# EXAMPLE RISK ASSESSMENT

Below is an example of a completed risk assessment for a terrestrial based survey. Please note that each survey will probably have different risks, so you may create a general risk assessment form but always ask each Survey Leaders to modify this to suit their particular survey. Each Risk Assessment should clearly deal with risks associated with the **activity** and risks associated with each **location**. It is important that these experts explain the potential risks to the participants before beginning the survey.

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| POTENTIAL RISKS AND HAZARDS  List control measures / precautions / protective and communication equipment that will be used to eliminate / minimise these risks to bring them to an acceptable level. | | | |
| **Risk Relevance** | **Risks / Hazards** | **Control Measures** | **Likelihood**  **1** (very unlikely) -**10** (very likely) |
| RISKS related to the location | | | |
| Sun  Hot / Cool Weather | Sun burn  Dehydration  Exposure | Wear sunscreen & hat.  Carry food & water.  Wear appropriate clothing for the conditions. | 6 |
| Walking through the bush or across uneven ground | Falling or tripping | Wear suitable footwear  Maintain awareness of loose or rough surfaces  Inspect large obstacles before proceeding over, under or around. | 5 |
| Snakes | Being bitten | Maintain awareness of the presence of snakes at all times  Avoid handling and/or antagonising snakes where observed  Wear long pants OR gaiters when engaged in field work  Carry first aid kit and compression bandage.  Apply compression bandage on being bitten and seek medical assistance IMMEDIATELY. | 2 |
| Ticks, leeches and other insect bites | Being bitten | Remove insect and apply appropriate first aid relative to the organism to the bite  Keep wound clean and covered with band-aid or bandage.  Apply suitable ointments or take anti-histamine as require if bite swells and/or becomes irritated.  Consult field trip First Aider or seek medical assistance as needed. | 4 |
| Overhead obstacles | Hit by falling objects (eg. tree Limbs | Maintain awareness of the presence of overhead hazards and avoid as necessary | 4 |
| ACTIVITY related risks | | | |
| Collecting data from live animals/plants | Infection and/or Spread of Disease / bites, scratches, shell abrasion, chemical and physical plant defences/ allergy | Induction training given to the participants prior to the start of the survey. Participants told to ask if unsure of a certain organism. | 1 |
| Road crossing incident | During the Waterbird Refuge participants will need to cross a road | Survey leaders will be in charge of safely guiding participants across the road. | 4 |
| Cyclists | Cyclist collision with participants | Surveys that walk along the tarmac pathway around Badu Mangroves will need to be wary of cyclists, who also use the pathway. Signs will be put up for the day to notify the cyclists. However, survey leaders should mention this during the induction. | 5 |