



**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 Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines, 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 Northern Territory Trepang Fishery, as defined in the Northern Territory *Fisheries Regulations 1995* and the Northern Territory *Fisheries Act 1988*, 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                      18th                      day of                      December                      2007

.....Robyn Bromley.....  
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 Policy and Assessment Section.

## SCHEDULE

### **Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Northern Territory (NT) Trepang 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 13A of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), taken in the NT Trepang Fishery.

1. Operation of the NT Trepang Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime in force under the NT *Fisheries Regulations 1995* and the NT *Fisheries Act 1998*.
2. The NT Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines (DPIFM) to advise the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of any intended change to the NT Trepang Fishery's management arrangements that could affect the criteria on which EPBC Act decisions are based.
3. DPIFM to produce and present reports to DEWHA annually as per Appendix B of the '*Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*'.