



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment**

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

General Permit Application for:

- **Threatened species and ecological communities (section 201)**
- **Migratory species (section 216)**
- **Whales and dolphins (section 238)**
- **Listed marine species (section 258)**



If the person completing this form is representing a small business (i.e. a business having less than 20 employees), please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this form.

Please include:

- the time taken spent reading the instructions, working on the questions and obtaining the information; and
- the time spent by all employees in collecting and providing this information.

Hours

Minutes

Purpose of this form

This form is for an activity which will affect any species or ecological community listed under the EPBC Act in the above categories where that activity is within a Commonwealth Area, and for whale/dolphins where the activity is within the waters of the Australian Whale Sanctuary, or internationally.

Complete this form in addition to either Supplementary Form A, B or C described in question 1 on the next page. Please return it, along with the relevant Supplementary Form to the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

Note that it is a requirement of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* that details of this application (which may include the applicant's name) and any supplementary forms (A, B or C) be provided to persons or bodies registered with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment under section 266A of the Act, for the purposes inviting submissions from those persons or bodies regarding permit applications.

Do not use this form for permits in:

- The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. These permits are available at:
www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/permits/
- A Commonwealth park or reserve (e.g. Kakadu National Park). These permits are available at:
www.environment.gov.au/topics/national-parks/parks-australia/permits-licences-and-leases

Additional information

Please ensure that you have read the following information sheet:

Permits required for activities affecting EPBC Act listed species in Commonwealth Areas including the Australian Whale Sanctuary

This information sheet is available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/index.html>. Further information is also available by contacting the Department by email: EPBC.Permits@environment.gov.au.

Incomplete information

Applications that are incomplete or contain insufficient information cannot be assessed. Delays will occur whilst further information is sought from the applicant.

If you need more space

If there is insufficient space on this form to fully address any of the questions please attach additional pages and list these attachments at question 10.

- 1 Which of the following best describes the purpose of this application?

Research on whales/dolphins ☒ ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form A for Whales and Dolphins (cetaceans).

Now go to 2

To conduct an activity that will have an incidental impact on whales/dolphins ☐ ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form A for Whales and Dolphins (cetaceans).

E.g. whales and dolphins are not the purpose of the activity but they will be indirectly affected

Now go to 2

Whale and Dolphin watching ☐ ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form B for Whale and Dolphin Watching.

Now go to 2

To kill, injure, take, trade, keep or move a listed species or ecological community in Commonwealth areas ☐ ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form C **Listed species / ecological community, listed migratory species or listed marine species.**

Now go to 2

Import/export of whale/dolphin parts or products ☐ ⇒ Please contact the Wildlife Trade Section on 02) 6274 1111.

- 2 Period of permit requested

Permits are usually not issued for more than 5 years.

Start date:	End date:
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- 3 The permit holder can be a group such as a business, company, or corporation?

Is the proposed permit holder a group?

No ☐ ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ☐ ⇒ **Give details below**

Group Name
Street address:
Postal address:
Telephone No.:
Fax No.:
Email address:

- 4 Is the proposed permit holder an individual?

No ☐ ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ☒ ⇒ **Give details below of each individual to whom the permit would be issued.** If insufficient space, attach a separate list.

1	Name: Alexander Westover
	Residential address:
	Postal address:
	Telephone No.:
	Fax No.:
	Email address:

2	Name: Paul Hilton
	Residential address:
	Postal address:
	Telephone No.:
	Fax No.:
	Email address:

3	Name: Wendy Mitchell
	Residential address:
	Postal address:
	Telephone No.:
	Fax No.:
	Email address:

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5 Applicant details (if different from proposed permit holder(s))

Name:
Residential address:
Postal address:
Telephone No.:
Fax No.:
Email address:

6 Give the relevant qualifications and experience of all people who will carry out the activities. If insufficient space, attach a list.

