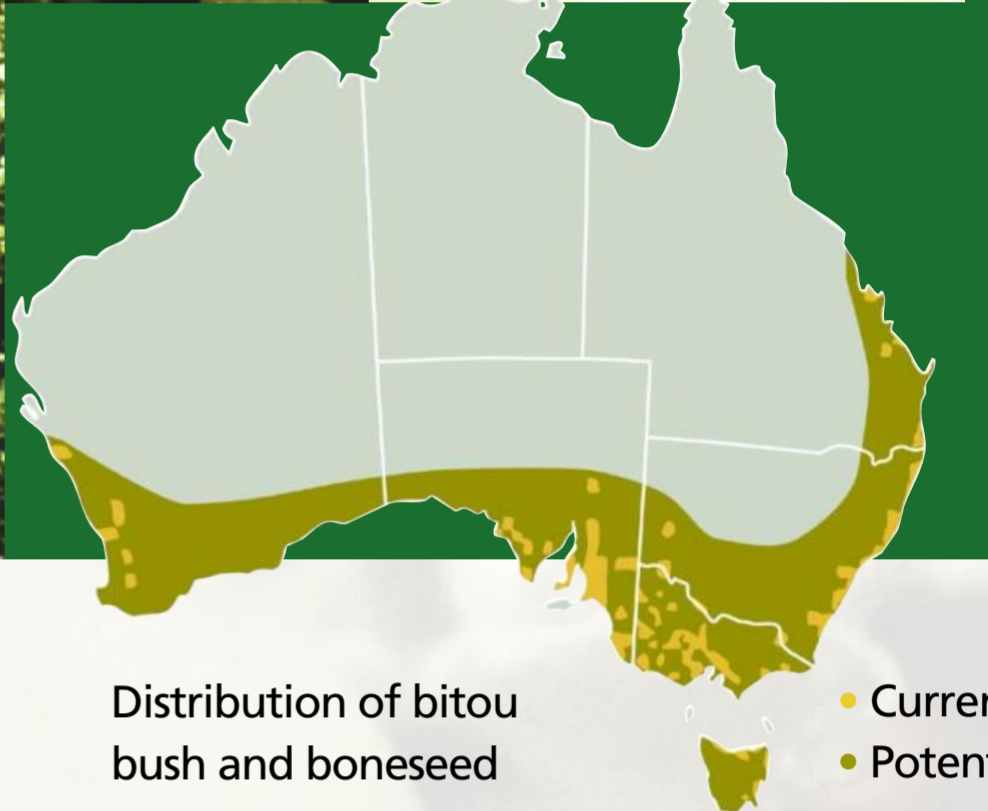


# Weeds of National Significance

*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* ssp. *rotundata*

## Bitou bush

*take the bitou out of the bush!*



**Bitou bush** is a sprawling, perennial, evergreen shrub growing mainly in coastal areas.

### Why it's one of our worst weeds

- aggressively invades coastal dunes
- displaces many native plants
- changes the habitat and food supply of native animals
- harbours pest animals

### How you can help

- learn to recognise bitou bush
- join a coastal care group to help control it
- help raise awareness in your local community

For further information contact your local government or departmental weeds officer or visit [www.weeds.org.au](http://www.weeds.org.au)

  
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Bitou bush flowers and fruit. Photo: H.Cherry

Bitou bush invades both intact natural bushland and disturbed areas. Photo: P.W.Weiss

The bitou seed fly *Mesoclanis polana* is a biocontrol agent. Photo: © CSIRO. Inset photo: CRC for Australian Weed Management