



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

**DECLARATION OF AN APPROVED WILDLIFE TRADE OPERATION –
NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFSHORE NET AND LINE FISHERY, MARCH 2022**

I, ADAM SINCOCK, Principal Director, Wildlife Trade Office, 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 Northern Territory Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, 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, taken in the Northern Territory Offshore Net and Line Fishery as defined in the management regime in force under the:

- *Fisheries Act 1988* (NT)
- Fisheries Regulations 1992 (NT),

but not including:

- (a) specimens that belong to taxa listed under section 209 of the EPBC Act (Australia's List of Migratory Species), or
- (b) specimens that belong to taxa listed under section 248 of the EPBC Act (Australia's List of Marine Species), or
- (c) specimens that belong to eligible listed threatened species, as defined under section 303BC of the EPBC Act, or
- (d) specimens that belong to taxa listed under section 303CA of the EPBC Act (Australia's CITES List), except for hammerhead sharks (*Sphyrna* spp.),

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 28 March 2025, and
- b) is subject to the conditions applied under section 303FT specified in Schedule 1.

Dated this 29th day of March 2022

Adam Sincock
Delegate of the Minister for the Environment

Notes:

1. 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 Agriculture, Water and 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 Assessments Section, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Email: sustainablefisheries@awe.gov.au.
2. 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.