Eyes in the skies for mine closure and rehabilitation

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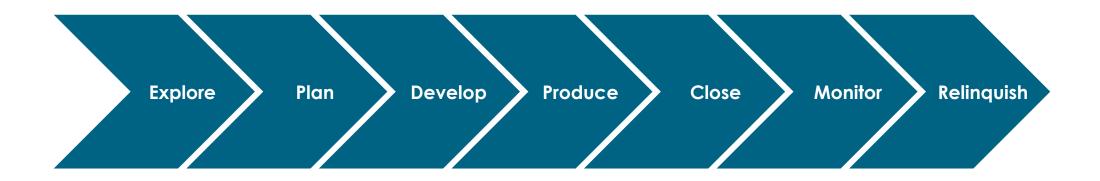
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Aerial Imagery – Overview



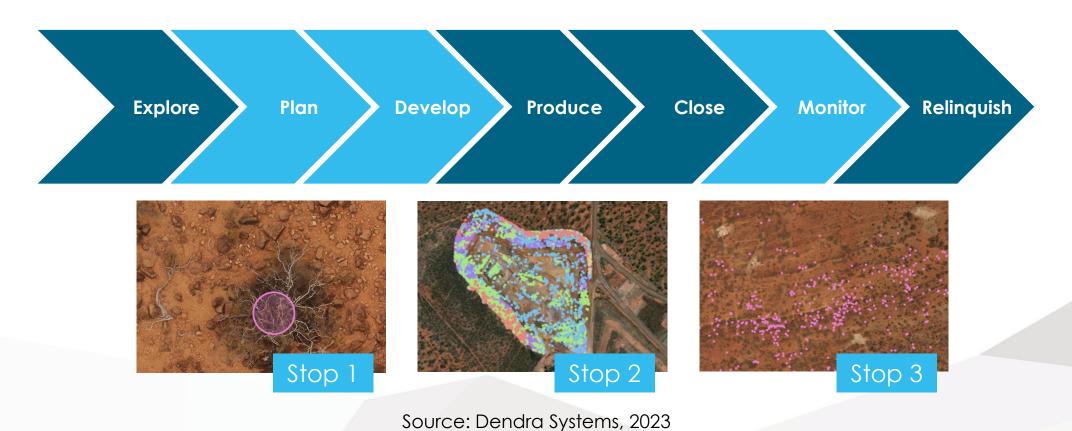


Lifecycle Stages of a Mine





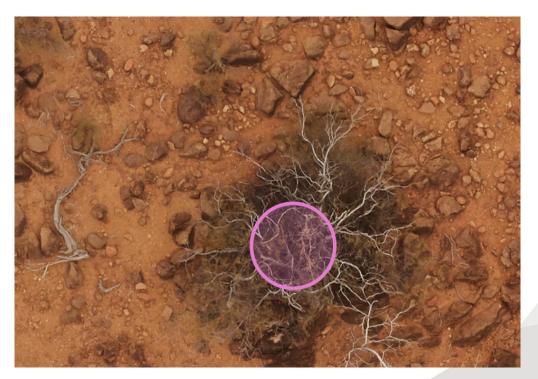
Lifecycle Stages of a Mine





Stop 1 – Priority Plant Species

- Identifying rare species.
- Scale: Large area.
- Accurate data gathered and assessed for approvals.



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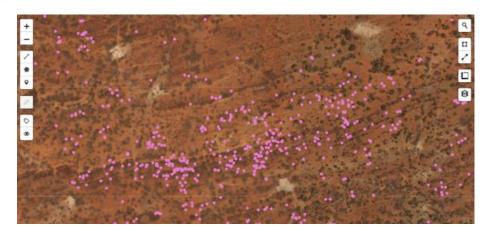
- Detecting individual plants across the tenement.
- Calculating individual plants that will be removed by proposed mining footprint.



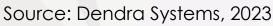


Stop 1 – Priority Plant Species

- Data collected safely, accurately, and efficiently.
- Mining application granted.









Stop 2 - Developing Completion Criteria

- Develop regional completion criteria with site-specific targets.
- Baseline vegetation data collected across large areas.





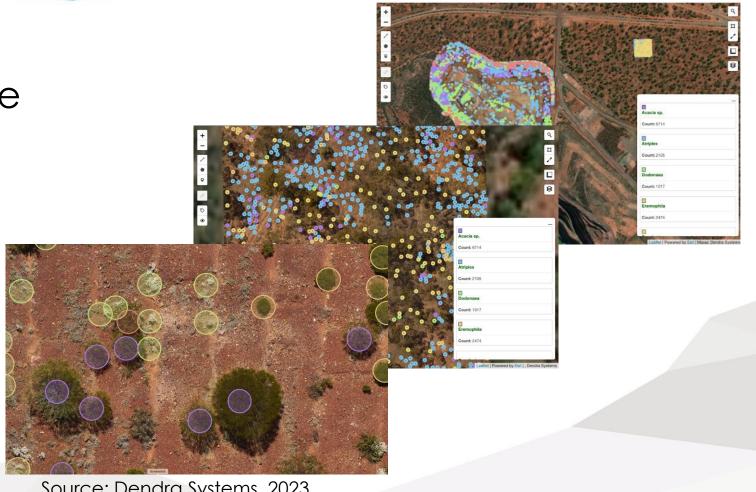
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Post Mine Land Use	Closure Objective	Attribute	Completion Criteria	Completion Criteria Target	Monitoring
Conservation land	Establish a self- sustaining Ecosystem	Plant Diversity	Percentage species diversity	Corresponds to local analogue site	Dendra ground truthing and aerial imagery Rehab sites and Analogue Sites
Regional (in this instance)	Regional	Regional	Regional	Site-Specific	Regional

Stop 2 - Developing Completion Criteria

 Developing achievable completion criteria.

 Approved by client and regulator.





Stop 3 - Rehabilitation Monitoring

- Scale: Large area.
- Holistic approach.
- Accurate trend analysis.

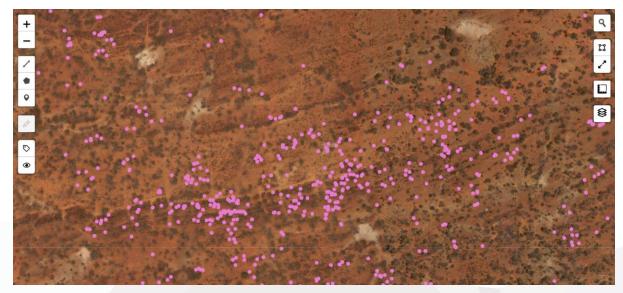


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Stop 3 - Rehabilitation Monitoring

- Site Wide Survey large area.
- Identifying trends.
- Compare data to completion criteria targets.





Stop 3 - Rehabilitation Monitoring

- Mitigate environmental risk.
- Long term financial savings.
- Achieve completion criteria targets efficiently.





Conclusion







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