



# Special Purposes Wildlife Permit

To undertake Traditional Aboriginal Cultural Activities using products of wildlife

## FACT SHEET AND APPLICATION

If you would like to take, possess, buy or sell products of wildlife to undertake Traditional Aboriginal cultural activities, then you need to apply for a Special Purposes Wildlife Permit. Please read this information before completing and submitting an application.

### What does the permit authorise?

A Special Purposes Wildlife Permit (SPWP) for products of wildlife is issued under Regulation 48 of the *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021* pursuant to Regulation 38 and is required for partly protected, protected and specially protected products of wildlife, for the purpose of making Traditional Aboriginal jewellery, clothing or any other object.

This permit may authorise the holder to do one or more of the following actions as specified on the permit:

- take;
- possess;
- buy;

- sell; or
- dispose of products of wildlife.

'Take' in relation to a product of wildlife can refer to obtaining, destroying or damaging, as well as an attempt to take or assisting in the taking of a product of wildlife.

### What is a product of wildlife?

Under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002*, a product of wildlife refers to:

- a dead body, and parts of the dead body, of that form of wildlife;
- any material or thing obtained from the bodies or dead bodies of that form of wildlife;

- any eggs of that form of wildlife; and
- any nests of that form of wildlife.

The *Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021*, Regulation 5 aims to clarify items that are not products of wildlife.

### Do I need a permit to sell the items I intend to make?

If the items fashioned under your permit are considered to have been processed and no longer a product of wildlife under Regulation 5, then the sale of these itemised will not require a permit. This will also mean that a person who purchases your finished item does not require a permit to possess that item.

### **Regulation 5. Items that are not products of wildlife**

For the purposes of these regulations, the following items are not products of wildlife:

- (a) a product of wildlife that has been canned or tinned or otherwise processed –
  - (i) by the holder of a relevant accreditation under the [Primary Produce Safety Act 2011](#), in accordance with the accreditation; or
  - (ii) by a person holding an authority, under an Act of another State or a Territory, authorising the processing of such wildlife products;
- (b) a product of wildlife that has been tanned or processed in a manner similar to tanning;
- (c) a product of partly protected wildlife that –
  - (i) has been completely, and lawfully, prepared and preserved by a taxidermist; and
  - (ii) is not a product of partly protected wildlife that is known, or is reasonably suspected, to have been taken unlawfully;
- (d) a product of wildlife where a royalty has been paid under [regulation 89](#) in respect of the product of wildlife;
- (e) fur, hair or skin, or a feather, scat, tooth, claw, antler or other material, of wildlife that –
  - (i) has been naturally cast by the wildlife; or
  - (ii) has been removed from the wildlife, or product of wildlife, without human intervention or interaction.

Regulation 5 of the Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021

## Who can apply?

A person or organisation wishing to take, possess, buy, sell or dispose of products of wildlife for Traditional Aboriginal cultural activities.

Permits to undertake Traditional Aboriginal cultural activities will only be issued to organisations recognised by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs (OAA) or people who have had their Eligibility determined.

If you have not had your eligibility determined, you will first need to complete an 'Eligibility Form for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services' and provide proof of your eligibility with this application. Further information on this process can be found at [https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csrf/oa/eligibility\\_policy](https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csrf/oa/eligibility_policy).

## How do I apply?

Complete and send in the attached application form (not this fact sheet).

When applying for a SPWP for products of wildlife, the applicant must identify the:

- purpose or intended use of the products of wildlife;
- species and a description of the products of wildlife;
- the action/s (take, possess, buy, sell or dispose) being applied for; and
- the location of the intended take of the products of wildlife or the source of the products of wildlife.

## Useful Information

- Relevant laws can be accessed from

[www.legislation.tas.gov.au](http://www.legislation.tas.gov.au)

## What will I receive?

Successful applicants will receive a permit in their name.

Unsuccessful applicants will receive an explanation as to why their application was unsuccessful.

## What do I have to do?

Comply with the permit conditions.

## Permit reissue

If you wish to continue current activities under a SPWP, the attached form must be completed upon the expiry of a previously issued permit.

If you are granted a permit/licence and intend to conduct activities requiring the authority of a permit or licence beyond its expiry, such as the possession of wildlife, it is your responsibility to ensure you submit a complete application within an appropriate timeframe for processing in order to continue operating lawfully.

