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Tēnā koe [Redacted]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 25 November 2023, in which you stated:

I have decided that I really want to see the 2022 threat manual. I am a past DOC staffer and threat assessment panel member, as is [Redacted]. In theory, therefore, I have may have the same rights as he does to seeing the document now that he too has left DOC. We are both past DOC/threat assessment panel members.

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982. Please find enclosed the requested documents.

In 2019, Administrators and Panel Leads on the New Zealand Threat Classification System (NZTCS) reviewed the technical process of assessing species for their extinction risk as described in Townsend et al. 2008. They published a revised two-part manual in August 2022.

This revised manual is not yet in use, as adjustments to the NZTCS database are currently being made to ensure data accuracy. The manual of Townsend et al. 2008 remains current until the manual of Rolfe et al. 2022 can be implemented. The expected implementation date is October 2024.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	August 2022	Rolfe, J.; Hitchmough, R.; Michel, P.; Makan, T.; Cooper, J.A.; de Lange, P.J.; Townsend, C.A.J.; Miskelly, C.M.; Molloy, J. 2022: New Zealand Threat Classification System manual 2022. Part 1: Assessments. Department of Conservation, Wellington. 45 p.	Released in full
2	August 2022	Michel, P.; Rolfe, J.; Hitchmough, R. 2022: New Zealand Threat Classification System manual 2022. Part 2: Administration. Department of Conservation, Wellington. 11 p.	Released in full

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