



**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 the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, have considered in accordance with section 303FN of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) the application from Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries, part of the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (QPIF), 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 Queensland Coral Fishery, as defined in the management regime for the fishery, made under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 2008* 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 1 July 2012 and;
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in the Schedule (dated June 2009).

Dated this 29 day of June 2009

[Signed]

.....Nigel Routh.....

Delegate of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

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 the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts 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 Queensland Coral Fishery (QCF) as an approved Wildlife Trade Operation, June 2009**

#### **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 QCF, made under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.

1. Operation of the fishery will be carried out in accordance with the Queensland Coral Fishery (QCF) management arrangements in force under the Queensland *Fisheries Act 1994* and the Queensland *Fisheries Regulation 2008*.
2. Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries (QPIF) to inform the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) of any intended amendments to the management arrangements that may affect the assessment of the QCF against the criteria on which *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) decisions are based.
3. QPIF to produce and present reports to DEWHA annually as per Appendix B to the *Guidelines for the Ecologically Sustainable Management of Fisheries 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*.
4. QPIF to consult with DEWHA prior to implementing any changes to the management arrangements for a species listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora or EPBC Act listed species.