

Dam de-watering and mighty turtles





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Abstract

Conclusions

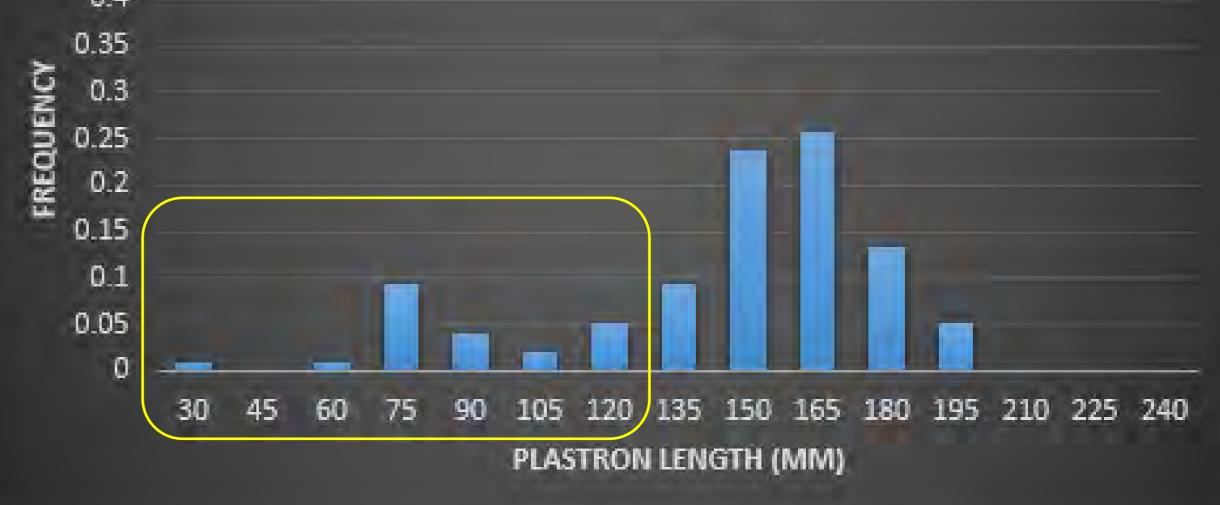
Urbanisation and suburbs growth around Canberra are at our doorstep. We present here an interesting finding during dam de-watering in Ginninderry and our local dam residents - the Eastern long-necked turtle. It shows how Ginninderry Conservation Trust have partnered with local developers (Huon) to rescue local turtles and find them a new home in the conservation corridor.



We found 97 turtles in the four farm dams. 22 were juveniles (23%), 44 females (45%) and 31 males (32%).

We captured a whole range of sizes, from juveniles to large adults, showing that the population of turtles inhabiting the old farm dams was healthy.

	Ginninderry farm dams 2022
0.5	
0.45	
0.4	



Activities

We rescued all the turtles found in four old farm dams in Ginninderry from July-November 2022, during de-watering.

We measured all the turtles and checked if they were males, females or juveniles. We relocated all the turtles within the Ginninderry Conservation Corridor.





Urban ponds along Ginninderra Creek 2020-22

0.5

0.45

0.4

0.35

0.3

0.25

0.2

0.15

0.1

0.05

FREQUENCY





30 45 60 75 90 105 120 135 150 165 180 195 210 225 240 PLASTRON LENGTH (MM)



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