Wildlife Trade Management Plan 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.

The commercial export of live native mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians is prohibited.

Who should apply?

These plans apply to businesses or people to harvest certain Australian native species, or parts/products of them to:

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

These specimens come from the wild.

Wildlife Trade Management Plans (WTMPs) are often applied for by state/territory wildlife management authorities. This allows multiple businesses/people approved within their jurisdiction to export. Businesses who do not meet the Wildlife Trade Operation requirements (large scale) can also apply.

Native specimen exemptions

You do not need a program or permits to export specimens on the List of Exempt Native Specimens (LENS). For plants, 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.

Completing the application form

Complete the application form on pages 3-6 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.

Complete your proposal, including the list of species proposed under the plan.

Assessment of the application

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

This assessment will consider:

- If the plan is consistent with the objects of Part 13A of the EPBC Act
- The environmental impact of the activities has been considered. This may include the species' status in the wild, the habitat covered, threats, and impacts to the ecosystem
- The plan has controls to make sure impacts are sustainable for the species and its habitat.
- The plan avoids harming the species survival in the wild
- The plan includes steps to reduce, monitor and respond to environmental impacts
- The state/territory laws for protecting the species are in place and considered effective.

Extra rules apply for the taking of live mammals, reptiles, birds or amphibians. These include:

- Animals must be taken, moved and held with minimal stress and injury, and
- If killed, it is done humanely.

The proposal will be posted online for at least 20 business days. Public comments will be requested, and you will have an opportunity to respond. Both public comments and your response will be considered.

When we decide, we will notify you. If approved, the notice and conditions will be published on the Federal Register of Legislation before they take effect. A WTMP can last up to 5 years.

Export permits

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

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 a Wildlife Trade Management Plan under section 303FO of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Privacy

The collection, access, storage, use and disclosure of personal information[1] 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* (Commonwealth)) in relation to this application for the purposes of assessing your application and related purposes. If you fail to provide some or all 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* (Commonwealth). 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.

[1] 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 within organisation**:**

2. Organisation details

Legal/registered name:
ABN:
ACN:
Website:

3. Address

Street address:

4. Postal address

☐ same as street address

Postal address:

5. Contact details

Mobile:
Landline (include area code):
Email:

Program details

8. Previous approvals

Have you previously held a WTMP approval from this department?

No ☐ ► **Go to next question**

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

Name of operation:

Dates of approval

From:
To:

6. Proposal

Complete a proposal and submit, along with the application form, to the department at wta@dcceew.gov.au.

Contact the department if you require guidance about the content of the proposal.

7. 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 authorised person:	
Role of authorised person:	
Signature of 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.