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Sandalwood (*Santalum spicatum*) Order Review process



Martu Traditional Owner Greg Newland
near a large sandalwood tree
Photo - DBCA

The department acknowledges the Aboriginal peoples that were the first sandalwood custodians and the Traditional Owners of the lands and deserts from where sandalwood originated and thrived. We respect the connection and knowledge of their Elders past, present and emerging.

Sandalwood has been used by Aboriginal people for thousands of years. It is culturally, medicinally and nutritionally important.



A review of the sandalwood harvest limits is being undertaken to ensure quantities harvested are appropriate for the protection, conservation and ecologically sustainable use of wild sandalwood populations.

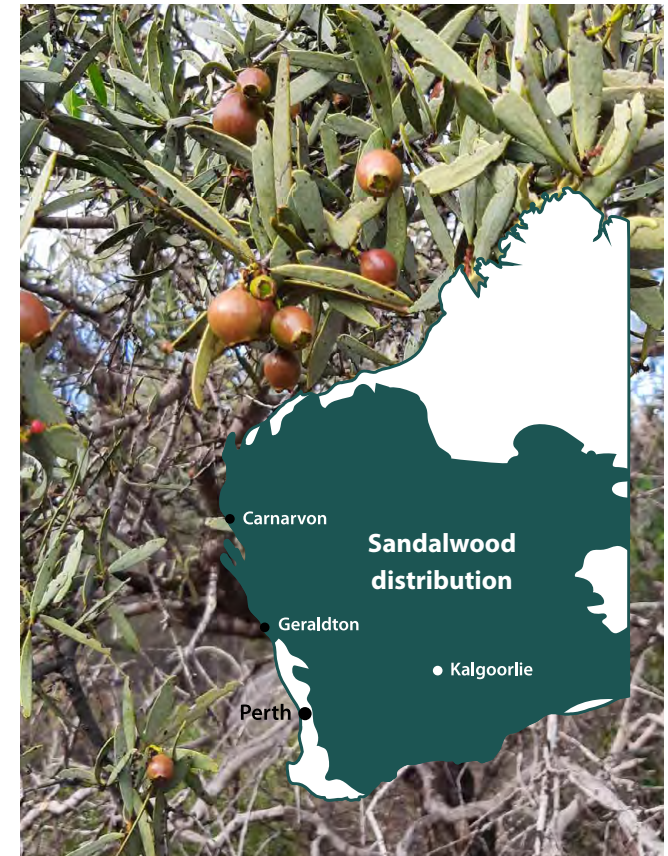


The Sandalwood Order (2015) sets limits on the wild sandalwood that can be taken each year, and is in effect until 31 December 2026.

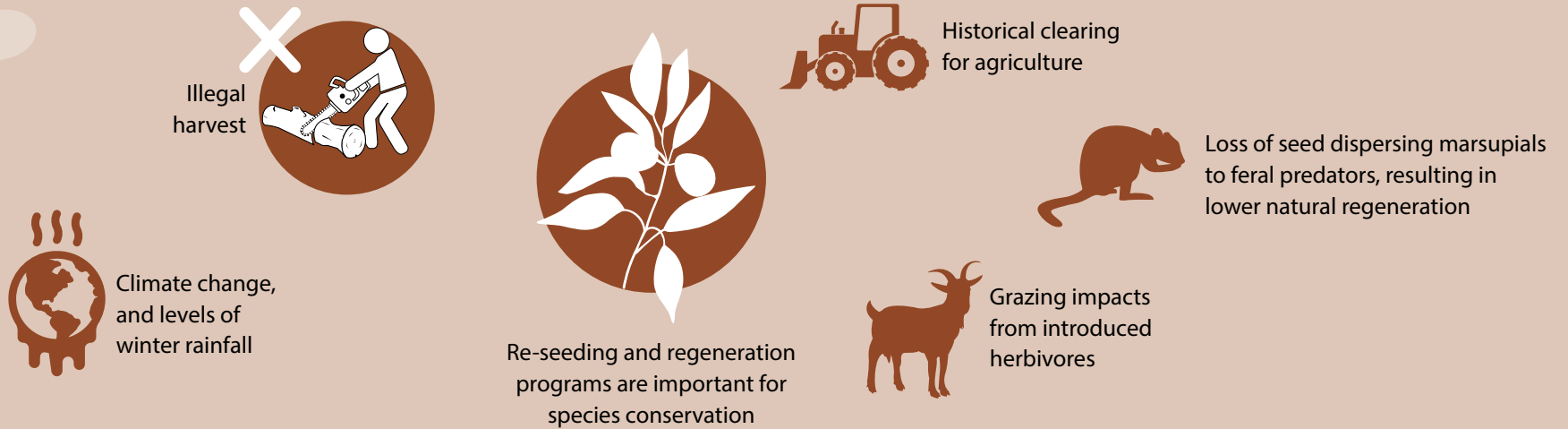
A Sandalwood Order is set under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* to help meet objects of the Act.



Commercial harvest provides jobs and opportunities for Aboriginal economic development and revenues from harvesting are currently used to fund regeneration.

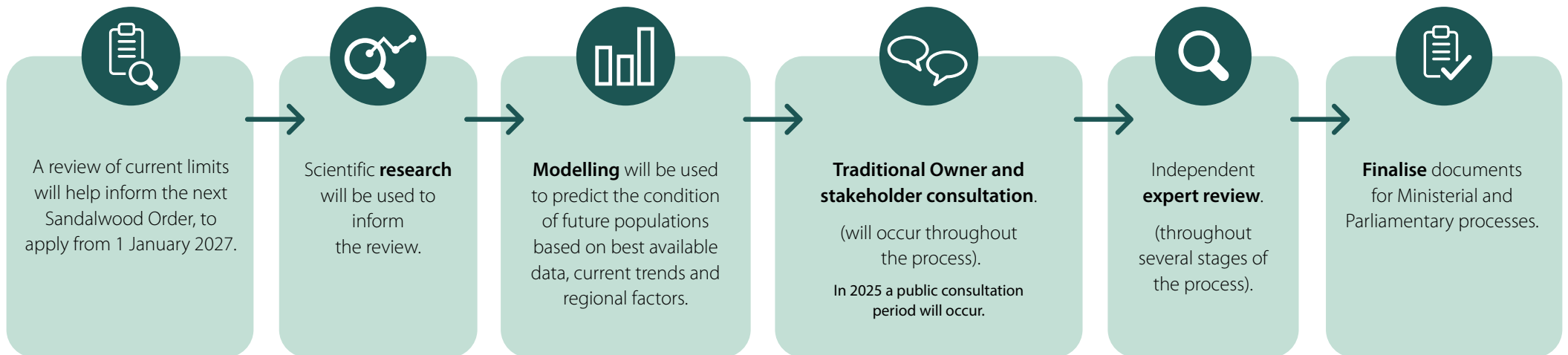


Wild sandalwood populations are impacted by:



Men and women, sitting, meeting - Cultural Symbol
Tina Bowers/DBCA

The Sandalwood Order review process:



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