



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Water Resources

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

General Permit Application for:

- **Threatened species and ecological communities (section 201)**
- **Migratory species (section 216)**
- **Whales and dolphins (section 238)**
- **Listed marine species (section 258)**



If the person completing this form is representing a small business (i.e. a business having less than 20 employees), please provide an estimate of the time taken to complete this form.

Please include:

- the time taken spent reading the instructions, working on the questions and obtaining the information; and
- the time spent by all employees in collecting and providing this information.

Hours

2

Minutes

Purpose of this form

This form is for an action which will affect any species or ecological community listed under the EPBC Act in the above categories where that action is within a Commonwealth Area, and for whale/dolphins where the action is within the waters of the Australian Whale Sanctuary, or internationally.

Complete this form in addition to either Supplementary Form A, B or C described in question 1 on the next page. Please return this form, along with the relevant Supplementary Form to the Department of the Environment and Water Resources.

Do not use this form for permits in:

- The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. These permits are available at: www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/permits/
- A Commonwealth park or reserve (e.g. Kakadu National Park). These permits are available at: www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/parks/
- State Waters

Additional information

Please ensure that you have read the following information sheet:

Permits required for actions affecting EPBC Act listed species in Commonwealth Areas including the Australian Whale Sanctuary

This information sheet is available at www.environment.gov.au/epbc/permits/index.html. Further information is also available by contacting the Department on phone: (02) 6274 1111 or email: epbcwild@environment.gov.au.

Incomplete information

Applications that are incomplete or contain insufficient information cannot be assessed. Delays will occur whilst further information is sought from the applicant.

If you need more space

If there is insufficient space on this form to fully address any of the questions please attach additional pages and list these attachments at question 10.

Privacy

Information provided in this application form may be exchanged with other Commonwealth and State agencies for the purposes of administering the EPBC Act and relevant State legislation.

In accordance with section 515A of the EPBC Act a list of all permits issued under the Act are published on the Department's website.

1 Which of the following best describes the purpose of this application?

Research on whales/dolphins ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form A for Whales and Dolphins (cetaceans).
Now go to 2

To take an action that will have an incidental impact on whales/dolphins ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form A for Whales and Dolphins (cetaceans).
Now go to 2
E.g. whales and dolphins are not the purpose of the action but they will be indirectly affected

Whale and Dolphin watching in a Tier 2 area ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form B for Whale and Dolphin Watching.
Now go to 2

To kill, injure, take, trade, keep or move a listed species (other than whales/dolphins) or ecological community in Commonwealth areas ⇒ You will also need to complete Supplementary Form C **Listed species / ecological community, listed migratory species or listed marine species.**
Now go to 2

2 Period of permit requested
Permits are usually not issued for more than 5 years.

Start date: 1 April 2009	End date: 31 Mar 2014
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3 The permit holder can be a group such as a business, company, or corporation?

Is the proposed permit holder a group?

No ⇒ *Go to next question*


Yes ⇒ *Give details below*

Group Name Blue Whale Study Inc.
Street address:
Postal address:
Telephone No.:
Fax No.:
Email address:

Now go to 5

4 Is the proposed permit holder individual(s)?

No ⇒ *You must provide a permit holder -> complete either q3 or q4.*

Yes ⇒ *Give details below of each individual to whom the permit would be issued. If insufficient space, attach a separate list.* 

1	Name:
	Residential address:
	Postal address:
	Telephone No.:
	Fax No.:
	Email address:

2	Name:
	Residential address:
	Postal address:
	Telephone No.:
	Fax No.:
	Email address:

3	Name:
	Residential address:
	Postal address:
	Telephone No.:
	Fax No.:
	Email address:

5 Applicant details (if different from proposed permit holder(s))

Name:
Residential address:
Postal address:
Telephone No.:
Fax No.:
Email address:

6 Give the relevant qualifications and experience of all people who will carry out the actions. If insufficient space, attach a list.

1	Name: Dr Peter Gill
	Qualifications and experience: B.Sc.(Hons), PhD Since 1983 Peter has been involved in research on humpback, southern right and blue whales, and a range of other species encountered during extensive survey experience in widespread areas. Since 1998 he has studied the ecology of blue whales in the Bonney Upwelling and adjacent waters. Peter is a Director of the Blue Whale Study Inc.

2	Name: Ms Margie Morrice
	Qualifications and experience: B.Sc.(Hons). Margie has 18 years of marine mammal research and management experience with southern elephant seals, Weddell and crabeater seals, orcas, humpback whales, southern right whales and dugongs. Since 2000 she has been a co-investigator in the Blue Whale Study and is completing a PhD on blue whale foraging ecology at Deakin Uni. She is a Director of Blue Whale Study Inc.

3	Name:
	Qualifications and experience: See attachment for list of collaborators

7 Have you applied for or obtained any other approvals, permits or licences relating to this action under Commonwealth, State or Territory legislation?

No ⇒ *Go to next question*

Yes ⇒ *Attach copies*

8 Have you previously held a permit from the Australian Government to undertake this action?

No ⇒ *Go to next question*

Yes ⇒ *Give details below*

Permit number	Date permit expired
E2003-48230	31 Mar 2009

9 Offences

A proposed permit holder is taken to have been convicted of an offence if, within 5 years before the application is made, the proposed permit holder:

- has been charged with, and found guilty of, the offence but discharged without conviction; or
- has not been found guilty of the offence, but a court has taken the offence into account in passing sentence on the proposed permit holder for another offence.

Section 6 of the *Crimes Act 1914* deals with being an accessory after the fact. Sections 7 and 7A and subsection 86(1) of the *Crimes Act 1914* and sections 11.1, 11.4 and 11.5 of the *Criminal Code* deal with attempts to commit offences, inciting to or urging the commission of offences by other people and, conspiracy to commit offences.

Part VIIC of the *Crimes Act 1914* includes provisions that, in certain circumstances, relieve persons from the requirement to disclose spent convictions and require persons aware of such convictions to disregard them.

Has the proposed permit holder been **convicted** of, **or subject to proceedings** for an offence under any of the following?

- a. offences under the *EBPC Act* or *Regulations*
- b. a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory about the protection, conservation or management of native species or ecological communities;
- c. section 6, 7 or 7A, or subsection 86(1), of the *Crimes Act 1914* (Commonwealth) or sections 11.1, 11.4 or 11.5 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Commonwealth) in relation to an offence under a law mentioned in (a) or (b) above; or
- d. a provision of a law of a State or Territory that is equivalent to a provision mentioned in (c) above.

No

Yes ⇒ *Attach details*

10 Attachments

Indicate below which documents are attached.

Additional permit holders
See question 4

Additional qualifications details
See question 6

Copies of other approvals/permits
See question 7

Details of offences
See question 9

Other supporting documentation
List all additional documents below

Titles of all attached documents (*include the document title, the specific section(s) and the page number(s) on which the information appears*)

See attached list

11 Declaration

I declare that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

Name of person signing

Peter Gill

Date

3 March 2009