



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, GREG HUNT, Minister for the Environment, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from the Western Australian Department of Fisheries, 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 Western Australian Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery, made under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* 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 18 May 2017 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this 14th day of May 2014

.....Greg Hunt.....

Notes:

Australia's obligations under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) are met through Part 13A of the EPBC Act. Specimens of species listed in Appendix II of Australia's CITES list under section 303CA of the EPBC Act may only be exported, under a CITES export permit issued under the EPBC Act, if Australia's CITES Scientific Authority has issued a non detriment finding for that species. Further information, including a list of species for which non detriment findings have been issued and the fisheries from which they may be sourced, is available from <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/internationally-endangered-plants-and-animals-cites/how-export>.

SCHEDULE

Declaration of the Harvest Operations of the Western Australian Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, May 2014

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) (other than species listed in the conservation dependent category), taken in the Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery.

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime in force under the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* and the Western Australian Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995.
2. The Western Australian Department of Fisheries to inform the Department of the Environment of any intended material changes to the Western Australian Pilbara Fish Trawl Interim Managed Fishery management arrangements that may affect the assessment against which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* decisions are made.
3. The Western Australian Department of Fisheries to produce and present reports to the Department of the Environment annually as per Appendix B of the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*.