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GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF SANDALWOOD PRIVATE PROPERTY

Harvesting of sandalwood in Western Australia is strictly controlled in accordance with the Sandalwood and Conservation and Land Management Acts.

Most of the sandalwood resource in Western Australia grows on Crown land, including pastoral leases. However, sandalwood also grows on private property (ie, freehold land, alienated land and specified Aboriginal Lands Trust land).

These guidelines are intended to assist owners who have sandalwood on their property.

The Sandalwood Act provides that:

- A licence from the Executive Director of the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) is required to harvest or remove any sandalwood from private property. This includes sandalwood required for craft use.
- Private Property licences must not exceed in aggregate 10% of total sandalwood harvested in Western Australia.
- Licences will be issued annually in order of priority of application for quantities as approved by the Minister.

Currently, the total harvest is 2200 tonnes per annum and therefore private property harvest cannot exceed 220 tonnes per annum.

The Executive Director of CALM has determined that the following matters will be taken into account when assessing applications, making recommendations to the Minister and issuing licences:

- The location and conservation status of sandalwood in relation to the need to conserve, regenerate and protect the species. Important factors include:
 - Whether the sandalwood is a remnant stand within cleared agricultural land.
 - The size class distribution and presence of regeneration.
 - Whether a management plan exists and harvesting is sustainable.
 - Presence of regeneration or proposals to plant and protect regeneration.

- Harvesting of dead and salvage sandalwood, especially ahead of authorised clearing operations, where appropriate clearing permits are held, will be given preference over green wood.
- Whether it is intended to apply standard Crown land contract and harvesting conditions, including minimum size restrictions for green wood harvesting and provision of reserves.
- If the harvesting proposal meets the conditions applicable to the Commonwealth export conditions. These conditions reflect the sandalwood management plan conservation and management requirements.
- Inspection of operations areas in advance of issuing a licence by an officer of CALM.
- If approvals and permits from the Department of Agriculture and appropriate Government Departments have been sought or issued relating to clearing and removing native vegetation and the conditions applied to the clearing.

PROCEDURE

Applications will not be received prior to 1 January for the following financial year. This permits planning of operations and prevents advance booking.

Applications must be made on the prescribed form and be accompanied by authority from the property owner or agent to harvest and remove sandalwood from private property. **Applications will only be accepted once all the necessary forms and authorities are supplied.**

On acceptance of applications, CALM will inspect proposed harvesting areas to confirm the location and quantity of sandalwood.

By May each year, following inspections, CALM will make a recommendation to the Minister requesting approval to issue annual licences for the following financial year.

A private property licence is then issued, with appropriate conditions.

Harvest of small quantities of sandalwood for local sale for craft purposes is also subject to a licence. This is covered in a separate CALM policy "CALM Briefing Paper 2/94 - Sandalwood for craft uses".

Applications should be lodged with, and further information may be obtained from:

Manager
 Sandalwood Business Unit
 Department of Conservation and Land Management
 Post Office Public Buildings
 Hannan Street
 or Post Office Box 10173
 KALGOORLIE WA 6430
 Telephone: 090 212677 / Fax 090 217831

Provided that a valid licence is held to harvest private property sandalwood, no constraints are placed on the sale of the sandalwood within Australia. Nor is there any constraint on export, provided that a valid Commonwealth export licence is obtained.

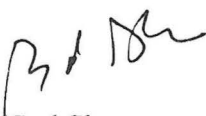
CALM can provide information on companies exporting sandalwood and advise on the export of private property sandalwood. Wescorp Holdings is a private company that has an agency contract with CALM to export Crown land sandalwood under CALM's export licence. Wescorp can process and export private property sandalwood.

Requests for export of private property sandalwood for which a valid licence to harvest is held can be made direct to:

Wescorp Sandalwood Pty Ltd
18 Parry Street
FREMANTLE WA 6160
Telephone: 09 336 1855 / Fax: 09 335 2320

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