



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, NATHAN HANNA, Acting Assistant Secretary, Marine Biodiversity and Biosecurity 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 the Protected Zone Joint Authority 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 Trochus Fishery, as defined in *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 16 October 2015 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this

5th

day of

October

2012

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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 Torres Strait Trochus Fishery as an approved wildlife trade operation, October 2012

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 Trochus Fishery.

1. Operation of the Torres Strait Trochus Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime in force under the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and the *Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985*.
 2. The Protected Zone Joint Authority to inform the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities of any intended amendments to the Torres Strait Trochus Fishery's 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. The Protected Zone Joint Authority 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'.
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