

# Grey Kangaroo Management Plan

A Grey Kangaroo Management Programme was introduced in Western Australia in 1971. A recent review has demonstrated that the programme has provided security to the grey kangaroo population and it is now possible to allow landholders greater flexibility in the management of grey kangaroos which are causing damage to property.

Following discussions with farmers' representatives, a revised programme has been prepared by the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Agriculture Protection Board. This programme has been jointly approved by the Minister for Fisheries and Wildlife and the Minister for Agriculture. The provisions of the programme are outlined below.

## OPEN SEASON AREAS

An open season for grey kangaroos has been declared in those areas shown on the map opposite. In these areas it is considered that grey

kangaroos populations are secure and damage to agriculture is likely to be a continuous problem.

## CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE OPEN SEASON AREAS

1. The open season in the areas listed applies only on private land—this term covers freehold land, conditional purchase leasehold land or any other leasehold land which is granted for the purpose of agricultural production under the Land Act.
2. Grey kangaroos may only be shot by the owner or occupier of the land on which they are causing damage. However, if the landholder does not wish to carry out the shooting himself, he may nominate an agent or a licensed kangaroo shooter to shoot on his behalf.
3. Skins or carcasses of kangaroos taken may only be sold if a Damage License and royalty tags

have been obtained from the District Wildlife Officer.

4. Following inspection of a property, a Wildlife Officer may, if necessary, prohibit the shooting of kangaroos on that property until the landholder has obtained a Damage License.

## AREAS WITHOUT AN OPEN SEASON

In areas other than those shown, grey kangaroos are protected and may not be taken unless the landholder has first obtained a Damage License from the District Wildlife Officer. Conditions 2 and 3 relating to open season areas will apply once a Damage License is issued.

## NON-PRIVATE LAND

Where grey kangaroos are found to be in excess numbers on areas other than private land (as defined previously), culling may be authorised, if necessary, subject to the approval of the authority controlling the land concerned.



