

## Decade of Biosecurity Coordinator

This is a rare opportunity to play a pivotal role in coordinating community, industry and government efforts through to 2030 to build a stronger national biosecurity system.

**DECADE OF  
BIOSECURITY**  
2021-2030

<b>Position:</b>	<b>Decade of Biosecurity Coordinator</b>
<b>Reports to:</b>	CEO, Invasive Species Council on a day-to-day basis and takes direction from the Decade of Biosecurity Steering Group
<b>Basis:</b>	Full time / part time, 4-5 days per week
<b>Location:</b>	Home or shared office, ideally close to Canberra, Sydney or Melbourne
<b>Duration:</b>	Through to 30 March 2023, extension possible, subject to performance and funding
<b>Salary range:</b>	\$80,000-93,000 pro rata plus super, depending on skills and experience

### The Decade of Biosecurity – 2021-2030

The Decade of Biosecurity is a partnership between industry, business, community and government to elevate the importance of biosecurity and improve the biosecurity system's effectiveness during the 2020s. The partnership seeks to engage all Australians with building a stronger biosecurity system.

The Decade of Biosecurity coordinator is a role formed in April 2022 to drive and implement joint activities for the Decade of Biosecurity initiative. The coordinator is hosted by the Invasive Species Council on behalf of Decade of Biosecurity partners and takes strategic direction from the Decade of Biosecurity steering group.

Following the 'soft' launch at the Australian Biosecurity Symposium in May 2022, the focus for the period July-October is to conduct a series of state and territory workshops and broader consultation to develop a three-year implementation plan proposed to be launched in October 2022. This will include a strategy, engagement plan and an itemised and costed work program. The next step is to work with partners to secure funding and commence implementation to grow the initiative over the subsequent three years.

### Job description

The Decade of Biosecurity coordinator leads the collaborative efforts of the Decade of Biosecurity on behalf of its partners.

#### *Key responsibilities*

- convenes and implements decisions of the Decade of Biosecurity steering group.
- develops and implements a 3-year Decade of Biosecurity implementation plan, business plan and engagement strategy.
- works closely with Decade of Biosecurity partners to encourage collaborative efforts in support of the Decade of Biosecurity initiative.
- coordinates public events, workshops and other public and partner engagement, including the launch of the Decade of Biosecurity initiative.
- supports and leverages off existing initiatives aligned with the Decade of Biosecurity initiative.
- develops and delivers communication material to the Decade of Biosecurity partners.
- works with partners to secure funding to implement the 3-year Decade of Biosecurity implementation plan.

- encourages a spirit of collaboration, shared responsibility and broad engagement.

## **Selection Criteria**

### *Essential criteria*

- High level project management skills and experience.
- Demonstrated expertise and ability to achieve results by coordinating activities that rely on a diverse set of partners.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to collaborate and build effective and trusted relationships with a diverse range of people.
- Experience working with and supporting senior leaders in industry, government and the community.
- Proven ability to collaborate with NGO's, industry groups, government agencies, Indigenous Australians, expert advisers and/or technical specialists to foster a sense of common purpose.
- Appropriate tertiary qualifications or demonstrated equivalent, relevant industry, government or community experience.
- Demonstrated commitment to a collaborative style of working to achieve shared outcomes.
- Willingness to work from a home office and to travel interstate, often for days at a time.

### *Desirable criteria*

- Sound understanding of the Australian biosecurity system including all the relevant regulatory arrangements and frameworks, institutional arrangements and agreements.
- Demonstrated interest in strengthening Australia's biosecurity system to ensure it remains fit to meet the challenges of the next decade.

## **Location**

The position will be based in a home or shared office, based anywhere in Australia, with proximity to Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne or Katoomba desirable. The Invasive Species Council supports decentralised working arrangements.

The job will involve some interstate travel and occasional out-of-hours work.

## **Applications**

All applications must include the following

- Current CV / Resume outlining your relevant experience for the role
- A statement explaining how you meet each of the key selection criteria

Our organisational policy also requires that successful applicants be up to date with their COVID vaccinations (at least two doses).

Applications that do not meet these criteria will not be accepted.

For any questions regarding the role or working for the Invasive Species Council and the Decade of Biosecurity partners, please contact [recruitment@invasives.org.au](mailto:recruitment@invasives.org.au)

## **Applications close**

Advertising commenced 14 July 2022. See website [invasives.org.au/about-us/jobs](http://invasives.org.au/about-us/jobs) for the closing date.

### **Additional background about the Decade of Biosecurity**

The Decade of Biosecurity is a rolling platform of joint efforts by governments, industries, businesses and the community to build a supportive environment for effective biosecurity. The website is at <http://biosecurity2030.org.au>

#### ***Interim goal and objectives***

The Decade of Biosecurity project plan guides the operation of the Decade of Biosecurity initiative. The following interim goals and objectives were determined in early 2022.

##### *Goal*

Actively engage all Australians in building a stronger national biosecurity system.

##### *Objectives*

The following interim objectives will be confirmed during consultation in 2022.

1. By the end of 2023 and beyond:
  - a. Biosecurity is well understood by the entire Australian community
  - b. All communities and sectors from all regions are involved in general biosecurity surveillance
  - c. A strong, connected biosecurity collective fosters a mission of shared biosecurity responsibility
  - d. Major biosecurity participants agree to a set of priorities for sustaining biosecurity investments.
2. By the end of 2025 and beyond:
  - a. There is collective effort to establish sustainable investment mechanisms for essential biosecurity with funding contributions from government and non-government sources.
3. Throughout 2021-2030:
  - a. There is coordination, collaboration and integration within and across governments, industries and communities to strengthen existing arrangements and drive continuous improvements of the national biosecurity system
  - b. A culture of innovation amongst all biosecurity participants that supports smart ways of solving our biosecurity challenges
  - c. There is a growing understanding of how global warming will exacerbate biosecurity risks and support for the measures needed to mitigate this.

##### *Initial focus*

During the first 3 years, the focus will primarily be on the following three pillars:

1. communications and engagement
2. collaborations and partnerships
3. sustainable investment.

Additional activities that advance the objectives will be planned and implemented throughout the rest of the decade. Momentum will increase as the profile of and interest in biosecurity grows.

#### ***Decade of Biosecurity partners***

The Decade of Biosecurity is a collaborative effort initially involving:

- Invasive Species Council
- Animal Health Australia
- Centre for Invasives Species Solutions
- Plant Health Australia
- National Farmers' Federation
- National Landcare Network
- Landcare Australia
- NRM Regions Australia
- federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- All state and territory biosecurity agencies

Other partners will be involved as the initiative is expanded.

***Decade of Biosecurity steering group***

The Decade of Biosecurity is governed by a steering group that consists of the following members:

- 1 from each of the 8 founding groups (ISC, PHA, AHA, CISS, Landcare Australia, National Landcare Network, NRM Regions Australia, NFF)
- 1 from the federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2 from state and territory governments nominated by the National Biosecurity Committee (presently Queensland and Western Australia)
- 2 representing Indigenous Australians
- 1 representing the business community
- 1 from the Australian Local Government Association
- 1 representing a practical on-ground community perspective