1	<p>Name: Alex Westover</p> <p>Qualifications and experience: Bachelors Marine Science, University Malaysia Sabah/Cambridge University 2014 Marine Mammal Observationist & Protected Species Observer Certificate 1 in Film Making North Metro Tafe Perth Contributor to multiple cetacean catalogs around the world; -Southern Hemisphere Blue Whale catalogue -Timor Leste national cetacean catalogue -Delfini Del Ponente Catalog Published photographer, with work published in the Guardian, Oceanographic Magazine as well as cinematography featured in the Award winning documentary "Ocean Soul". Running Whale tours in Timor Leste, Tonga and Indonesia bringing guests in water with Cetaceans</p>
2	<p>Name: Paul Hilton</p> <p>Qualifications and experience: Natural History Museum Wildlife Photographer of the Year in 2012, 2014, 2016 & 2020 Cinematographer for 2015 film "Racing Extinction", produced by the Ocean Preservation Society and directed by Oscar winner, Louie Psihoyos Contributor to Multiple cetacean Catalogues around the world, Assisted in the publishing of multiple research papers following the migration of marine megafauna. documenting a newly-discovered blue whale migration; satellite tagging of humpback whales; and documenting sustainable pole- and-line tuna fisheries worldwide. These projects have been in cooperation with WildAid, Human Society International, Greenpeace International and the Hong Kong Shark Foundation</p>
3	<p>Name: Wendy Mitchell</p> <p>Qualifications and experience: Extensive experience filming and operating around cetaceans Indonesia, Timor Leste, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Worked along researchers and film crews to document whale migrations 6 years of Scuba Instructing, across Indonesia and Australian waters. Cruise director of Ratu Laut Liveaboard - Indonesian based Liveaboard following whale migrations</p>

7 Have you applied for or obtained any other approvals, permits or licences relating to this activity under Commonwealth, State or Territory legislation?

No ☒ ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ☐ ⇒ **Attach copies**



8 Have you previously held a permit from the Australian Government to conduct this activity?

No ☒ ⇒ **Go to next question**

Yes ☐ ⇒ **Give details below**

Permit number	Date permit expired

9 Offences

A proposed permit holder is taken to have been convicted of an offence if, within 5 years before the application is made, the proposed permit holder:

- has been charged with, and found guilty of, the offence but discharged without conviction; or
- has not been found guilty of the offence, but a court has taken the offence into account in passing sentence on the proposed permit holder for another offence.

Section 6 of the *Crimes Act 1914* deals with being an accessory after the fact. Sections 7 and 7A and subsection 86(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* and sections 11.1, 11.4 and 11.5 of the *Criminal Code* deal with attempts to commit offences, inciting to or urging the commission of offences by other people and, conspiracy to commit offences.

Part VIIC of the *Crimes Act 1914* includes provisions that, in certain circumstances, relieve persons from the requirement to disclose spent convictions and require persons aware of such convictions to disregard them.

Has the proposed permit holder been **convicted** of, **or subject to proceedings** for an offence under any of the following?

- offences under the *EBPC Act* or *Regulations*
- a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory about the protection, conservation or management of native species or ecological communities;
- section 6, 7 or 7A, or subsection 86(1), of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Commonwealth) or sections 11.1, 11.4 or 11.5 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Commonwealth) in relation to an offence under a law mentioned in (a) or (b) above; or
- a provision of a law of a State or Territory that is equivalent to a provision mentioned in (c) above.

No ☒

Yes ☐ ⇒ **Attach details**



10 Attachments

Indicate below which documents are attached.

Additional permit holders

See question 4 ☒

Additional qualifications details

See question 6 ☐

Copies of other approvals/permits

See question 7 ☐

Details of offences

See question 9 ☐

Other supporting documentation

List all additional documents below ☒

Titles of all attached documents (*include the document title, the specific section(s) and the page number(s) on which the information appears*)

-Supplementary Forum A
-List Of Team Members Resumes and Bios
-Map of area in which activities will be conducted.
-The equipment and methods used to comply with the EPBC Act Regulations

11 Declaration

I declare that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Name of person signing

Alexander Westover

Date

19/12/2021