

## **Review of SWIFFT (State Wide Integrated Flora & Fauna Teams)**

**1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023**

This update provides an overview of SWIFFT activities including SWIFFT Seminars and the SWIFFT website over a 12-month timeframe.

This update builds on the last update in 2015 and previous updates in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

### **Financing of SWIFFT**

Over the past 12 months SWIFFT has operated on a very tight budget with minimal expenditure.

There has been no new funding since the Helen McPherson Smith Trust grant expired in 2019.

Website hosting and development – continued in-kind support from CeRDI (Centre for eResearch and Digital Innovation, Federation University).

Website content – funding of \$6,000 from CeRDI to support website content 458 hours (187 hrs supported and 271 unfunded voluntary hours).

Moth Tracker and WhaleFace – these are part of SWIFFT but run as separate projects supported by CeRDI and with support from Zoos Victoria (Moth Tracker) and DEECA (WhaleFace).

SWIFFT Seminars – in-kind support from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), Natural Environment Programs, Grampians Region. Organising speakers, running technical side of seminars and chairing sessions.

SWIFFT Advisory group – In-kind support from 7 members comprising CeRDI, DEECA, Zoos Victoria and community members.

External revenue - Treloar Roses at Portland donated \$1472 from the sale of their 'Tangles Rose' in support of Southern Right Whale Research (total revenue from Treloar Roses \$11,660 since 2019).

### **SWIFFT Seminars 2023**

With the support of DEECA the 2023 SWIFFT Seminar program was a huge success with four online seminars held throughout the year and the greatest number of people attending since the inception of the seminar program in 2005. The success of the 2023 seminars builds on the well-regarded high quality of seminars now totalling 44 since 2005.

- Total attendance at SWIFFT Seminars – 827

- Attendance included people from 166 different organisation & groups (these are not necessarily representing groups/organisations).

\*See Pages 7 – 12 for full lists of participants by category for each seminar.

SWIFFT Seminars 2023 - attendance numbers for different categories				
	NGO's role	Marine	Ag. & Biodiversity	Surveys and monitoring
Tertiary/ed	12	11	18	17
Govt org.	88	76	93	78
LGA's	16	19	29	27
Conservation Groups	50	23	21	37
CMA	3	2	11	8
Consultants/Industry	17	4	15	19
Other	32	40	41	20
827	<b>218</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>206</b>

## Speaker engagement

### Seminar 1. 23 March 2023 - NGO's role in habitat management and restoration

- Eleanor Hetharia - Head of Region South-East, Bush Heritage Australia
- Karen Tymms - Statewide Stewardship Coordinator, Trust for Nature
- Sophie Bickford - Executive Director of Biolinks Alliance
- Jeff Rootes - Secretary of Friends of Canadian Corridor and Secretary: Bunanyung Landscape Alliance

### Seminar 2. 25 May 2023 - Marine biodiversity

- Dr Elodie Camprasse – Deakin University
- Nicola Waldron – Manager Policy & Strategy, Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)
- Dr Michael Sams – Parks Victoria
- Scott Breschkin – Oceans Project Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

### Seminar 3. 27 July 2023 – Agriculture supporting biodiversity

- Dougal and Prue McAllister - Bonnie Brae Farm, Wimmera region of Victoria
- Dave Bateman - Executive General Manager Landcare Facilitator for Bass Coast Landcare Network
- Andrew Stewart – Coordinator of the Otway Agroforestry Network
- Prof. Snow Barlow & Winsome McCaughey AO - Co-directors at Baddaginnie Run Winery

### Seminar 4. 26 October 2023 – Surveys and monitoring

- Ryan Cooke - Invasive Marine Pest Commercial Ports Surveillance Program Agriculture Victoria,
- Dr John Read - Thylation
- Ellen Rochelmeyer - Charles Darwin University
- Dr Aaron Grinter – Loddon Malle Region, Natural Environment Program Team DEECA

