A report to Policy, Governance and Communications Division Industry & Investment NSW. Report No. 54. Institute for Land, Water and Society, Charles Sturt University, Albury Wodonga.

This report was appended to an Industry and Investments technical report:

Gale, R. Brock, P & Milham, N. 2010, *Assessing the contribution of investment in natural resource management to economic sustainability*, Technical Report 12, Industry and Investment, Orange, NSW.

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