



**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

**DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION**

I, NIGEL ROUTH, Assistant Secretary, Marine Biodiversity Policy Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority and advice on the ecological sustainability of the operation. I am satisfied on those matters specified in section 303FN of the EPBC Act. I hereby declare the operations for the harvesting of specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery made under the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and the *Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985*, to be an approved wildlife trade operation, in accordance with subsection 303FN(2) and paragraph 303FN(10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 20 June 2014 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule (dated June 2011).

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011

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*Nigel Routh*  
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Delegate of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

Under the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, a person whose interests are affected by this decision may apply for a statement of reasons and for independent review of the decision. An application for a statement of reason may be made in writing to Department of the Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities within 28 days of the date of the declaration. An application for independent review may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal on payment of the relevant fee within 28 days of the date of the declaration, or if reasons are sought, within 28 days of receipt of reasons. Further information may be obtained from the Director, Sustainable Fisheries Section.

## SCHEDULE

### **Declaration of the harvest operations of the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery as an approved wildlife trade operation, June 2011**

#### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)**

Relating to the harvesting of fish specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, other than specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), taken in the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery:

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery management regime in force under the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and the *Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985*.
2. The Protected Zone Joint Authority to inform the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities of any intended amendments to the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery management arrangements that may affect the assessment of the fishery against the criteria on which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are based.
3. The Protected Zone Joint Authority to produce and present reports to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities annually as per Appendix B to the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*.