

What to talk about?

What has taxonomy ever done
for me?

The Western Australian
Herbarium



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*A Flora of (Western)
Australia?*

A plan for the next decade...



*Taxonomy, the Western
Australian Herbarium, and EIA:
current linkages, works in
progress, and future
opportunities*



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750,000 specimens (complex patterns)

10,000+ species (a workable taxonomy)

Florabase (communication)



A Flora of (Western) Australia

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OF AUSTRALIA

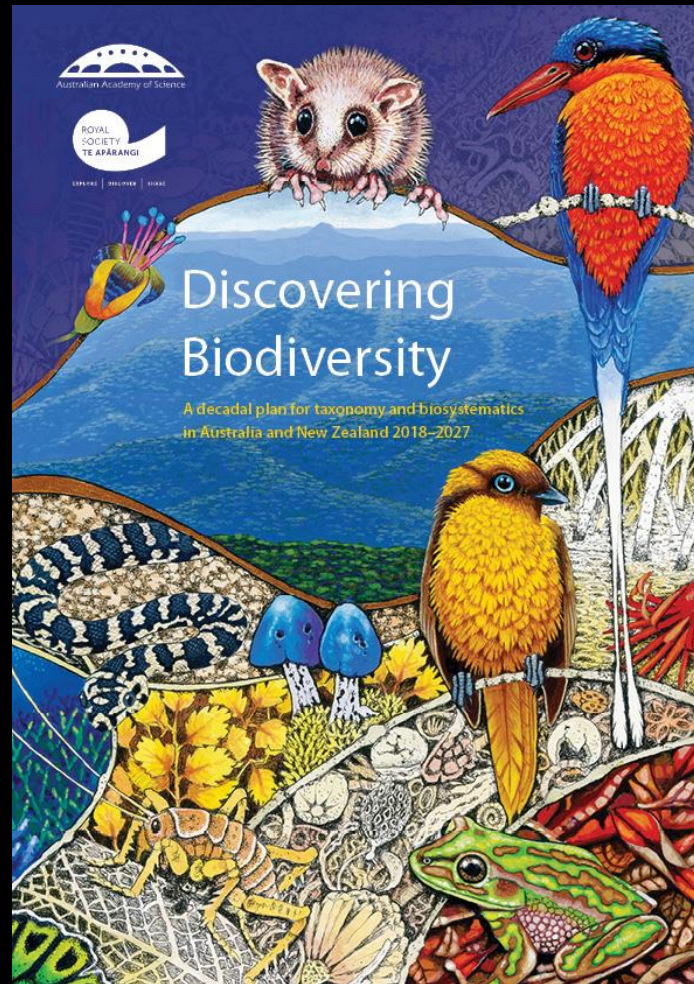


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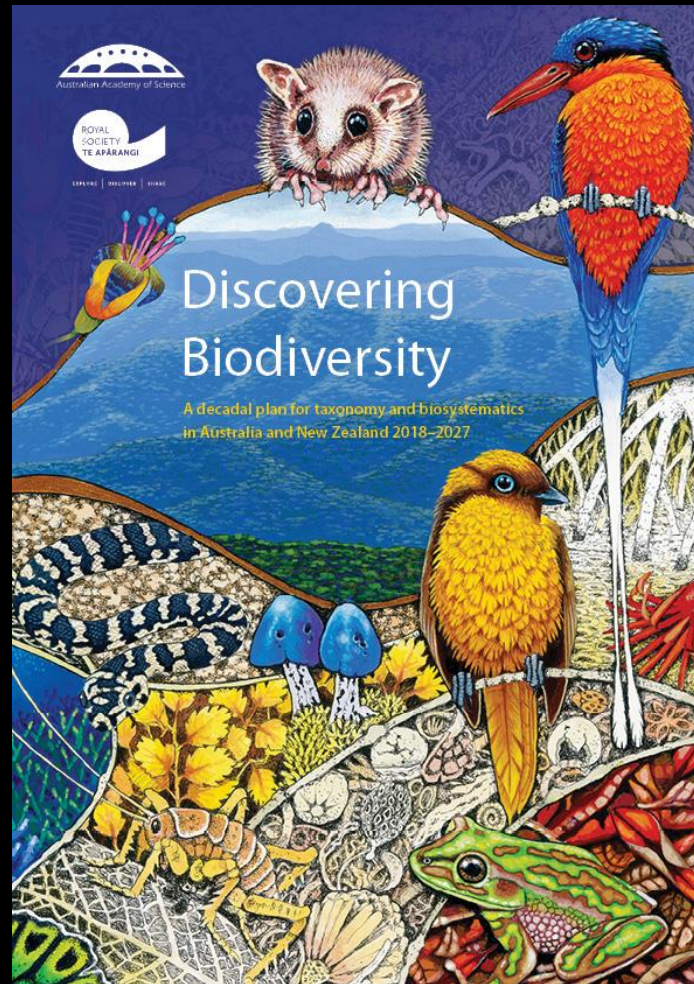


