



## Become an Accredited Ecological Outcome Verification (EOV) Monitor

Do you have aptitude, experience or a background in ecology? The Australian Holistic Management Co-operative is now training monitors in Ecological Outcome Verification (EOV), to evaluate ecosystem health in Australian farmlands.

EOV is a protocol from the global Savory Institute which measures key indicators of ecosystem function that indicate trends in overall land health, and provides critical intelligence to farmers and land managers. A background in ecosystem processes (environmental science, agriculture, etc) and an aptitude for plant species identification would be advantageous.

AHMC trains monitors to two proficiency levels, Short-term (STM) or Long-term Monitor (LTM). Courses include foundation lectures and field work, then field practice continues over weeks or months until accreditation is achieved. Remuneration for fully accredited monitors scales with workload and monitoring events. The work has a seasonal nature. Spring and autumn are the busiest time, with summer having slightly less work and the winter months with less again.

### Both STM and LTM learn to:

- Understand AHMC and the Land to Market program
- Organise monitoring with land-owners
- Use GPS to locate existing monitoring sites
- Correctly identify grasses, forbs, and tree species
- Take site photographs according to set procedure
- Collect data on species, functional groups, canopy cover and more
- Process field data via spreadsheets and Savory Institute's online platform

**Short-term Monitors** conduct annual monitoring of leading indicators of ecological health at short-term sites. The foundation STM course runs for four full days.

**Long-term Monitors** survey leading *and* lagging indicators of land regeneration, including biodiversity, water infiltration, soil carbon and soil health. LTMs also learn how to *develop* monitoring plans in consultation with land managers, and establish and/or revisit long-term sites. The foundation LTM course runs for six full days.

Develop your skills in observing and assessing land health indicators, while achieving proficiency in EOV procedures, providing a high-quality professional service to farmers.

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