



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, JOANNE NATHAN, Acting 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 Fisheries Queensland, 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 EPBC Act, taken in the Queensland East Coast Bêche-de-Mer Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery made under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 2008*, 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 17 July 2014 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this 18th day of July 2011

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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 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 Queensland East Coast Bêche-de-Mer Fishery as an approved wildlife trade operation, July 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 Queensland East Coast Bêche-de-Mer Fishery:

1. Operation of the East Coast Bêche-de-mer Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime for the fishery in force under the *Queensland Fisheries Act 1994* and the *Queensland Fisheries Regulation 2008*.
2. Fisheries Queensland to inform the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities of any intended amendments to East Coast 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. 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*.
4. Fisheries Queensland to implement measures to ensure that, where a resource assessment is triggered for a species, catch of that species will not exceed the reference point until an agreed sustainable yield estimate, based on the results of the resource assessment, is implemented.