



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, PETER GARRETT, Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Protected Zone Joint Authority, 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 Torres Strait Prawn Fishery, as defined in the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009 in force 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 25 February 2012 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule (dated February 2009).

Dated this 25 day of February 2009

.....Peter Garrett.
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the harvest operations of the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, February 2009

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 Prawn Fishery (TSPF)

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the Torres Strait Prawn Fishery Management Plan 2009 in force under the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985.
2. The Protected Zone Joint Authority (PZJA) to inform the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of any intended amendments to the management arrangements that may affect the assessment of the TSPF against the criteria on which EPBC Act decisions are based.
3. The PZJA to produce and present reports to DEWHA annually as per Appendix B to the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*.