



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Amendment of List of Exempt Native Specimens – Oceanreef Aquaculture, September 2024

I, JESSICA HOEY, Director, Sustainable Fisheries Section, as Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water, pursuant to subsection 303DC(1)(a) of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), hereby amend the list of exempt native specimens established under section 303DB of the EPBC Act by **including** in the list specimens and associated notations as set out in the **Schedule 1**.

This instrument is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislation Act 2003*.

The instrument commences the day after it is registered.

Dated this 25 day of September 2024

JESSICA HOEY

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Delegate of the Minister for the Environment and Water

SCHEDULE 1

Under the heading Freshwater and Marine Animals include in the list the following items and associated notations:

Taxon/Item	Common Name	Notation
<p>Specimens that are or are derived from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • weedy seadragons (<i>Phyllopteryx taeniolatus</i>) taken under permits issued by the Victorian Fisheries Authority numbered PA56 in accordance with the <i>Fisheries Act 1995</i> (Vic) and the Fisheries Regulations 2019 (Vic); and • leafy seadragons (<i>Phycodurus eques</i>) taken under Exemption issued by the Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development numbered 250927521 issued in accordance with Section 7 of the <i>Fish Resources Management Act 1994</i> (WA). 	<p>Oceanreef Aquaculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The specimen, or the fish from which it is derived, was taken lawfully; • Export of specimens is restricted to specimens held or taken under Victorian Fisheries Authority permit PA56, specimens held or taken under Western Australian Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Exemption number 250927521, and offspring of these specimens; • Wild caught and cultured syngnathids are not to be returned to the wild; and • The specimens are included in the list until 31 March 2025.