

Enabling the Frontline: Supporting Rangers

Thin Green Line's Strategy 2026–2030

Who We Are

OUR WHY

At Thin Green Line, we believe that the direct action of rangers is the most effective way to overcome the environmental challenges of our time.

OUR MISSION

To directly support rangers on the front line of conservation, enabling them to protect themselves, wildlife, communities, and the future of our living planet.

OUR VISION

A thriving planet where every ranger has the resources they need to protect our natural world.

Our Program Areas



TRAIN

We upskill rangers to operate safely and effectively.



EQUIP

We improve ranger safety, wellbeing, and effectiveness through essential equipment.



RESPOND

We support injured rangers, bereaved families, and communities in crisis.



EMPOWER

We enable rangers to lead, connect and collaborate.

Theory of Change

When rangers are trained, equipped, supported, connected, and recognised – and when communities are engaged – capability strengthens, leading to safer operations, effective conservation action and lasting protection of biodiversity.

How We Operate

Our Focus

- Partnerships with community and Indigenous organisations.
- High biodiversity regions facing significant threat and limited support.
- Strengthening the systems that sustain and protect rangers for the long term.
- Delivering responsive support grants and proactive scalable programs.

Our Approach

- Ranger-led – we centre the voices, lived experience and priorities of rangers.
- We act as a connector and enabler within the global ranger support ecosystem.
- Our values: Integrity, Accountability, Empathy and Bravery guide our decisions and partnerships.

Strategic Context

2030 is a defining moment for nature, marking the deadline to halt and reverse biodiversity loss under the Global Biodiversity Framework. Rangers are essential to achieving these targets yet remain dangerously under-resourced: almost 50% lack adequate equipment or training, and on average 150 are killed in the line of duty each year. **Supporting them is not optional – it is critical and urgent.**

Strategic Priorities

TRAIN

Strengthen ranger capacity through training partnerships that enhance safety and effectiveness, focusing on scalable impact.

EQUIP

Increase the number of critical response grants annually to support more under-resourced ranger teams with greater impact.

RESPOND

Increase the annual number of Fallen Ranger families receiving support, through enhanced case identification and network collaborations.

EMPOWER

Scale up nature education access for the next generation of nature protectors through the Junior Ranger program.