“[A]n agreed vision for the disciplines of taxonomy and biosystematics in Australia and New Zealand in the decade 2018–2027”



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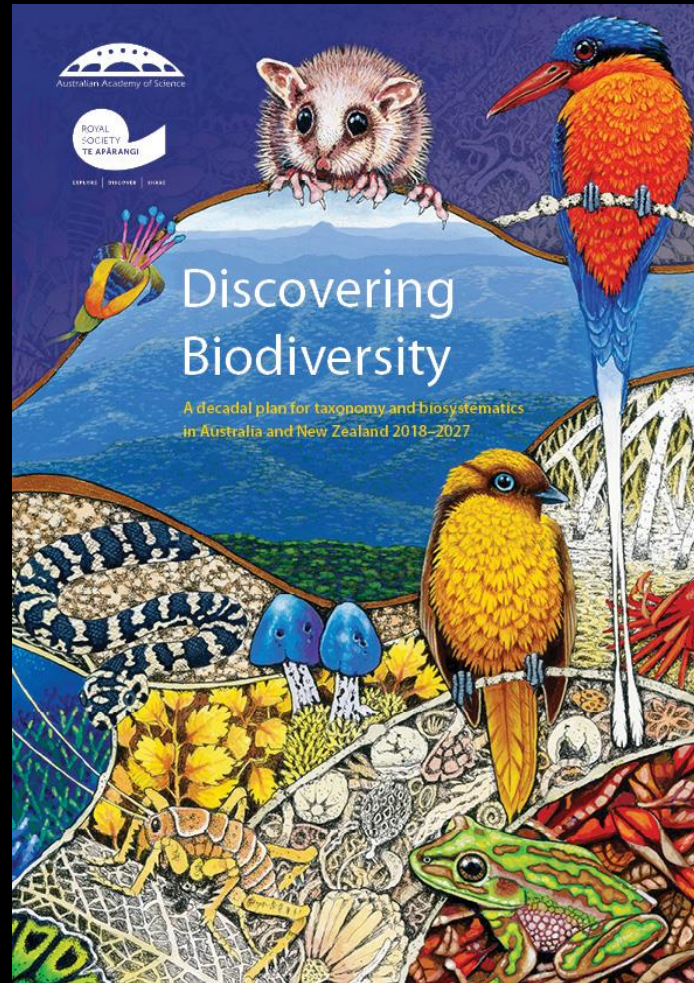


“Significantly accelerate species discovery and documentation of Australia’s and New Zealand’s unique organisms”



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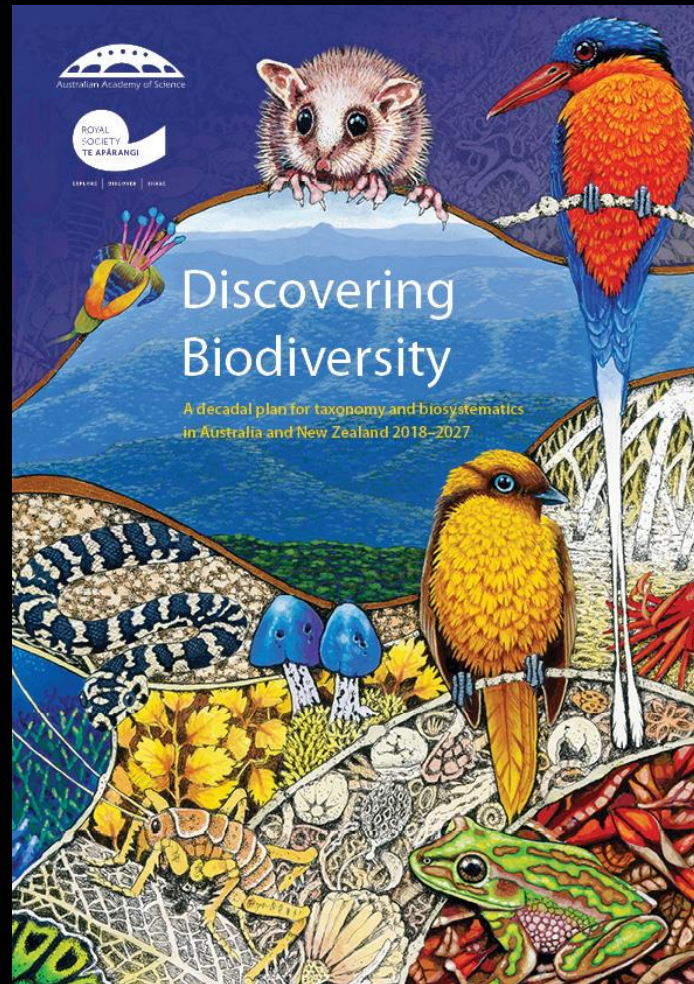


