

- SOP No:** AHT 028(e)
- SUBJECT:** Transportation of Live Fish – ROAD TRANSPORT
- POLICY:** Animal transportation should not be undertaken if fish are likely to be exposed to temperature extremes.
- PRECAUTIONS:** Acceptance and housing space must be approved and allocated by UQBR prior to the transport of aquatic animals to UQ facilities
Personal protective equipment must be specific to the area of pick up, type of animal, and size of animal, which all must be taken into account in a risk assessment, and this includes any extra safety precautions that should be made due to the nature of the animal e.g. poisonous spines.
Staff responsible for the transportation of animals must use their professional judgement on the mode/type of equipment suitable for the particular animal being transported
- EQUIPMENT:** safety glasses (RA)
gloves (RA)
fully enclosed, non slip shoes
- PROCEDURE:** Animals are packed into large plastic bags, in freshly obtained water.
Oxygen must be pumped into the bags, which are sealed air tight after the addition of oxygen
This event is carried out no more than 1 hour before transport.
Animals are transported in an air conditioned vehicle, ensuring that the temperature of the water is kept under 24° C.
- RECOMMENDATIONS:** Wildlife and fisheries permits may be required if the animals will be obtained from the wild.
On arrival at a UQ animal house facility, fish are acclimatised to tanks and introduced into the system; this process should take around 40 minutes.
Some species may require isolation for a period of time prior to being added into a larger system due to the risks of bringing in parasites and infections.
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REFERENCES

1. http://www.ccac.ca/en/CCAC_Programs/Guidelines_Policies/GDLINES/Fish/Fish_Guidelines_English.pdf