

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING SANDALWOOD SEED

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All classes of flora that is native to Western Australia are protected throughout the State under the Wildlife Conservation Act. Flora is defined as any plant (including any wildflower, palm, shrub tree, fern, creeper or vine) and includes any part of a plant including seeds and spores.

To collect Sandalwood (*Santalum spicatum*) seeds, a licence from the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) may be required depending on where the seeds are to be collected from and for what purpose.

CROWN LAND

To take Sandalwood seed from Crown land for **non-commercial purposes** a Scientific or Other Prescribed Purposes Licence is required. This licence covers activities such as research, or non-commercial propagation for revegetation projects. Once a licence is issued, written permission from the land manager must be obtained prior to collection. The fee for this licence is \$10.

To take Sandalwood seeds from Crown land (Shire Reserves, Pastoral leases, Unallocated Crown land etc.) **for sale**, a Commercial Purposes Licence is required. The licence is valid for up to 1 year and the fee is \$100. Written authority to collect Sandalwood seeds must be obtained from the land manager and must be supplied with the application.

In addition to the Commercial Purposes Licence, Sandalwood seeds cannot be taken unless a special endorsement is added to the licence. Special endorsements must be applied for at a CALM District/Regional Office nearest to where the seed is to be collected, after CALM's Head Office has issued the licence. The endorsement states the approved areas from where the seeds may be taken and special conditions pertaining to the quantities of seed to be taken to ensure the conservation of the species.

Please note that taking sandalwood seed for commercial purposes from conservation estate (e.g. National Parks, Nature Reserves, Conservation Parks) is not permitted.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

The taking of Sandalwood seed for **non-commercial purposes** from private property does not require a licence, however you must obtain the landowner's permission prior to collection.

To collect sandalwood seed from private property **for sale**, a Commercial Producer's/Nurseryman's Licence is required. The licence fee is \$25 and is valid for one year. Written permission from the landowner must be supplied with the application. The reverse side of the licence application form provides a pro-forma letter of authority for obtaining a landowner's approval to harvest protected flora from their property. This may be used at your convenience if appropriate.

Once a Commercial Producer's/Nurseryman's licence is issued, that licence only covers the properties listed on the licence. Therefore, if you wish to collect sandalwood seeds from other properties not listed on your licence you must apply for another licence.

If you are collecting seed from plantation Sandalwood a licence is still required for the sale of the seeds. Licences apply to all species native to WA whether they are from cultivated or natural populations.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information and application forms can be obtained from CALM's Naturebase website http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/plants_animals/licensing/flora_licensing.html or by contacting CALM's Wildlife Licensing Section on 9334 0441.