



**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

**DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION**

I, ROBYN BROMLEY, Acting Assistant Secretary, Marine Environment Branch, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) the application from the Department of Fisheries Western Australia, public comments on the proposal as required under section 303FR, 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 Act, taken in the Western Australian Beche-de-mer Fishery, as defined in the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995* and the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*, to be an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, in accordance with section 303FN (2) and (10)(d), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 20 December 2010 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule (dated December 2007).

Dated this     [18<sup>th</sup>]                      day of                      [December]                      2007

[signed Robyn Bromley]

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

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 Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts 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 Western Australia Beche-de-mer Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, December 2007**

#### **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 Act, taken in the Western Australia Beche-de-mer Fishery (BDMF).

1. Operation of the BDMF will be carried out in accordance with the management regime of the BDMF made under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*.
2. Department of Fisheries Western Australia (DFWA) to advise the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of any intended material change to the BDMF legislated management regime and management arrangements that could affect the criteria on which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) decisions are based.
3. DFWA to produce and present reports to DEWHA annually as per Appendix B of the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*.