“Enhance services for end users of taxonomic and biosystematic knowledge”



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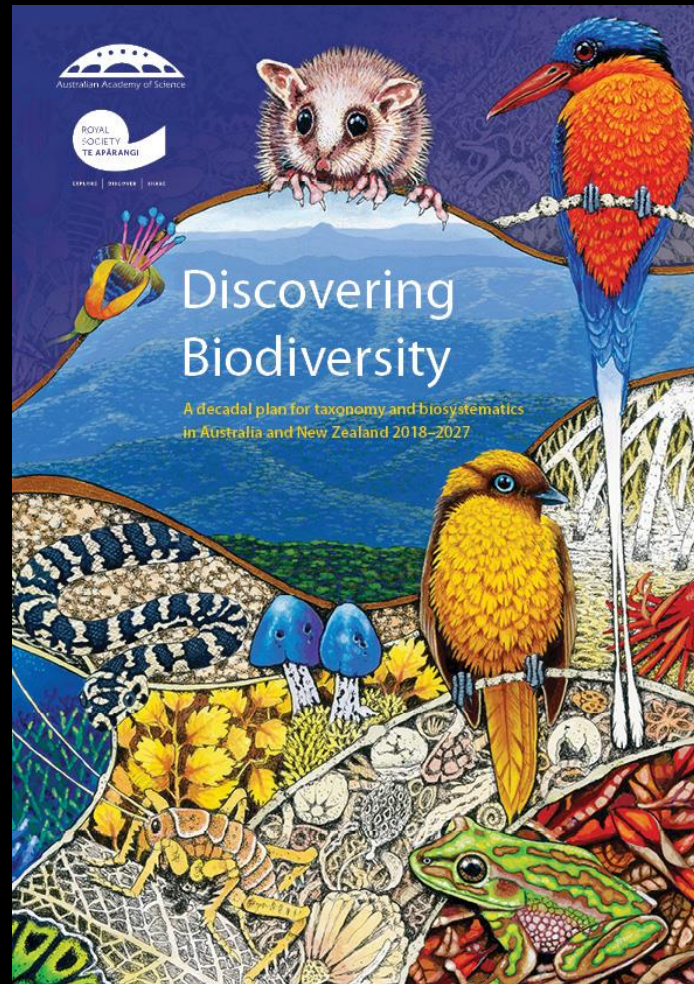


“Support strategic growth of taxonomic [...] capacity and capabilities in Australia and New Zealand”



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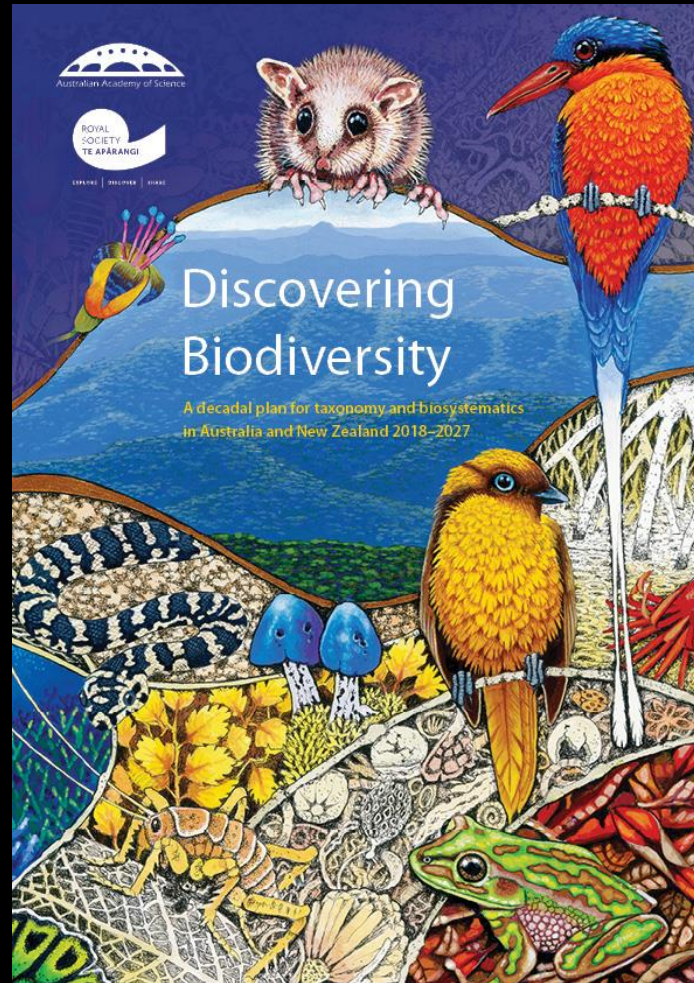


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