



16 October 2023

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 18 September 2023, in which you asked for:

In relation to Motutapu:

1) Please provide me with a map showing the following:

- areas where Jobs for Nature have completed targeted areas and brought an area under control ready to maintain*
- areas where the Motutapu Restoration Trust have completed targeted weeding areas under control ready to maintain*
- areas where the Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp have completed targeted weeding areas under control ready to maintain*

2) In relation to Jobs for Nature specific funding which is the most recent and significant:

- Please show on the map areas that are currently being weeded at the moment and when those areas are likely to be completed.*
- Please show on a map the areas that have been identified as next steps and a high priority once the current areas (above) are under control*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Context

You have receipt of my letter dated 7 July 2023 that provides context for my response to your further request for information.

I have decided to release to you, maps containing information you are seeking that the Department holds at the time we received your request. Please note that we do not hold maps that show all the information you have requested. The Department is not obliged to create new information to respond to requests for official information under the OIA.



Please note that DOC Community Fund recipients are required to submit a final report on their project, and in some cases, depending on grant conditions, interim progress reports. Under most Jobs for Nature funding, recipients are required to submit quarterly progress reports and a final report. Maps of areas completed is not a requirement for reporting; tables of hectares covered to compare against project objectives, for example, is an adequate form of reporting.

Response

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

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Please find attached, as Item 1, a map showing areas of Motutapu that has been treated for weeds, under Jobs for Nature funding to Te Hearenga o Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Ltd.

With reference to section 18(e) of the OIA, the Department does not hold maps showing areas where the Motutapu Restoration Trust has undertaken weed control under funding grants.

However, I can confirm that weed control by the Motutapu Restoration Trust is focused on an area on Motutapu known as Central Gully. Central Gully is a large, forested valley that runs north from Home Bay.

Maps showing areas that have been treated for moth plant by the Motutapu Outdoor Education Trust are attached as Item 2. These are images from a report submitted by the Motutapu Outdoor Education Trust in 2022, following completion of the project funded by a grant from the Department's Community Conservation Fund.

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A map showing weed control zones on Motutapu is attached as Item 3. The area marked Zone 1 on the map corresponds to the area of weed control shown in Item 1. The Area marked Zone 2 on the map is the area currently prioritised for weed control.

With reference to section 18(e) of the OIA, it is anticipated that the zones shown in Item 3 will be worked on in the same order as they are numbered on the map. However, this will be at the discretion of Ngāi Tai ki Tamaki as they determine how best to deliver the work funded by the grant from Jobs for Nature.



Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	June 2022	Map of area controlled for weeds on Motutapu using Jobs for Nature funding as of June 2022	Released in full
2	9 May 2022	Excerpt from Motutapu Outdoor Education Trust report on DOCCF-016 showing areas of weed controlled under the funding grant	Released in full
3	22 November 2022	Map showing weed control zones on Motutapu	Released in full

Advisories

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website.



Nāku noa, nā



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