

Restricted invasive animals of Queensland



Red-eared slider turtles must be reported immediately



Blackbuck antelope must be reported immediately
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Foxes must not be kept, sold, given away, released, moved or fed



Rabbits must not be kept, sold, given away, released, moved or fed

The new Biosecurity Act

The *Biosecurity Act 2014* protects Queensland's economy, biodiversity and people's lifestyles from the threats posed by invasive pests and diseases.

Under the Act, certain species of invasive animals are listed as 'restricted' matter.

Species not listed as restricted may be listed as prohibited under the Act or may be declared by a local government under local laws.

Invasive animals that are listed as restricted matter

Invasive animals that are listed as restricted matter are already present in Queensland. They have an adverse impact and as a result, restrictions are placed on all dealings with these invasive animals to best manage the risks they pose.



The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks associated with invasive plants and animals under their control. This is called a general biosecurity obligation (GBO).

A person may have a GBO when dealing with biosecurity matter that requires everyone to 'take all reasonable and practical measures' to prevent or minimize the risk posed by the biosecurity matter.

The specific restriction requirements also apply to a person when dealing with restricted invasive matter.

A person may apply for a restricted matter permit. This permit may allow dealings with the invasive animal contrary to these restriction requirements but under strict conditions. The purposes include commercial use, biological control or scientific research about the invasive animal.

Restricted invasive animals that are Categories 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

A person has the following restrictions placed upon them when dealing with these invasive animals:

- Barbary sheep (*Ammotragus lervia*)
- blackbuck antelope (*Antilope cervicapra*)
- hog deer (*Axis porcinus*)
- red-eared slider turtle (*Trachemys scripta elegans*)
- Samba deer (*Rusa unicolor*, syn. *Cervus unicolor*).

The restrictions are that:

Category 2

The invasive animal must be reported within 24 hours Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23**. Your GBO requires you to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risk of the animal escaping until they receive advice from an authorised officer.

Category 3

The invasive animal must not be distributed either by sale or gift, or released into the environment.

Category 4

The invasive animal must not be moved.

Category 5

The invasive animal must not be kept.

Category 6

The invasive animal must not be fed.

Restricted invasive animals that are Categories 3, 4, 5 and 6

A person has the following restrictions placed upon them when dealing with these invasive animals:

- dingo (*Canis familiaris dingo*)

- European red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)
- European rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)
- feral fallow deer (*Dama dama*)
- feral red deer (*Cervus elaphus*)

The restrictions are that:

Category 3

The invasive animal must not be distributed either by sale or gift, or released into the environment.

Category 4

The invasive animal must not be moved.

Category 5

The invasive animal must not be kept.

Category 6

The invasive animal must not be fed.

Restricted invasive animals that are Categories 3, 5 and 6

A person has the following restrictions placed upon them when dealing with these invasive animals:

- cat, other than a domestic cat (*Felis catus*)
- dog, other than a domestic dog (*Canis familiaris*)
- feral chital deer (*Axis axis*)
- feral fallow deer (*Dama dama*)
- feral goat (*Capra hircus*)
- feral pig (*Sus scrofa*)
- feral red deer (*Cervus elaphus*)
- feral rusa deer (*Rusa timorensis*, syn. *Cervus timorensis*).

The restrictions are that:

Category 3

The invasive animal must not be distributed either by sale or gift, or released into the environment.

Category 4

The invasive animal must not be moved.

Category 6

The invasive animal must not be fed.

This list was correct at date of publication but may change from time to time. For the most up-to-date version visit www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au.

Further information

Further information is available from your local government office, or by contacting Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au.

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