



## Fact Sheet

### *Indigofera linifolia* (L.f.) Retz.

We thought it worthwhile to provide some facts about our products and processes. Some of you may have seen recent posts on facebook, with uneducated opinions regarding toxic plant: Indospicine.

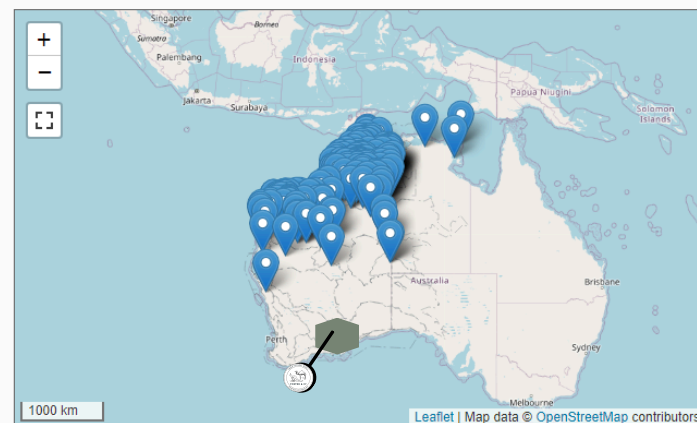
There is no history or proven cases of Indospicine poisoning in the lower half of Western Australia, let alone the Goldfields, Esperance or Nullarbor regions in which **Foster & Co** harvest our animals. We have been harvesting animals from these regions for more than 20 years and have not once experienced a confirmed case of Indospicine poisoning in any produce.

We record the location of every animal we harvest and process to ensure we have exceptional understanding of the origin of our products. This is recorded in batch numbers, allowing us to track and minimise the risk of any potential biosecurity risks.

Further to this, the large majority of animals we harvest are sourced from a certified organic beef pastoral property, which means it has been assessed and satisfies certain biosecurity risks; including the exposure risk of Indigofera plant. No livestock from these properties have ever experienced Indospicine issues.

There are some claims that every animal should be tested for this exposure before processing. This is not possible or viable in our region. We understand how loved our pets are and we are also avid pet owners who would never expose our own much loved pets to this risk. We feed our produce to all of our own pets and have done for 20+ years without any sign of this issue.

Western Australian Herbarium (1998-). Florabase—the Western Australian flora. Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. <https://florabase.dbca.wa.gov.au/>



This map of WA indicates the known locations of the Indigofera plant in question. Also indicated on this map is a location of our harvest areas.

The only factual case of Indospicine poisoning of dogs occurred in Victoria 2021, and was a result of pet meat sourced from wild horses in the Northern Territory. It is disappointing that certain people are trying to create hysteria about this issue without sharing the actual facts of the matter.

In regards to standards and professionalism of our business, our employees are all licensed professionals with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, with +20 years experience in the Pet meat industry.

In addition to this we are also associate members of Goldfields and Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association (GNRBA), which enables us to be well advised of any changes to these potential risks.



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