

Information sheet

Wildlife management

Authorised propagator – Queensland

Overview

In Queensland, all plants that are native to Australia are “protected plants” under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (the Act). The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) administer the Act to ensure that protected plants (including whole plants, plant parts and seeds) are not illegally removed from the wild or traded.

The harvesting and use of most protected plants from the wild is regulated by a licensing system. Persons who wish to harvest protected plants from the wild for any purpose are required by law to obtain a licence, permit or authority from DERM or have an exemption under a regulation or conservation plan. A licence or authority may also be required to propagate or sell protected plants.

The various types of licences relating to protected plants will be addressed in a series of information sheets. This information sheet focuses on the approval of persons as authorised propagators for protected plants.

What is an authorised propagator?

The chief executive may approve a corporation or an individual as an authorised propagator. This allows the authorised person to propagate and sell certain propagated whole plants for commercial purposes in Queensland. Some protected whole plants cannot be propagated and sold without licences or other authorities.

What activities are allowed under this authorisation?

An authorised propagator can commercially propagate and sell (wholesale and retail) whole propagated type A restricted plants (see Appendix 1[1]) and propagate and sell wholesale, all other lawfully taken plants. An authorised propagator will not be authorised to take seeds or other propagating material from a type B restricted plant (see Appendix 1[2]) if the person trades in the seeds or propagating material of the same species under a Commercial Wildlife Licence (CWL).

Who can apply for approval as an authorised propagator?

Applicants for an authorised propagator must be:

- Any individual who is at least 18 years of age; or
- Any Queensland resident or a corporation with suitable premises in Queensland (where the plants are to be propagated) with the necessary experience, land, facilities, equipment and lawfully obtained stock plants or other propagating material may apply for approval as an authorised propagator.

However, a person cannot hold a commercial wildlife harvesting licence, other than a licensee to harvest stock plants for plants of the same genus that the person intends to cultivate or propagate.

How do I apply for approval as an authorised propagator?

To apply for approval as an authorised propagator, you will need to complete an application form. The form can be downloaded from http://www.derm.qld.gov.au/ecoaccess/plants_and_animals/ or obtained by contacting Permit and Licence Management on 1300 130 372 or by email at palm@derm.qld.gov.au.

You can lodge an application at your nearest DERM office in person or mail it to Permit and Licence Management at GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001.

How long will it take to obtain a licence?

Your application will be decided within 40 business days after the application is received if no additional information is required.

If your application requires additional information or consultation, you will be notified within 20 business days after the application is received and requested to provide further information. A further 20 business days is granted for the applicant to provide the requested information.

What will it cost?

There are no fees associated with this authorisation.

How long does the licence last?

A licence can be granted for a period of up to 5 years.

Do I need to use tags?

Yes. Propagator's tags must be attached to all type A whole plants when sold.

An authorised propagator who also holds a commercial wildlife harvesting licence must follow the tagging requirements of that particular licence type.

A propagator's tag is supplied by the propagator of the plant and must:

- be authorised by DERM;
- be 100mm x 10mm in size;
- state the scientific name and common name (if any) of the plant;
- state the propagator's authorisation number; and
- state the year of propagation.

Definitions

Wholesale means to sell to someone who does not sell to the consumer (e.g. to sell to a retailer).

Retail means to sell directly to the consumer.

Further information

For further information, contact Permit and Licence Management on 1300 130 372 or by email at palm@derm.qld.gov.au.

References

Nature Conservation Act 1992

Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006

Nature Conservation (Protected Plants) Conservation Plan 2000

Nature Conservation (Wildlife Management) Regulation 2006

Appendix 1

1. Type A restricted plants (Schedule 7, *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006*)

- (a) a plant of the family Orchidaceae (other than *Spathoglottis plicata*)
- (b) a plant of the genus *Xanthorrhoea*
- (c) a plant of the genus *Myrmecodia*
- (d) a plant of the genus *Hydnophytum*
- (e) a plant of the family *Cycadaceae*
- (f) a plant of the family *Zamiaceae*
- (g) a plant of the genus *Huperzia*
- (h) a plant of the genus *Platynerium*
- (i) a plant of the genus *Brachychiton*
- (j) a plant of the genus *Livistona*

2. Type B restricted plants (Schedule 7, *Nature Conservation (Administration) Regulation 2006*)

- (a) an endangered plant
- (b) a vulnerable plant
- (c) a plant of the family *Cycadaceae*
- (d) a plant of the family *Zamiaceae*