## SWIFFT website

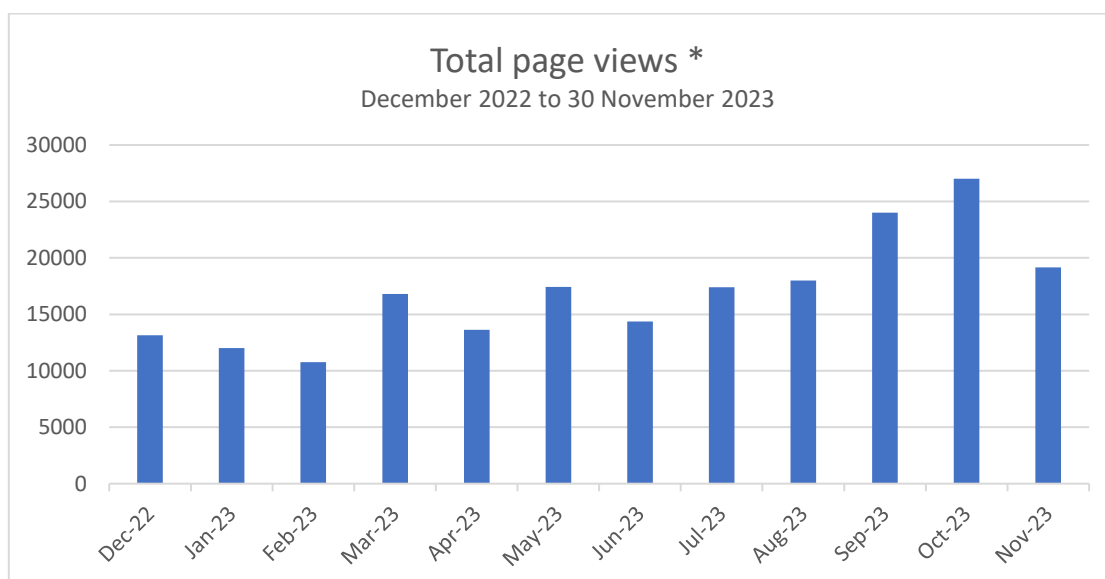
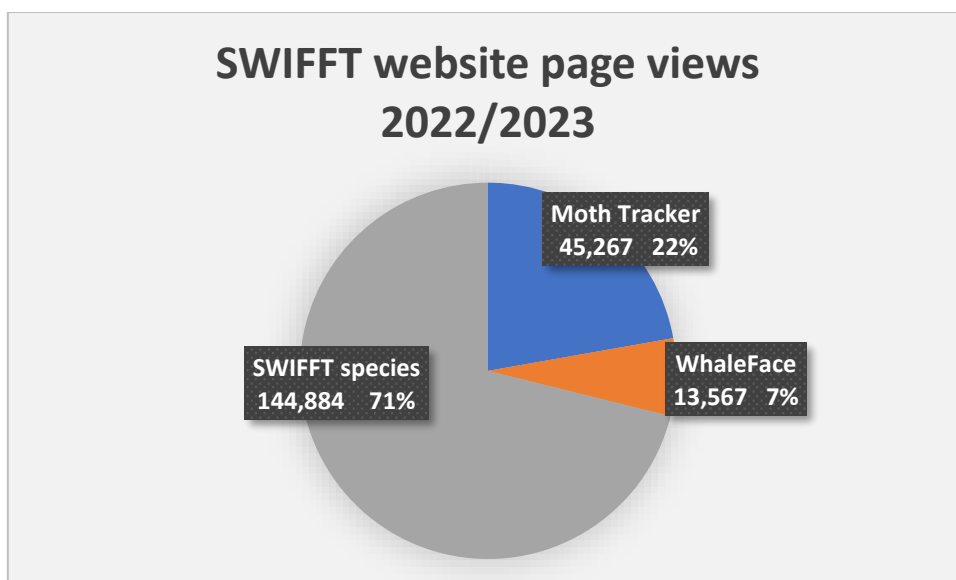
Total pages – 381

- Threatened species profiles – 81 pages
- Teams/projects – 25 pages
- SWIFFT Seminar Notes – 44 pages
- Nature observations – 16 pages
- Threatened fauna and flora x LGA - 119 pages
- Bio-calendar – 12 pages
- Other pages – 84 pages

