

## Form A – Initial Screening Application

Please note: Failure to provide any of the information requested and/or insufficient detail, may result in the applications refusal

## 1. Applicant details.

Name:		
Contact Person (if company name provided above):		
Postal address:		
Suburb:	State:	Postcode:
Phone:	Email:	
<i>Please note: Applications to stock <b>public waters</b> will be made public including publishing summary details of the application and the translocation decision.</i>		

## 2. Species, lifestage, size and number of animals to be translocated (attach as a separate page if required)

Species ( <i>common and scientific names</i> )	Life stage (i.e. eggs/fry/fingerling, broodstock etc.)	Size (length and / or weight)	Number of animals

## 3. Where will the species be sourced from?

<p>a) Wild caught: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> List location/s:</p> <p>List likely by-catch or contaminate species:</p> <p>b) Aquaculture farm: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Address:</p> <p>c) Other:</p>
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## 4. What is the purpose of the translocation?

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## 5. What is the destination of stock (provide map/s)?

<p><b>For public water bodies</b></p> <p>Name of water body and exact location details:</p> <p><b>For facilities</b></p> <p>Address and/or exact location of facility:</p> <p>Type of production system (e.g. Recirculating aquaculture system, ponds, raceways, other):</p> <p><b>Proposed stocking date:</b></p>
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**6. What will be the fate of the fish? (for proposals other than public water stocking)**

Sold dead:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Expected date:	
Sold alive:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Expected date:	To whom:
Disposed to waste:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Expected date:	
Returned to source:	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Expected date:	
Other:			

**7. Do you hold a current aquaculture licence or general permit (e.g. protected aquatic biota or noxious species permit)?**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> Provide licence/permit details and number	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b>
If you answered no above have you applied for an aquaculture licence/general permit?	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No.</b>

**8. Will the proposed translocation be conducted in accordance with an approved translocation protocol?**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes.</b> State which translocation protocol and pathways will be followed ( <a href="https://vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/moving-and-stocking-live-aquatic-organisms/">https://vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/moving-and-stocking-live-aquatic-organisms/</a> )?
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
If No, a Risk Assessment will be required, and should be submitted with this application

**9. Any other relevant information including examples of any risk mitigations, relevant experience, additional biosecurity measures, etc. (please use additional pages as necessary).**

**I hereby declare that the information contained in this form is true, accurate and complete.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date**     /     /

*Please note: Section 148(7) of the Fisheries Act 1995 provides for penalties if the applicant provides false or misleading information.*

## Explanatory Notes for completing the Initial Screening application form

### Background

The Initial Screening Application (Form A) is the first step in assessing the risks of a proposed translocation. Risks are assessed and managed in accordance with the Guidelines for Assessing Translocations of Live Aquatic Organisms in Victoria (the Guidelines) and relevant translocation protocols .

Copies of the Guidelines and translocation protocols can be obtained from the translocation section of the Victorian Fisheries Authority website:

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/moving-and-stocking-live-aquatic-organisms/>

### Definitions

For the purpose of these notes the following definitions are relevant:

*Translocation* is a process that has been approved for the deliberate, human-assisted movement of a live aquatic organism to Victorian waters. A translocation is defined by:

- the species of organism translocated;
- source of the translocated organism;
- destination of the translocated organism; and
- controls that manage the environmental risks of the translocation.

A *translocation event* is the implementation of an approved translocation. Multiple translocation events may be undertaken in accordance with an approved translocation.

A *translocation protocol* describes the risk management controls and other biosecurity requirements for specific classes of translocations.

*Stocking* is the release of live aquatic organism via an approved translocation into any Victorian waters.

### Explanation of Questions

#### 1. Applicant Details

In order for the application to be assessed, accurate contact details must be provided to assist in timely communication and processing.

#### 2. Species to be translocated, lifestage, size and number/volume.

The applicant must provide details on each individual species that they wish to gain translocation approval for. Details must include both the common and scientific names of each species i.e. rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) – refer to [www.fishnames.com.au](http://www.fishnames.com.au) for assistance with fish names. Should there be some contention regarding the taxonomy of the species, the source of the taxonomy should also be provided. Please also provide information on the life stage, size and an indicative number/volume of each species that you wish to stock.

#### 3. Where will the species be sourced from?

The applicant must provide the details of the proposed source of stock. Where stock is proposed to be sourced from an aquaculture facility, the name and contact details of the supplier are required. Should proposed stock be sourced from private waterways, the name and contact details of the supplier are required. Should the proposed source of the stock be from public waterways, the consent of the Victorian Fisheries Authority is required through a General Permit.

#### 4. What is the purpose of the translocation?

For each species listed in section 2, please provide details as to the purpose of the translocation eg. aquaculture, research, recreational public stocking (eg. angling club stock enhancement), conservation.

#### 5. What is the destination of the stock?

Please provide details of the location where the fish will be stocked.

**For public water stockings (eg. recreational stockings, stock enhancement):**

- The official name of the waterway
- A clear map at an appropriate scale to demonstrate the location of the waterway in relation to local lakes, rivers and other surface waters.

**For facilities:**

- The physical address of the site or the Crown Allotment number as shown on the title.
- A clear map at an appropriate scale to demonstrate the location of the facility in relation to local lakes, rivers and other surface waters.
- Please detail the type of system the fish we be stocked in e.g. raceways, ponds, recirculating aquaculture systems, secure laboratory tanks, secure internal display tanks, external above ground tanks etc.
- A map detailing the height of the facility in relation to the 1-in-100 year flood level<sup>1</sup> would also be useful if available.

Eg DELWP mapping: <https://mapshare.vic.gov.au/mapsharevic/>

**6. What will be the fate of the fish (for proposals other than public water stocking)?**

The fate of the fish can help provide information on the final destination of the fish and further clarification on the purpose of stocking.

**7. Do you hold a current aquaculture licence or general permit (e.g. restricted aquatic biota or noxious species permit)?**

This question helps determine if you have the relevant licence or general permit to conduct certain activities.

**8. Will the proposed translocation be conducted in accordance with an approved translocation protocol?**

The Victorian Fisheries Authority has specific translocation protocols for certain species and/or production systems. These documents detail the controls necessary to manage the risks of certain translocations. If your proposed translocation can be conducted in accordance with an existing translocation protocol, you may not be required to complete a risk assessment.

The translocation protocols can be viewed at:

<https://vfa.vic.gov.au/operational-policy/moving-and-stocking-live-aquatic-organisms/>

**9. Any other relevant information including examples of any relevant experience, additional biosecurity measures etc?**

If appropriate, provide other information that you consider is important in the consideration of your application. This can include your past experience conducting the proposed activity or more information on the production facility to which the fish are proposed for stocking, and any further risk mitigations.

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