



## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

### *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

#### **DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION – WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MARINE AQUARIUM FISH MANAGED FISHERY, SEPTEMBER 2023**

I, BELINDA JAGO, Branch Head, Oceans and Wildlife, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water, hereby vary under paragraph 303FT(7)(b) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the declaration of an approved wildlife trade operation dated 2 November 2022 for the Western Australian Marine Aquarium Fish Managed Fishery, as defined in the management regime in force under the *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (WA), Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995 (WA), Marine Aquarium Fish Managed Fishery Management Plan 2018 and if by way of authority of an exemption granted in accordance with Section 7 of the Western Australian *Fish Resources Management Act 1994* (WA), such that the conditions specified in Schedule 2 to that declaration is varied as follows:

In Condition 6 a), delete the words

“by 1 July 2023, limit the annual take of species of hard corals from the fishery, including any species taken for broodstock, public aquarium, or research purposes, as described in Attachment B”

and replace with the words

“by 1 July 2023, limit the annual take of species of hard corals from the fishery, including any species taken for broodstock, as described in Attachment B”

In Condition 6 b), delete the words

“by 1 July 2023, limit the annual take of hard corals from the fishery, including any species taken for broodstock, public aquarium, or research purposes, to 200% of the average harvest level taken during the 2008-2013 historical reference period, or 600 kg (whichever is greater), for all other species of hard corals with a catch history in the fishery during the reference period”

and replace with the words

“by 1 July 2023, limit the annual take of hard corals from the fishery, including any species taken for broodstock, to 200% of the average harvest level taken during the 2008-2013 historical reference period, or 600 kg (whichever is greater), for all other species of hard corals with a catch history in the fishery during the reference period”

Dated this 6th day of September 2023

Belinda Jago

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water

Notes: 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 reasons may be made in writing to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water 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, Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, Email: [sustainablefisheries@dcceew.gov.au](mailto:sustainablefisheries@dcceew.gov.au).