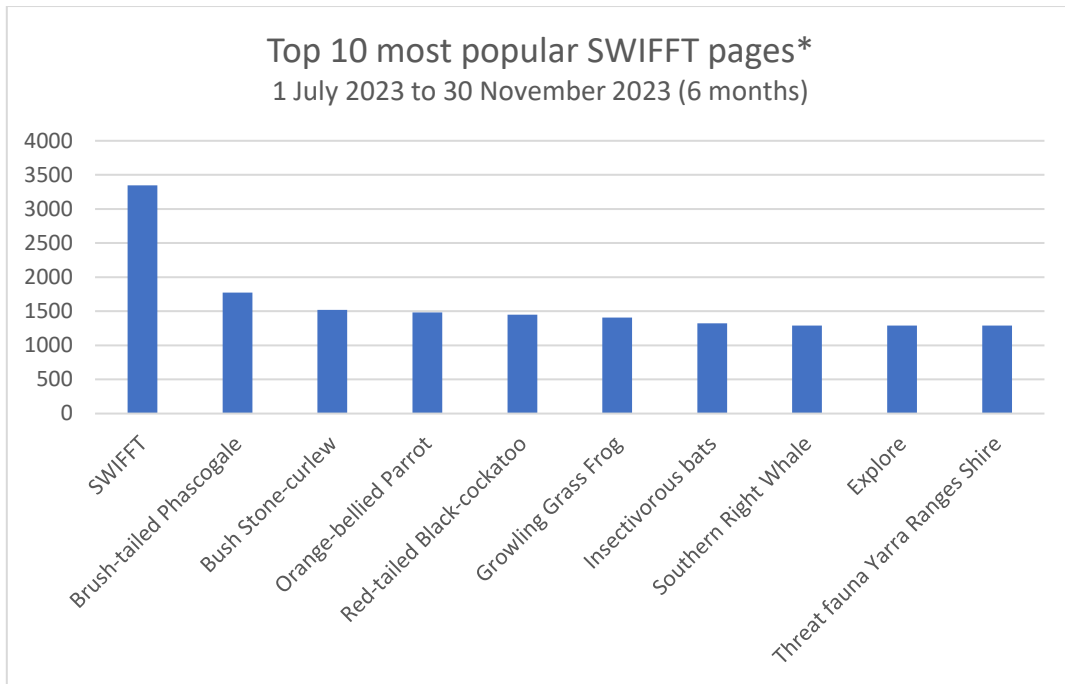
Removed pages – 19 pages on High Priority species in South West and North West Victoria.

