

# The Parks and Wildlife Permit System

- A brief Introduction

# Role of the Permit System

- The protection and management of native wildlife in the NT, particularly rare/threatened.
- To ensure park activities, including tourism are regulated.
- To monitor legal wildlife trade/research/harvest and control illegal activities related to such.

# Issue of Permits

- Permits issued under the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act.
- Permits issued under the Parks By-Laws associated with this Act.

## What is 'WILDLIFE'.

Territory Parks & Wildlife Conservation Act Definitions  
(Interpretation S9):

- **'wildlife'** **Animals and plants indigenous to Australia, including our migratory visitors**
  - **In the case of ANIMALS this includes vertebrates and invertebrates, and also whether they are dead or alive, and any parts or progeny/eggs of animals**
  - **For PLANTS this also includes seeds, spores, secretions or chemicals/extracts from them**

# What is 'PROTECTED WILDLIFE'.

Territory Parks & Wildlife Conservation Act Definitions  
(Interpretation):

- **'protected wildlife'** protected under section 43.
  - **ON PARK .....ALL WILDLIFE** ie all native plants & animals (including all native invertebrates),
  - **OFF PARK .....VERTEBRETE WILDLIFE** only, (plus a few invertebrates and plants specifically prescribed as protected by the Regulations)
- **'unprotected wildlife'** Species of wildlife that is not protected wildlife ..... eg plants and invertebrates off park

# Permits requirements re Protected Wildlife.

*YOU CANNOT.....*

- (1) Take or interfere with
- (2) Be in possession of, or under control of,
- (3) Import, export or release into wild

*.....WITHOUT A PERMIT OR AUTHORIZATION FROM  
PARKS AND WILDLIFE*

**(Max penalty \$72,000 or 5 years.....CRIME)**

# Permits requirements re Unprotected Wildlife.

*YOU CANNOT.....*

- **(1) Take or interfere with unprotected wildlife  
FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES  
(Max penalty \$72,000 or 5 years)**

*.....WITHOUT A PERMIT OR AUTHORIZATION FROM  
PARKS AND WILDLIFE*

**Commercial Purposes – keep, breed, display, move, use or other dealings with.....for purposes of selling, trading, bartering or otherwise making a profit .....or doing scientific research.**

# Defenitions

- Take
- (a) in relation to an animal - to hunt, catch, restrain or kill, or attempt or assist in such activities.
- (b) in relation to a plant - to sever, remove, damage or destroy, or assist in such activities.



# Defenitions

- Interfere :-
  - in relation to animal or plant means to
    - (a) harm, disturb, alter the behaviour of, or otherwise effect the capacity of the plant or animal to perform its natural processes
    - (b) damage or destroy the habitat of the plant or animal

# Types of Parks By-Law Permits

- Tour operators
- Camping, fires
- Commercial filming
- Firearms carrying
- Public meetings, weddings
- Diving
- Operating helicopters
- Car or bike rally