



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION

I, JOANNE BEATH, Acting Assistant Secretary, Wildlife Trade and Biosecurity Branch, as Delegate of the 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 Australian Fisheries Management 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 Bêche-de-mer Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery made 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 15 June 2017, and
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule.

Dated this 18th day of June 2014

.....Joanne Beath.....
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

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 the Department of the Environment 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 Bêche-de-mer Fishery as an approved wildlife trade operation, June 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), taken in the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery

Operation of the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery will be carried out in accordance with the management regime for the fishery made under the *Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984* and the Torres Strait Fisheries Regulations 1985.

The Protected Zone Joint Authority to inform the Department of the Environment of any intended amendments to the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery 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.

The Protected Zone Joint Authority to produce and present reports for the Torres Strait Bêche-de-mer Fishery to the Department of the Environment annually as per Appendix B to the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries - 2nd Edition*.