

23 September 2020



Dear 

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received on 26 August 2020, in which you asked for:

I am after some information from the Department of Conservation regarding the specific yearly budgets for the species-specific DOC programmes. These are not limited to but include the kakapo recovery, protecting bats and protecting reptiles and frogs (as set out on the following webpage <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/protecting-species/>).

The table below shows some of the budgets for this current financial year (2020/21) where the work is specifically for a named species. However, a lot of DOC's biodiversity work is 'integrated at site' to manage pests, weeds and other threats. That means that even though ecosystems and threatened species benefit from that work, the costs are attributed to the pressures rather than the species, and therefore the budgets below show only part of the bigger picture.

Direct costs for specific species	2020/21 budget
Amphibians	\$227,106
Bats	\$285,186
Birds including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whio \$93,361 • kiwi \$1,656,424 • hoiho \$106,113 • kākāpō \$1,052,083 • takahē \$525,320 	\$7,278,728
Save our Iconic Kiwi programme (SOIK)	\$4,300,000
Whio predator control	\$78,604
Coleoptera	\$62,616
Freshwater fish	\$651,120
Land snails	\$43,588
Lepidoptera	\$20,440
Marine mammals including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hector & Maui dolphin \$115,183 • NZ sea lion \$21,251 	\$256,758



Marine Reserve Management	\$1,771,325
Marine mammal research & advice	\$795,126
Hoiho work including recovery	\$181,447
Maui and Hector's Dolphin Threat Management Plan	\$432,735
Mosses	\$1,340
Orthoptera	\$98,930
Powelliphanta	\$193,700
Reptiles	\$517,425
Spiders	\$9,306
Vascular plants	\$1,120,707

The budgets shown below for 2019/20 give an indication of some of the pest control work that complements the species-specific spending. These figures exclude overheads, weed and wilding conifer control, and Predator Free 2050 funding.

Animal pest control	2019/20 budget
Possums	\$2,443,000
Deer	\$647,000
Goats	\$3,154,000
Rats & mustelids	\$24,284,000
Other pressures (eg sheep, cattle)	\$10,622,000
Funding pools in initial budget	\$5,825,000
Total:	\$46,976,000

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Department's website, because we believe it may be of interest to the wider public.

Yours sincerely

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