

Public feedback survey: Review of the 2015 Sandalwood Order



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Welcome to the Public Feedback Survey on the review of the *Sandalwood (Limitation of Removal of Sandalwood) Order (No. 2) 2015*.

This survey is part of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions' (DBCA) commitment to the implementation of the *Sandalwood (Santalum spicatum) Biodiversity Management Programme*. DBCA values your insights and invites you to share your thoughts on key aspects of the review. Your feedback will help shape the final report and guide future decisions.

Please take a few moments to respond to the questions. Your participation is voluntary, and you may choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time without consequence. Survey results will be reported in aggregate form to ensure anonymity and privacy, unless explicit permission has been received by you to share your information.

Although providing feedback through this survey is encouraged, you are welcome to contact us by:

phone: **(08) 9219 9000** (ask to speak to someone from the Sandalwood Project Team)

email: **sandalwood@dbca.wa.gov.au**

writing to: **Sandalwood Project Team, Conservation and Ecosystem Management Division, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, Locked Bag 104 Bentley Delivery Centre WA 6983.**

Note: Additional information can be uploaded as part of a submission (in Questions 22 and 23). Any submissions received by mail may result in a delayed response due to postage times. Pro-forma submissions will not be treated as individual submissions but will be aggregated and treated as one submission. If you wish to resume your submission later, you can do so BEFORE you submit it.

If you wish to print a copy of this survey, a print ready copy is available to download on DBCA's external website.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Section 1: About the submitter

To assist us with an analysis of the public submissions and if we need to clarify any details in your submission, please provide some personal details about yourself and your interest in the review of the Sandalwood Order. Please note that these questions are optional (except for Question 5).

Personal details will be kept private in accordance with Section 275 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* and DBCA's Corporate Policy 29 - Privacy of Personal Information. Feedback will remain anonymous unless specific permission has been received from you to share your submission.

Thank you.

1. Name

2. Name of organisation? (if you are submitting on behalf of an organisation)

3. Email or postal address

4. Postcode

* 5. Would you like your submission to be anonymous, or do you give permission for it to be shared?

- ☐ I wish to remain anonymous, and my feedback can be reported in aggregate form with no name or identifying information against it
- ☐ I give permission for my submission to be shared along with my name
- ☐ Other (please specify) e.g. I may give permission for parts of my submission to be shared, providing this is checked with me first

6. Please indicate below how you would like your submission to be categorised? (you can select more than one response)

- ☐ Prescribed Body Corporate/Aboriginal Corporation
- ☐ Business owner
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Conservationist
- ☐ Research/academic institution
- ☐ Non-Government Organisation
- ☐ Individual
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. What is your current involvement with wild sandalwood? (you can select more than one response)

- ☐ Native Title/cultural
- ☐ Aboriginal economic development
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Harvesting
- ☐ Processing
- ☐ Consuming
- ☐ Investing/purchasing
- ☐ Sales and marketing
- ☐ Sandalwood research
- ☐ Other and/or plantation sandalwood (please specify your involvement below)

8. What best describes your interest in wild sandalwood? (you can select more than one response)

- ☐ Native Title/cultural
- ☐ Aboriginal economic development
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Harvesting
- ☐ Processing
- ☐ Consuming
- ☐ Investing/purchasing
- ☐ Sales and marketing
- ☐ Sandalwood research
- ☐ Other and/or plantation sandalwood (please specify your interest below)

9. Previous submission of information to DBCA

If you would like DBCA to recognise any previously supplied submission or information to be counted as part of your submission, please identify below particulars relating to this information (for example, when submitted, method of submission [email, letter], etc) so that we can consider this as part of your submission. You can also opt to upload a relevant file to Question 10. If you have any other attachments you would like to provide, this can be uploaded later in the survey (Question 22 and 23).

10. If you would like to add any previous feedback or information to be considered for the public comment period, please upload it here.

