Artificial propagation program application

In Australia, the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) controls the export or import of wildlife. This includes animals and plants, and their parts or products including:

- specimens listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES),
- export of Australian native specimens, and
- import of live specimens.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you propagate Australian native plant species, or CITES Appendix I or II specimens and:

- export overseas for commercial purposes, or
- sell to exporters who intend to export overseas for commercial purposes.

This also includes the export of parts and products (e.g., cut flowers, roots, leaves, fruits).

You do not need to apply if you export non-native Australian plants that are not listed on CITES.

Native Specimen Exemptions

You do not need a program or permits to export specimens on the List of Exempt Native Specimens (LENS). The LENS includes exemptions for:

- bark, wood, timber, woodchips
- seeds from all native specimens except for 19 species
- most plants under the *Plant Breeders Rights Act 1994*
- artificially propagated hybrids of one or more Australian native species (conditions apply), and
- a commercial cultivar that does not occur in the wild.

What are Artificially Propagated Plants?

Under the EPBC Act artificially propagated refers to plants that are:

- grown under *controlled conditions*[1]; and

[1] *Controlled conditions* means a managed environment for growing plants. Growers may use fertilisers, control weeds and pests, water the plants, and protect them. They may also use pots or beds in a nursery.

- grown from seeds, cuttings, divisions, callus tissues or other plant tissues, spores or other propagules that are exempt or have come from *cultivated parental stock*[2].

Wild-collected plants brought into a nursery are not considered artificially propagated. You must apply for approval of your operation as a Wildlife Trade Operation to export these.

State/territory wildlife trade management plans

You do not need a program for plants covered by a state/territory Wildlife Trade Management Plan. When applying for an export permit, you must give copies of the state or territory licence.

Completing the application form

Complete the application form below on pages 5-9 and submit to the department at wta@dcceew.gov.au. Ensure you:

- Attach all supporting documentation. Requests for further information will delay assessment of the application.
- Sign the application form.
- Complete the application to the best of your knowledge. There are penalties for making false or misleading information in this application.

Assessment of the application

When we get your application, we check if it meets the EPBC Act requirements.

This assessment will consider:

- If the program can grow new plants or produce the parts for export e.g. cut flowers
- if the operation was set up so it does not harm species in the wild, and
- if stock can continue in the future.

We will notify you when we have decided. You will need approval from the Department for any changes to your program. This includes adding new species. You may lose approval if your program doesn't continue to follow EPBC requirements.

Export permits

You will need wildlife trade permits to export specimens from Australia. For further information on obtaining permits visit the department's website.

[2] *Cultivated parental stock* means plants grown in controlled conditions for reproduction. This reduces or removes the need to take plants from the wild.

Requirements under the EPBC Act are in addition to those under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*. For quarantine questions, call 1800 900 090 or visit the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's website.

Contact us

Phone: 1800 075 065
Email: wta@dcceew.gov.au
Website: http://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/wildlife-trade

Application form

This application form sets out the information requirements for consideration of an approval of an Artificial Propagation Program under section 303FL of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Privacy

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure of personal information[3] provided in your application are governed by the *Privacy Act 1988*.

By completing and submitting this application form you consent to the collection of all personal information contained in this application.

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (department) collects your personal information (as defined by the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth)) in relation to this application for the purposes of assessing your application and related purposes. If you fail to provide some or all of the personal information requested in this application form, the department will be unable to process your application.

The department may disclose your personal information to other Australian government agencies, persons or organisations where necessary for the above purposes, provided the disclosure is consistent with relevant laws, in particular the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Your personal information will be used and stored in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles.

See the department's Privacy Policy to learn more about accessing or correcting personal information or making a complaint. Alternatively, email the department at privacy@dcceew.gov.au.

[3] Personal information means information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable, whether the information or opinion is true or not and whether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not.

Applicant details

1. Applicant

Full name:
Job title/role:

2. Business details (if applicable)

Registered business name:
ABN:
ACN:
Website:

3. Address

Street address:

4. Postal address

☐ same as street address

Postal address:

5. Contact details

Mobile:
Landline (If applicable. Include area code):
Email:

Program details

6. Previous approvals

Have you previously held or do you currently hold a APP approval or other wildlife trade approval from this department?

No ☐ ► **Go to next question**

Yes ☐ ► Provide the name and dates of the approved operation.

Name of program:

Dates of approval

From:
To:

7. Publication of APP on website

Do you consent to have your company name and APP details published on the department's website?

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Is the artificial propagation program for:

☐ Whole plants

☐ Plant parts or derivatives

☐ Both

9. Complete the attached List of species (Attachment A).

10. Complete the attached Details of operation (Attachment B).

Checklist of attachments

Document type	Supplied	Document name
Evidence of legal acquisition of parental stock	☐	
Attachment A: List of species	☐	
Attachment B: Details of operation, including photographs and diagrams	☐	

Declaration

I declare that:

- The particulars I have provided in this application (including attachments) are true and correct.
- I have not been convicted of an offence in the last 10 years and am not subject to any court proceedings for an offence relating to the protection, conservation or management of native species or ecological communities.

Name of applicant or authorised person:	
Role of applicant or authorised person:	
Signature of applicant or authorised person:	x
Date:	Click or tap to enter a date.

Submitting your application

The completed form and attachments can be sent via email to: wta@dcceew.gov.au.

Attachment A: List of species

Scientific name	**Common name/s** List common names for the species you intend to harvest.	**Listing/threatened status** This should be for both state/territory and Commonwealth. For listings under the EPBC Act search SPRAT. If protected (e.g. threatened), include the name of the legislation it is protected under.	**Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) status** Search species+ to determine whether your species is listed on one of the Appendices to CITES.

Attachment B: Details of propagation operation

Please answer the questions below. Written answers can be typed directly below the questions, or the information may be attached in a different format. Please ensure all required information is included.

1. Provide a description of the methods and procedures used to propagate the plants (e.g., whether the plants have been grown from seed, division, backbulbs, aerial growths, monopodial cuttings, softcane propagation, flower stems propagation or transplantation).

2. Provide a description of the operation and nursery facilities. Include details that will demonstrate the plants are grown under 'controlled conditions'. 'Controlled conditions' means an artificial environment that is intensively managed by human intervention (e.g. tillage, fertilisation, weed control, irrigation). **Attach** photographs of the nursery facilities including:
    - greenhouses/glasshouses,
    - propagating room,
    - plants in various stages of growth,
    - drying racks,
    - packing rooms, and
    - plants from which parts are harvested (if applicable).

3. Provide details about whether additional plants and/or seeds will be needed to supplement the nursery population. Give reasons why additional plants/seeds will be required and detail how many and how often additional plants/seeds will be required. Provide information on whether additional plants and/or seeds will be obtained from (if another nursery, provide name; if collected from the wild, provide a specific location and attach licences that are required or evidence no licences are required).