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BIOSECURITY – TIWI ISLANDS

At a meeting of the Tiwi Land Council held 23 November 2023, the Land Council members unanimously adopted the following motion:

- (a) To accept the Tiwi Prohibited Species list (see below) and to prevent their travel to the Tiwi Islands.
- (b) Require compliance with the Tiwi Prohibited Species List as a condition for the issue of any permits to visit or work on the islands.

The measures being implemented are conformable with those in place for other islands, such as Groote Eylandt in the Northern Territory and others interstate.

Below is a list of species that have been identified by TLC as being a threat to the native flora and fauna on the islands and, as such, have been put onto a prohibited species list:

Freshwater fish Prohibited species:

- Guppy (*Poecilia reticulata*)
- Oscar (*Astronotus ocellatus*)
- Platy (*Xiphophorus maculatus*)
- Green swordtail (*Xiphophorus hellerii*)
- Gourami (*Trichogaster trichopterus*)
- All species listed as illegal to import into the NT.

Mammals Prohibited species:

- Domestic cat (*Felis catus*)
- Domestic goat (*capra hircus*)
- Domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*)
- Deer (all species)
- Rabbit (all breeds)



- Donkey (*Equus asinus*)
 - Cattle (all species)
 - Horse (*Equus caballus*)
 - Pig (*Sus scrofa*)
 - Water buffalo (*Bubalus bubalis*)
 - House mouse (*Mus musculus*) - unless frozen
 - Ferret (*Mustela putorius*)
 - Black rat (*Rattus rattus*)
 - Brown rat (*Rattus norvegicus*) - unless frozen
- * All dogs entering the island must be surgically desexed and vaccinated

Birds Prohibited species:

- Senegal dove (*Spilopelia senegalensis*)
 - Feral rock dove (*Columba livia*)
 - House sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)
 - Tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*)
 - Spice finch (*Lonchura punctulata*)
 - Spotted turtle dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*)
 - Indian myna (*Acridotheres tristis*)
- * Limited to only one sex of any species. With chickens, hens may be brought to the island but no roosters.

Amphibians Prohibited species:

- Cane toad (*Rhinella marina*)
 - Axolotls (*Ambystoma mexicanum*)
 - All frog species not native to the NT
- *All frog species not native to the Tiwi Islands.

Reptiles Prohibited species:

- Red-eared slider turtle (*Trachemys scripta elegans*).
- Any non-Australian native species of reptile.



- Any turtle transported from outside of the NT.

* Only one sex of any species and all turtles must have a permit.

Invertebrates:

- Feed insects and worm farms are permitted.
- All other species will be assessed as required.

Plants:

- The entry of all plants will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- All plants with the potential to spread and threaten the environmental integrity of Northern Australia are likely to be refused entry.
- Plants must only be purchased from approved suppliers.
- Hay must not be transported.