Updated pages - 143

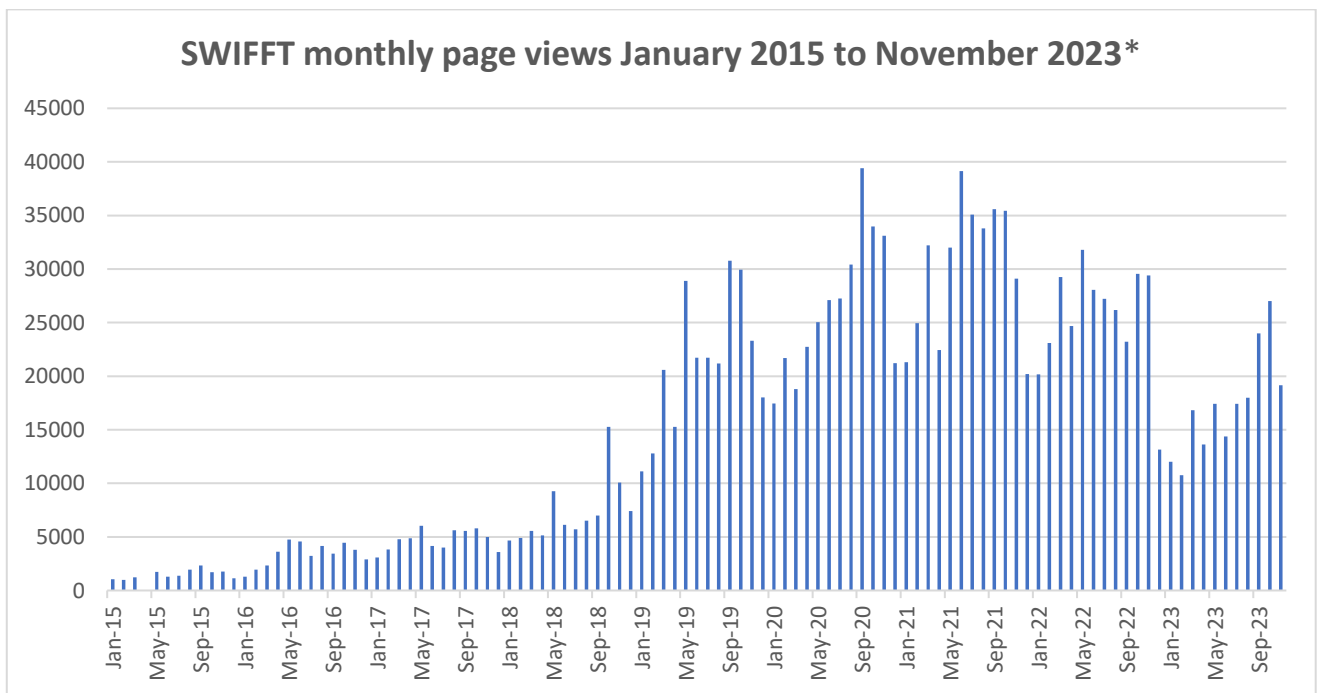
## SWIFFT website page views



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## User by Country

1 July 2023 to 30 November 2023 (6 months)

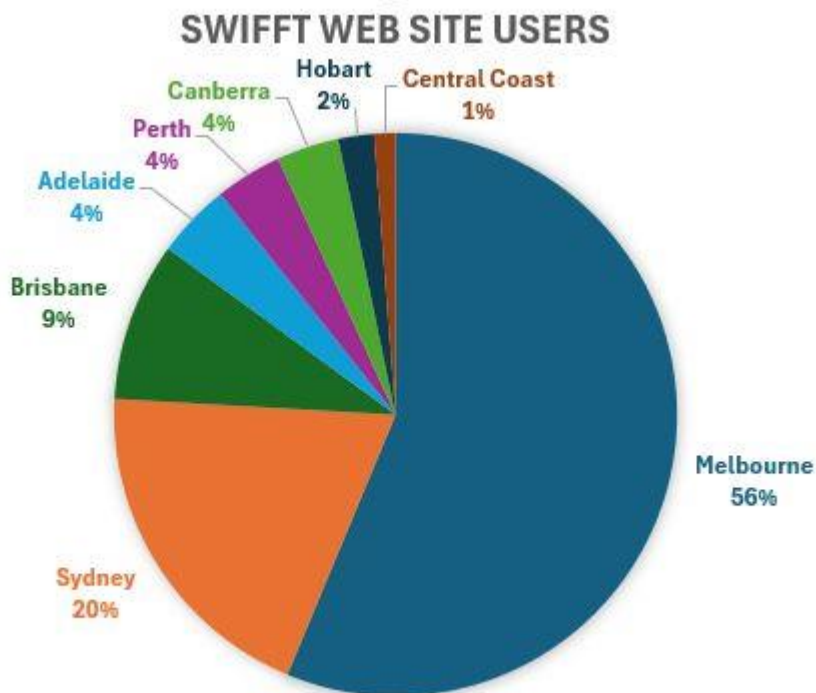
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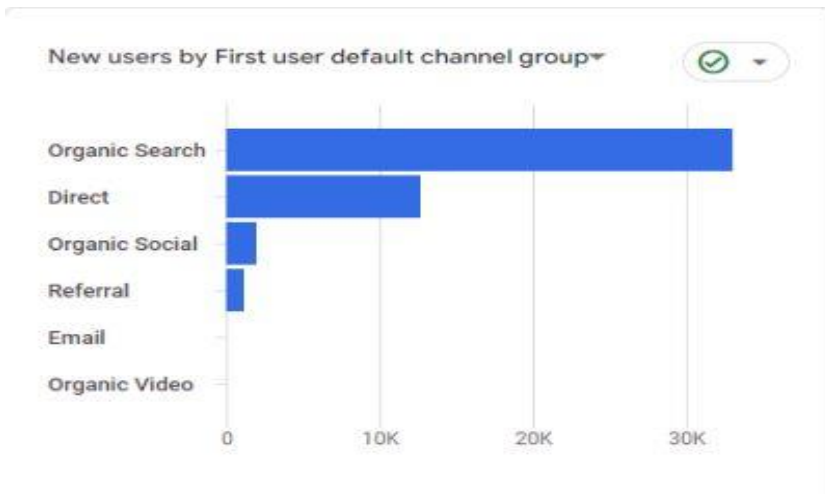
COUNTRY	USERS
Australia	37K
United States	2.6K
India	415
United Kingdom	368
Canada	222
Germany	206
New Zealand	173