## Duration of Permit

The Permit commences on the date of issue. The validity period of a SPWP cannot exceed a five (5) year period.

## Returns

The permit holder is responsible for reading and understanding any return or record keeping requirements specified on a permit they receive.

Returns will be required for protected and specially protected wildlife products.

Return or record keeping information must be returned to the Department. Further permits will not be granted if return



details for previously issued permits have not been received.

## Personal Information

Information on the collection, maintenance, use and disclosure of personal information can be found on our website.

[Personal Information Protection Policy | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania](#)



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## Return this form to:

Wildlife Services, GPO Box 44, Hobart TAS 7001

Phone (03) 6165 4305, Email [Wildlife.Services@nre.tas.gov.au](mailto:Wildlife.Services@nre.tas.gov.au)

## Application instructions:

All fields marked with an asterisk\* are mandatory and require a response, noting you may be prompted to fill out other sections based on your responses. Incomplete applications are unable to be processed by the Department and will be returned to you without further processing. A new complete application will need to be submitted. Please allow at least 20 business days for processing of applications. Where an application fee is required, please refer to [Licence and Permit Fees | Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania \(nre.tas.gov.au\)](#) for payment details. The Secretary may request further information or evidence in relation to this application. If you fail to provide the required information within 10 business days, your application will be refused and you will need to submit a new application. Please contact the Department at the earliest opportunity to discuss the potential for an extension, noting that your request may not be accepted. It is an offence to provide false and misleading information at any stage during the application process.

## Please note:

Applications will not be processed if you have any outstanding returns and/or records required from a previous permit or licence which have not been received by the Department.

## 1. Personal Information

Name title:  Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Given names:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Family name:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address:\* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Email:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth:\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## 2. Aboriginal Program Eligibility Information

Have you previously held an Aboriginal Cultural permit requiring your Eligibility to be determined?\*

Yes, Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_  No

If No, have you previously had your Eligibility for other Aboriginal programs determined?\*

Yes  No

If you answered 'No', you will first need to complete an 'Eligibility Form for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services' and provide it with this application.

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### 3. Preferred way of receiving permit?\*

Post     Email

### 4. What are you applying to do? Please detail species, product type, numbers, activity.\*

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### 5. Are you intending to sell the items you fashion from the products of wildlife?\* Please attach a photo of each item.

Yes     No

### 6. Where do you intend to take the products of wildlife?\*

State-wide on public roads     North Tasmania on public roads

South Tasmania on public road     West Tasmania on public roads

East Tasmania on public roads

Specific Location (Property) Please complete property information below.

Property Information (where the permit activities are to take place)

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Property size (Ha): \_\_\_\_\_

PID: \_\_\_\_\_ (Property Identification Code detailed on rates notice)

Use of land: \_\_\_\_\_

### Property Owner's Details

Owner/s of land: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I HAVE the authority to apply for permits for this property.

## 7. Declarations and important information to read before applying for a permit

Your details will be shared with other Government agencies for the purpose of determining Eligibility for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services.

Please indicate whether you have been convicted of a 'Relevant Offence' within the period of 5 years immediately preceding the day on which this application is made.\*

A list of relevant offences determined by the Secretary for the purposes of the definition of relevant offence in Regulation 3(1) of the Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulations 2021 can be found at <https://nre.tas.gov.au/wildlife-management/forms-permits-and-fees/relevant-offences>. Alternatively, a copy of what constitutes a relevant offence can be posted to you by using the contact details found elsewhere on this form.

I HAVE been convicted of a Relevant Offence and I have attached written details

I have NOT been convicted of a Relevant Offence

Please note that when making this application, it is an offence to provide information that you know is false or misleading, or to mislead the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania by omitting relevant information that you know you should provide. If you have any doubts about whether or not you should provide certain information you should contact the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania using the contact details elsewhere on this form or seek independent legal advice.

I, the Applicant, declare that:

- the information provided in this application is true and correct; and
- I consent to the collection and use of my personal information in accordance with the Department's Personal Information Protection Statement.

Applicant's Signature:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date:\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/20\_\_

**Please note that determining eligibility will require additional processing time.**

**Please allow for this in your application.**