



Flora Licensing Information Sheet

Didgeridoos

Completed forms should be returned to:

Department of Parks and Wildlife
Locked Bag 30 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983
Or faxed to (08) 9219 8242 or emailed.

Further information on the licensing requirements

is available from DPaW Wildlife Licensing Section

Phone: (08) 9219 9836

Email: wildlifelicencing@dpaw.wa.gov.au

Historically Didgeridoos were produced in West Arnhem Land for ceremonial rituals, such as corroborees. In more recent times didgeridoos have been produced in large numbers all over the country to meet the ever increasing demand for the product both as an instrument and as an ornament. As a result of the increased demand for didgeridoos new areas are being sourced as suitable harvesting sites.



Photograph taken at Prodidjas

The Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW) manages the didgeridoo industry in Western Australia. For information on the licensing requirements relating to the didgeridoo industry please continue to read below.

Where Can Stems Be Legally Harvested?

Private Property

To take Eucalyptus stems for the purpose of didgeridoo manufacture from private property a **Commercial Producer's (PN) licence** (please refer to "Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Commercial Purposes and Commercial Producer's Licences" for more information) must be obtained from the department's Wildlife Licensing Section.

Crown Land

The Goldfields and a small area in the Midwest region are currently the only areas of Crown land where Eucalyptus stems can be sourced for the production of Didgeridoos. These areas contain suitable sites for harvesting stems for didgeridoos. Such is the expanse of these areas that Eucalyptus stems can be selectively harvested without causing irreparable damage to the species or the landscape within the cutting sites.

To take Eucalyptus stems for the purpose of didgeridoo manufacture from Crown land a **Commercial Purposes (CP) Licence** (please refer to "Flora Licensing Information Sheet- Commercial Purposes and Commercial Producer's Licences" for more information) must be obtained from the department's Wildlife Licensing Section. In addition to the CP Licence, a **Didgeridoo Endorsement** must be obtained from the relevant DPaW District/Region. The endorsement will list the certain conditions that must be adhered to when taking the stems to ensure that the harvesting is sustainable.

Tags and Royalties



As well as the need for a licence from DEC, a royalty tag is required, which must be affixed to the base of the didgeridoo once it has been cut. This tag is to remain on the didgeridoo even at the point of sale.

For harvesting on Crown land, the tags have an associated royalty of **\$2.00 each**, which is payable upon obtaining a Didgeridoo Endorsement.

Dealers, Retailers and Wholesalers

Dealers, retailers, wholesalers and others who trade in didgeridoos are not required to hold a licence unless they are also involved in taking the stems for sale. However, it is an offence to sell any protected flora that has not been legally taken, so it is essential that traders ensure their stocks are obtained from licensed sources.

Any person trading in protected flora, including didgeridoos, must keep a written record of the type and quantity of flora they purchase, the date of the purchase and the name and address of the supplier. These records must be retained for at least twelve (12) months and shown to a DEC Wildlife Officer on demand.