



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, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (the EPBC Act) the application from Tycraft Pty Ltd, 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 operation for the harvest of *Tridacna maxima* from the waters of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands by Tycraft Pty Ltd in accordance with the Ministerial Exemption granted by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994*, to be an approved wildlife trade operation in accordance with section 303FN (2) and (10)(b), for the purposes of the EPBC Act.

Unless amended or revoked, this declaration:

- a) is valid until 31 July 2013; and
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this 13th day of October 2011

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Delegate of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the harvest of *Tridacna maxima* by Tycraft Pty Ltd in the waters of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, September 2011

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS (section 303FT)

Condition 1

Operation of Tycraft Pty Ltd must be carried out in accordance with the Ministerial Exemption issued by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government on 22 July 2011.

Condition 2

Tycraft Pty Ltd to advise the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities of any changes to the legislated permit conditions that may be relevant to the criteria for declaring an approved wildlife trade operation under section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Condition 3

Annual reports must be provided by Tycraft Pty Ltd to the department by 30 September each year. These reports must include:

- a. the number of *Tridacna maxima* harvested from the wild for broodstock;
- b. details of any mortalities of broodstock;
- c. results of mating and rearing trials and the number of specimens reared, lost through brood mortality, numbers sold and those held as stock; and
- d. evidence of compliance with state controls in relation to any relevant permit requirements, water quality and discharge standards from the facility.