

# DECLARATION for VESSEL MARINE PESTS CLEARANCE

**Please contact NT Fisheries before completing this form on 0413381094 or  
aquaticbiosecurity@nt.gov.au**

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA  
*Oaths, Affidavits and Declarations Act*  
**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

I, .....  
Insert name of person making the declaration

**I do solemnly and sincerely declare that:**

I have contacted ..... at NT Fisheries on ..... and have  
Staff name Date contacted  
permission to enter .....  
Name of marina

Please tick ONE of the following boxes

- ☐ a) I am the registered owner/one of the registered owners of the Vessel identified below(\*)  
**OR**  
☐ b) I am the person who at all relevant times has been in control of the Vessel identified below(\*)  
\* Vessel

.....  
Insert name of vessel, registration details, including place of registration and registration numbers

**and the Vessel:**

Please tick ONE of the following boxes (refer to footnotes for definition of terms)

- ☐ c) Has never sailed outside Australian and New Zealand waters to the best of my knowledge  
**OR**  
☐ d) Has been dry-docked<sup>1</sup> in Australia or New Zealand for 7 days or more AND the Vessel has not sailed outside of Australian and New Zealand waters since that period of dry-docking  
**OR**  
☐ e) Has been dry-docked<sup>1</sup> in Australia or New Zealand, professionally cleaned<sup>2</sup> and antifouled, and had its internal seawater systems treated<sup>3</sup> AND since then the Vessel has not sailed outside of Australian and New Zealand waters. (Evidence of cleaning and/or internal seawater systems treatment is available on request<sup>4</sup>)

Planned next port of call (Country/State/City etc.):

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**My name and Australian contact details are as set out below:**

(Contact details must be handwritten in legible form, typed or stamped)

.....  
Full name

.....  
Full Australian address

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Contact number

I am aware that it is an offence to knowingly make a declaration that is false in a material particular,  
and,

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration  
to be true in every particular

Declared at ..... on the .....day  
City/Place

of.....20.....  
Month

.....  
Signature of the person making the declaration

Before: .....  
Signature, name and address of the person before whom the declaration is made

**THIS DECLARATION MAY BE MADE BEFORE ANY PERSON WHO HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF  
(18) EIGHTEEN YEARS.**

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NOTE: Part IIAA of the Criminal Code applies to an offence against the *Oaths, Affidavits and  
Declarations Act*.

1. "Dry-docking" means that a vessel has been lifted out of the water and placed into a shipyard for maintenance on a hardstand. Time on hardstand means from the time the vessel was removed from the water to the time it is returned.
2. "Professionally cleaned" and antifouled means that a vessel hull has been cleaned by a professional service provider in Australia or New Zealand.  
A professional service provider is a registered ship builder/repairer or a business that specialises in vessel inspections and treatments (e.g. some dive companies do this work, also most shipyards). Cleaning means that the exterior of the vessel has been cleaned (usually pressure blasted) to remove all fouling, including on sea chest gratings, oyster covers etc around niches.
3. "Internal seawater systems treated" means that a vessel's internal seawater plumbing lines have been treated by a professional service provider using a biocide chemical agent such as Conquest to destroy marine living organisms. The current NT government approved rate of internal seawater treatment application is minimum of 5% Conquest although the usual rate of application is higher to allow for dilution in the internal seawater system. Other treatments such as Rydlyme can be used. However as some treatments may be less effective than others NT aquatic biosecurity advice should be sought if alternative treatments are planned to be used.
4. "Evidence of cleaning and/or internal seawater systems treatment" means there is proof that a vessel has been professionally cleaned out of the water (as marine pests have been detected on vessels previously that have been cleaned in-water and/or poorly cleaned). Proof of professional cleaning can be provided as an invoice indicating when and where the service was undertaken, the method used, and the length of time that the vessel was on the hardstand for when the procedure was completed.