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Section 2: Your view on the draft recommendations

11. Do you support the draft recommendations as currently worded in the *Draft Review Report*?

Not support	Some support, but not all	Mostly support, but not all	Fully support	Unsure
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

12. Are there any recommendations that you would like to make specific comment on? If so, please provide comment here. (Note that the following sections talk about specific recommendations: Section 3 - Question 13 (take limits), Section 4 - Question 15 (Roll-over of unused quantities), and Section 5 - Question 17 (changes to Biodiversity Conservation regulation 67(3)(c)).

Section 3: Annual take limit

13. Do you agree with the proposed recommended annual limit for sandalwood harvesting (of 750 tonnes for living [green] trees and 1,250 tonnes for dead sandalwood) that considers any proposed harvest should be sustainable and needs to include an appropriate level of seeding and monitoring? This proposed recommended annual limit is a 500 tonne reduction in the living sandalwood take compared with the current Sandalwood Order.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

14. Why or why not? What factors do you think are most important to ensure a suitable harvest limit? (if space does not allow, you can add an attachment in Question 22 or 23, Section 8: Additional information).

Section 4: Rollover of unused quantities

15. The Biodiversity Conservation Act (s187(2)) provides for the Sandalwood Order to specify the period relating to the maximum quantity of wild sandalwood that can be taken, and the current 2015 Sandalwood Order sets the maximum limits for take of sandalwood as an annual limit. Specifying an annual limit provides clarity and licensing efficiencies, but can also give rise to operational challenges for stakeholders in managing production schedules. Should up to 50% of unused sandalwood quantities be able to be carried over to the next year?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

16. What benefits or risks do you see with this approach?

Section 5: Minimum size for harvest of living sandalwood trees

17. Biodiversity Conservation regulation 67(3)(c) sets the minimum diameter under bark for harvesting living sandalwood trees, where:

- (i) a sandalwood tree taken under the licence must not be less than 400 mm in circumference when measured over the bark at a point approximately 150 mm above ground level; and*
- (ii) the trunk of a sandalwood tree taken under the licence must not have a circumference less than 380 mm when stripped of bark and measured at a point approximately 150 mm above ground level.*

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for changing this regulation?

18. What do you think should be considered when making this decision?

Section 6: Traditional Owner harvest planning

19. How can DBCA better engage with Aboriginal representative bodies/corporations to better plan for sustainable harvesting of sandalwood?



Section 7: Improving engagement

20. What do you think DBCA could do to improve how it engages with the public, Aboriginal people, and stakeholders in future sandalwood-related consultations or reviews?



Section 8: Additional information

21. Is there anything else that you would like to be included in the final version of reports for the review of the Sandalwood Order?

22. Do you have an attachment that you would like to be considered as part of your submission?

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23. If you have a second attachment that you would like to share, please upload it here.

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24. Is there anything else that you would like to mention? If you have further attachments or substantial additional information you can also contact us over email at **sandalwood@dbca.wa.gov.au** or phone **(08) 9219 9000** and ask to speak to a member of the Sandalwood Project Team.

Section 9: Almost there - potential follow-up

Before you go, we would like to check with you whether you would like any follow-up from the Sandalwood Project Team on your submission or future sandalwood matters.

25. If we need to clarify any details about your submission, please indicate your preferred method of contact.

- ☐ No, I do not wish to be contacted about my submission.
- ☐ Phone - if selected, please provide it in Question 26 below.
- ☐ Email - if selected and you haven't provided your email earlier against Question 3, please provide it in Question 27 below.

26. Phone number

27. Email (if not provided earlier in the survey in Question 3)

28. Would you like to be kept informed of future sandalwood matters? If so, your contact details will be added to the Sandalwood Project Team's email distribution list, if it is not already on the list.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Survey close

Thank you for your time - your feedback is important, and we appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sandalwood Project Team on **(08) 9219 9000**, or via email at **sandalwood@dbca.wa.gov.au**.

Once all public submission have been collated, they will be analysed by DBCA. DBCA will publish a summary of feedback received during the public comment period. The Independent Panel will review and provide advice to DBCA after the public comment period. The panel's conclusions and recommendations will be publicly released in a written report following the public comment period. DBCA will finalise and publish the review report and technical report.

Please click SUBMIT to send your submission and exit this survey.