## User by major Cities in Australia

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## How people find SWIFFT



## Subscribers to SWIFFT

There are 2163 people on the SWIFFT e-mail subscription list. The active reader use of newsletters may vary but is generally lower than the overall subscription number.

## SWIFFT Contact feature

This feature of SWIFFT enables people to send in requests for information or share projects.

A total of 113 responses were provided, predominantly enquiries related to species observations and land management.

Report prepared by Ian Smith on behalf of SWIFFT 12 January 2024.

## Participation at SWIFFT Seminars 2023

### NGO role 23 March 2023

Tertiary	Govt	LGA	Conservation Groups/Organisations	CMA	Consultant/Industry
Federation University	Forest Fire Management Victoria	Whitehorse City Council		Corangamite CMA	Coliban Water
Deakin University	Parks Victoria	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	St Arnaud Field Nats	Glenelg Hopkins CMA	Arborline pty ltd
TAFE Gippsland	Dept. Energy, Environment & Climate	Melton City Council	Ballarat Field Naturalists	Wimmera CMA	Biome: nature, people, place
Box Hill Institute	Dept. Transport and Planning	Knox City Council	Geelong Field Naturalists Club		Vegetation Link
University of Sunshine Coast	Solar Victoria - DEECA	City of Whittlesea	Friends of the Bluff		Rigg Conservation & Land Management
University of Newcastle	VicForests	Hume City Council	Upper Goulburn Landcare Network		WIRES Inc.
Adelaide University	Conservation Research (ACT)	Greater Geelong City	Dockers Plains		Milking Ducks Farm
	ACT NRM	Frankston City Council	Bush Heritage		Jacobs
	Dept. of Environment & Science (QLD)	Bayside City Council	People and Parks Foundation		Resilience Project Services
		Port Stephens Council (NSW)	Wild Days Wildlife Shelter		Practical Ecology Pty Ltd
		Manningham Council	Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands		AECOM
		Surf Coast Shire	Lightning Tree Landcare		
		Ballarat City	Upper Campaspe Landcare Network		
			Mallee Conservation		
			Portland Field Naturalists		
			Swan Bay Environment Association		
			Cathedral Wildlife Trust		
			Great Western Recreation Reserve		
			Peninsula Preservation Group		
			Sheepwash Creek Catchment Landcare Group		
			Land Covenantors Victoria		
			BirdLife Australia		
			Local parks committees		
			Rendere Trust		
			Aust Native plants East Gippsland		
			Black range land management group		
			Hepburn Gardens for Wildlife		
			Conservation Volunteers Aust		
			Australian Network for Plant Conservation Inc.		
			Lal Lal Landcare		
			Yarra Riverkeeper Association Inc		
			Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne		
			Little River Land Care		
			Wildlife carers for protection of habitat Inc		

