

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)

TIME

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: <u>www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp\_site/permits/</u>
- 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 <u>http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/index.html.</u> 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 E.g. whales and dolphins are not the purpose of the activity but they will be indirectly affected	_=	You will also need to complete Supplementary Form A for Whales and Dolphins (cetaceans). Now go to 2		
Whale and Dolphin watching	_=	You will also need to complete Supplementary Form B for Whale and Dolphin Watching. <i>Now go to 2</i>		
To kill, injure, take, trade, keep or move a listed species or ecological community <u>in Commonwealth areas</u>		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.		
Period of permit requested <b>Permits are usually not issued for more than 5 years.</b>				
Start date: 01/03/2022		End date: 31/12/2024		
The permit holder can be a group such as a business, company, or corporation?				
Is the proposed permit hole No $\square \Rightarrow$ <b>Go to next</b> of the second				
$Yes \square \Rightarrow Give details$	-			
Group Name Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Victoria				
Street address: 574 Main Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875				
Postal address: As abo	Postal address: As above			
Telephone No.: 0457 51	13 65	7		
Fax No.: Not applicable				
Email address: @@delwp.vic.gov.au				

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Is the proposed permit holder an individual?							
No	No $\boxtimes \Rightarrow$ Go to next question						
Ye	Yes → Give details below of each individual to whom the permit would be issued. If insufficient space, attach a separate list.						
1	Name:						
	Residential address:						
	Postal address:						
	Telephone No.:						
	Fax No.:						
	Email address:						
2	Name:						
	Residential address:						
	Postal address:						
	Telephone No.:						
	Fax No.:						
	Email address:						
3	Name:						
	Residential address:						

Now go to 5

Postal address:

Telephone No.:

Email address:

Fax No.:

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

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

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

1	Name:
	Qualifications and experience: PhD. Over 20 years of experience in ecological research, biodiversity conservation, natural resource management and project management, including threatened bird management projects and ornithological research involving .mist and whoosh nets, patagial tagging, blood sampling, radio-tracking, banding (not ABBBS accredited) and playback and observational survey.
2	Name:
	Qualifications and experience: PhD. Over 20 years of experience in ornithological research and wildlife conservation, including the implementation and regulation of fauna translocations. Highly competent in the capture, handling and processing of birds, including the Eastern Bristlebird (holds an A-class ABBBS Bird Banding Authority). Experienced in the attachment of radio-transmitter harnesses, radio telemetry and genetic sampling (feathers, blood) for bird species.
3	Name:
	Qualifications and experience: PhD. Over 20 years of experience in ornithological research and monitoring, including the capture and handling of endangered birds (holds an A-class ABBBS Bird Banding Authority). Member of technical advisory panels and recovery teams.

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

No $igodot \Rightarrow$ Go to next question	
Yes $\implies$ Attach copies	

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

No	⊠⇒	Go	to	next	question
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Yes Give details below

Permit number Date permit expired

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#### 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 <u>convicted</u> of, <u>or subject</u> <u>to proceedings</u> for an offence under any of the following?

- a. 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
- d. 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	$\boxtimes$
Copies of other approvals/permits See question 7	$\bowtie$
Details of offences See question 9	
Other supporting documentation List all additional documents below	
Titles of all attached documents (include the document the specific section(s) and the page number(s) on white information appears)	

#### 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

Date

24/11/2021	

# Question 6. Relevant qualifications and experience of additional people who will carry out the activities.

PhD. Highly skilled in the capture, handling, processing and translocation of Eastern Bristlebirds, including the attachment of radio-transmitter harnesses, and a key knowledge expert on the ecology and conservation of the species. Long-term involvement in Eastern Bristlebird management within NSW.

BSc (Hons). Over 14 years of experience in wildlife monitoring and handling, including five years of experience managing a monitoring program for the Eastern Bristlebird, including assisting with capture and processing, at Booderee National Park. Experienced in translocation and post-release monitoring of mammals reintroduced to Booderee National Park.

ABBBS Bird Banding Authority), including catching, handling, genetic sampling (feathers, blood) and release of Eastern Bristlebirds. Recent (2020) experience in the wild-to-captive translocation of Eastern Bristlebirds.

PhD. Over 19 years of experience banding and monitoring birds, including capture, handling, processing and release of passerines, including Eastern Bristlebirds (holds an A-class ABBBS Bird Banding Authority). Highly experienced in monitoring translocated populations of Eastern Bristlebirds in NSW (2010 to present). Recent (2020) experience in the wild-to-captive translocation of Eastern Bristlebirds.

PhD. Over 25 years of experience as an ecologist and threatened species practitioner. Highly experienced in the capture, handling and processing of birds, including the Eastern Bristlebird (holds an A-class ABBBS Bird Banding Authority). Management oversight of multiple endangered species translocations, including Eastern Bristlebirds in NSW.

BSc. Diploma in Bird Biology. 12 years of hands-on experience with Eastern Bristlebirds in captivity and the wild, including capture, handling, processing and behavioural observation and wild-to-captive translocations. Current manager of the Eastern Bristlebird captive-breeding program at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. More than 30 years of experience working with a range of other bird species in captivity and field scenarios.

. BASc. Over 20 years of experience in the captive husbandry of birds, including capture, handling, processing and behavioural observation of Eastern Bristlebirds. Current keeper with the Eastern Bristlebird captive-breeding program.

More than three decades of experience handling animals, including Eastern Bristlebirds (holds an A-class ABBBS Bird Banding Authority).

BSc, BVSc (Hons), MVSc, MANZCVS. 17 years of experience as a wildlife veterinarian, with membership of the Aust. NZ College of Veterinary Science in Australasian Wildlife Species. Extensive experience in treating sick/injured birds and managing population health in both free-ranging and captive birds. Extensive field experience, including trapping, handling, collection of samples and short-term management of wild birds in the field for translocation or population health surveillance purposes. Contributed to the captive veterinary care of Eastern Bristlebirds extracted in response to fire in 2020.

. BAppSc. Over 20 years of experience in threatened species management, park management planning and environmental regulation with a threatened species focus. Experience trapping fauna and handling Eastern Bristlebirds, including live founder collection, assisting with banding and taking biological samples. Current species project co-ordinator for Eastern Bristlebird for NSW Saving Our Species program.

Additional personnel from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, Parks Australia, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Zoos Victoria may carry out activities under the direct or indirect supervision of the abovenamed personnel.

#### Question 7.

Attachments:

- 1) Translocation proposal endorsed by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Translocation Evaluation Panel on 20/09/2021
- 2) Email confirmation of endorsement of the translocation proposal by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Translocation Evaluation Panel (note that final approval is subject to approval of the Scientific Permit application by the Office of the Conservation Regulator, OCR; see below)
- 3) Application made to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Animal Ethics Committee, approved 26/10/2021
- 4) Approval from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Animal Ethics Committee
- 5) Permit application made to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning for a Scientific Permit under the *Wildlife Act 1975* on 16/11/2021
- 6) Permit application made to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment for a Scientific Licence under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* on 16/11/2021
- Please note an application for a Terrestrial Permit Application under the EPBC Act was made to Parks Australia on 16/11/2021 via Online Services at <u>https://onlineservices.environment.gov.au/parks</u>