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Schinus terebinthifolia

Impacts

- This is an extremely invasive species, it covers large areas of dryland with sparse scrub
- The success of other vegetation growing in these areas is low and so limits native plants from growing
- In watercourses, the large numbers of Wild Mango trees probably take large amounts of water and out compete native plants



Wild Mango in Watercourse at Powell's Valley.
Photo: Andrew Darlow

Benefits

- Is a good source of firewood or possibly even timber, although not often used for this purpose

Actions

- Tackle the wetland areas where invasion is particularly damaging
- Research is needed to determine the best way to carry out removal of the plant in wetland areas, so that native plants can become established instead as removal of large trees is very difficult and costly
- Get volunteers involved in these conservation efforts to remove the plant
- Research the market for Wild Mango wood
- Make control efforts more attractive to public and private sectors



Photo: Emma Bennett