### Marine Biodiversity 25May 2023

Tertiary	Govt. Public funded	LGA	Conservation Groups/Organisations	CMA	Consultant/Industry
Federation University	Forest Fire Management Victoria	Borough of Queenscliffe		Wimmera CMA	RPS Group
Deakin University	Parks Victoria	Casey City	Marine Care Ricketts Point	West Gippsland CMA	WIRES Inc.
Gippsland TAFE	Dept. Energy, Environment & Climate	Kingston City Council	Ballarat Field Naturalists		Greater Western Water
LaTrobe University	Dept. Transport and Planning	City of Boroondara	Geelong Field Naturalists Club		
Melbourne Polytechnic	Zoos Victoria	Wyndham City Council	Hobson's Bay Wetlands Centre		
	Arthur Rylah Institute	Hume City Council	Jawbone Marine SanctuaryS Care Group		
	VEAC	Greater Geelong City	The Nature Conservancy		
		Frankston City Council	Turtles Albury Wodonga		
		Bayside City Council	Reef catchments		
		Mornington Peninsula Shire	Western Port Seagrass Partnership		
			Trust for Nature		
			Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Cooperative		
			Geelong & region Branch National Trust (Vic)		
			Port Phillip EcoCentre		
			Portland Field Naturalists		
			Werribee River Association		
			Friends Eastern Otways, GORCAPA		



### Agriculture supporting biodiversity 27th July 2023

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Federation University	Parks Victoria	West Wimmera Shire	South Gippsland Landcare	Wimmera CMA	Bonnie Brae - McAllister's Farm
Deakin University	Dept. Energy, Environment & Climate	Casey City	Bass Coast Landcare	Goulburn Broken CMA	Baddaginnie Winery
Gippsland TAFE	Dept. Transport and Planning	Wyndham City Council	Ballarat Field Naturalists	Corangamite CMA	Yan Yan Gurt West Farm
University of Melbourne	Agriculture Victoria	Hume City Council	Western Port Land Catchement Network		CFA
South West TAFE	Dept Treasury & Finance	Greater Geelong City	Birdlife Australia		Westernport Water
Gordon TAFE	Communities (QLD)	Frankston City Council	Eucalyptaustralia		Vegetation Link
Southern Cross University	ACT Gov.	Bayside City Council	Trust for Nature		Coliban Water
RMIT University	Environment (NSW)	Mornington Peninsula Shire	Victorian Indigenous Nurseries Cooperative		Meredith Dairy
	Parliament Victoria	Macedon Ranges Shire	Portland Field Naturalists		Melbourne Water
		Yarra Ranges Shire	Otway Greening		Agricultural Solutions
		Hepburn Shire	Far Eastern Victoria Landcare		Hitachi Energy
		Bendigo City	Geelong Landcare Network		Jacobs
		Ballarat City	CESAR Australia		JB Were
		Mitchell Shire	Lismore Landcare		
		Wangaratta City	Volcanic Plains Biosphere		
		Whittlesea Shire			
		Nillumbik Shire			
		Monash City			
		Greater Dandenong Council			

### Surveys & Monitoring 26 October 2023

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Federation University	Forest Fire Management Victoria	Yarra Ranges Council	Reef catchments	Corangamite CMA	Culingaia Flora Environmental Consultancy
Deakin University	Agriculture Victoria	Mornigton Peninsula Shire Council	St Arnaud Field Nats	Goulburn Broken CMA	Practical Ecology
TAFE Gippsland	Parks Victoria	Whitehorse City Council	Angair	Glenelg Hopkins CMA	Nature Advisory Pty Ltd
Charles Sturt University	Dept. Energy, Environment & Climate	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	Yarrowee Leigh Catchment Group	Wimmera CMA	Wartook Native fish Culture
Bendigo Tafe	Dept. Planning & Environment NSW	Monash Council	Ballarat Field Naturalists		Coliban Water
	Dept. Jobs Precincts and Regions	Melton City Council	Geelong Field Naturalists Club		PPG Industries Australia Pty Ltd
	Dept. Transport and Planning	Corrangamite Shire Council	Moorabool Catchment Landcare		Stantec
	Solar Victoria - DEECA	Knox City Council	Friends of Maribyrnong Valley		Ecolegacy Pty Ltd
	Arthur Rylah Institute	Wingecarribee Shire Council NSW	Project Platypus		Biosis
		City of Whittlesea	Odonata		GHD
		Nillumbik Shire Council	Biolinks Alliance		
		Hume City Council	Friends of Native Wildlife		
		Maroondah City Council	East Gippsland Cons Mgt Network		
		Brimbank City Council	Trust for Nature		
			Friends of the Bluff		
			Vic. Volcanic Plains Biosphere		
			Wombat Forestcare Inc		
			Friends of Truganina Wetlands		
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