

# **British Columbia Guide to Recovery Planning for Species and Ecosystems at Risk**

## **Appendix 1. Glossary**

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## GLOSSARY

**Action plan:** a planning document that provides information to guide implementation of the recovery of a species or ecosystem that has been assessed as extirpated, endangered, or threatened. Federally led recovery planning processes use this format.

**Ecosystem at risk:** an ecosystem that is extirpated, endangered, or threatened, or of special concern (formerly called “vulnerable”).

**Endangered:** Facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

**Extinct:** Species that no longer exist.

**Extirpated:** Species that no longer exist in the wild in British Columbia, but do occur elsewhere. Ecological communities that no longer exist in British Columbia, but do occur elsewhere.

**Implementation plan:** a document written after the completion of a recovery or management plan that outlines the provincial government’s response to managing species or ecosystems at risk – especially in cases where there could be significant socio-economic implications

**Management plan:** a planning document that identifies a set of coordinated conservation activities and land use measures needed for the management of a species or ecosystem at risk that has been assessed as of special concern.

**Recovery and management planning documents:** Recovery plans and management plans prepared by British Columbia, and recovery strategies, action plans, and management plans prepared by Canada, as required by the *Species at Risk Act*.

**Recovery plan:** a planning document that provides a strategic approach for the recovery of a species or ecosystem at risk that has been assessed as extirpated, endangered, or threatened, as well as information to guide implementation. This format is used when developing a provincially led recovery planning processes.

**Recovery planning:** an inclusive term that refers to both the creation and implementation of recovery plans and management plans.

**Recovery strategy:** a planning document that provides strategic direction for the recovery of a species or ecosystem at risk (that has been assessed as extirpated, endangered, or threatened). Federally led recovery planning processes use this format.

**Species at risk:** an extirpated, endangered, or threatened species, or a species of special concern, that is: (a) listed in Schedule 1 of the *Species At Risk Act*; (b) assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as being at risk; (c) assessed by the Conservation Data Centre as being at risk; or (d) listed under provincial legislation.

**Special Concern:** Particularly sensitive to human activities or natural events but not endangered or threatened [as used by COSEWIC - A wildlife species that may become a threatened or an endangered species because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.] Special Concern was formerly referred to as Vulnerable.

**Threatened:** Likely to become endangered if limiting factors are not reversed.