

Sampling design and preparation

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Permits and approvals

1 Purpose and scope

This document provides information on the consideration of permit and/or approval requirements. Prior to commencing any sampling activities, all necessary permits and approvals must be obtained. Permits and approvals may be required to conduct activities involving animals or protected areas (for example National Park/Regional Park, State Forest, State Marine Park or declared fish habitat area). Failure to do so may be a breach under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*, *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*, *Fisheries Act 1994*, *Recreation Areas Management Act 2006* or the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009*.

2 Required permits and approvals

More than one permit and/or approval may be required for any given activity. For more information on permits and approvals that may be required, contact the following areas:

- Protected wildlife and protected areas (including activities within Queensland's national parks and forests): Queensland Government, <http://www.qld.gov.au/environment/parks/permits>
- Fisheries permits: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/fisheries/commercial-fishing/licences-and-fees/commercial-fishing-licences/fishing-permits>
- Using animals for scientific purposes: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/animal-industries/welfare-and-ethics/using-animals-for-scientific-purposes>
- Education, research or monitoring in a declared fish habitat area or involving the removal, destruction or damage of marine plants: Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/fisheries/habitats/fisheries-development/self-assessable-codes>
- If your sampling and/or research is to occur within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park you will likely require a permission from the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. Enquiries about Marine Park permits should be sent to assessments@gbmpa.gov.au.

3 Granted permits or approvals

Once a permit or approval has been granted, it is often necessary to contact the authorising department to notify the district staff of the date and time of your visit. This is done prior to entering the protected area and/or commencing the approved activity. For further information regarding notification requirements, check the permit or contact the relevant authority. There may be additional requirements associated with permit approvals, such as annual reporting to be provided to the relevant department regarding activities under the permit.

4 Permission to access land

In addition to permits and approvals gained under legislation, it is vital permission is gained prior to accessing any privately owned land for undertaking sampling. You may also need to consider additional biosecurity requirements such as vehicle/machinery/equipment hygiene inspection reports (used for preventing the spreading of weeds on properties). See Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for more information (<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/plants/weeds-pest-animals-ants/weeds/preventing-weed-spread/cleandown>)