



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, having satisfied myself on the matters set out in section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), declare the operation that is specified in column 1 of Table 1, to be an approved Wildlife Trade Operation under subsection 303FN (2) of the EPBC Act, but only to the extent the operation relates to the class of specimens specified in column 2 of Table 1.

Table 1

Operation	Class of Specimens
Queensland East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery which comprises the 'M1', 'M2', 'T1' and 'T2' areas of the 'east coast trawl fishery' as defined in the <i>Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 2010</i> in force under the <i>Queensland Fisheries Act 1994</i> .	Specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, including the listed marine species <i>Solegnathus dunckeri</i> and <i>Solegnathus hardwickii</i> but excluding all other specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act.

This declaration:

- a) is valid until 27 November 2013 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions under section 303FT of the EPBC Act specified in the Schedule.

This instrument commences upon commencement of the *Queensland Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 2010*.

Dated this 17th day of December 2010

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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 East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, December 2010

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Relating to the harvesting of specimens that are, or are derived from, fish or invertebrates, including the listed marine species *Solegnathus dunckeri* and *Solegnathus hardwickii* but excluding all other specimens of species listed under Part 13 of the EPBC Act, taken in the East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery:

1. Operation of the East Coast Otter Trawl Fishery (ECOTF) will be carried out in accordance with the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994*, *Fisheries Regulation 2008*, and *Queensland Fisheries (East Coast Trawl) Management Plan 2010*.
2. Fisheries Queensland to inform the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities of any intended amendments to the management arrangements that may affect the criteria on which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are based.
3. Fisheries Queensland 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 - 2nd Edition*.

