

7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 10 March 2025, in which you asked for:

- 1. All information in regards to consultation relating to the planned 1080 drop at Waipoua Forest, Northland*
- 2. Any confirmation of approval from hapu, iwi or entities*
- 3. Confirmation of how much 1080 is planned to be dropped and it's estimated value*
- 4. A copy of the Safety Data Sheet for the 1080 which is to be used*
- 5. Details on any 1080 meetings/consultation which may be coming up, or minutes/details of any which have taken place in regard to the planned 2025 Waipoua Forest 1080 operation.*

We have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982. Your questions and our responses are listed below:

- 1. All information in regards to consultation relating to the planned 1080 drop at Waipoua Forest, Northland*

This operation is still being planned and will not occur before July 2025. DOC is currently consulting with Te Roroa. This consultation is ongoing, but details of the engagement so far are summarised in the Table attached as Appendix A.

We are just beginning consultation with private landowners of properties within the proposed treatment area. Consultation with adjoining landowners and other stakeholders will begin in the next few weeks.

- 2. Any confirmation of approval from hapu, iwi or entities*

Consultation with iwi on the planned 2025 Waipoua operation is still underway – refer to the Table in Appendix A for progress to date.

3. *Confirmation of how much 1080 is planned to be dropped and it's estimated value*

The application area and therefore the amount of 1080 used is subject to change as the operation is still being planned. At this stage the plan is to apply 6g cereal pellets containing 0.15% 1080 at a rate of 1.5kg/ha over 17,000ha. This equates to 38.25kg of 1080. The approximate cost of that amount of 1080 predator bait is \$200,000.

4. *A copy of the Safety Data Sheet for the 1080 which is to be used*

I am providing you with a copy of the safety data sheet for Pronature Possum and Rodent Bait. I have decided to release this document in full, please refer to the following document schedule.

Item	Document description	Decision
1	Safety data sheet for Pronature Possum and Rodent Bait	Released in full

5. *Details on any 1080 meetings/consultation which may be coming up, or minutes/details of any which have taken place in regard to the planned 2025 Waipoua Forest 1080 operation*

Please refer to my response to question 1.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

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

Nāku noa, nā



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*Te Papa Atawhai*

## Appendix A - Summary of DOC consultation to date for the 2025 Waipoua aerial 1080 operation

Who	Purpose	Date	Detail
Te Roroa	Update Te Roroa on Waipoua monitoring results and proposed maps for 2025 operation for consideration.	13/05/2024	DOC met with Te Roroa to go over maps for proposed 2025 operation and provide copies for consideration. DOC outlined operation planning process including consultation and engagement process and discussed how contractors were secured.
Te Roroa	Seek support for 2025 operation from Pananawe & Matatina at hui.	19/05/2024	DOC discussed proposed 2025 1080 operation. There was support for DOC to continue to plan aerial 1080 in 2025. Request for latest monitoring information from Waipoua for next hui.
Te Roroa	Update on Waipoua monitoring results.	27/07/2024	DOC emailed factsheet, maps and summary from the 2022 1080 operation prior to update on latest monitoring results.
Te Roroa	As above	31/07/2024	Work with Te Roroa to summarise monitoring data to be presented to Board and Marae including freshwater monitoring and forest canopy browse monitoring.
Te Roroa	As above	29/08/2024	Further monitoring data evaluation and discussion.
Te Roroa	Proposed 2025 1080 discussion	15/02/2025	Updated Te Roroa, provided summary of monitoring and consultation factsheet. DOC are seeking Boards consideration of 1080 and seeking opportunity to present information.
Te Roroa	Seeking support from trust boards for 2025 1080 operation. Presentation to the Board about the monitoring results.	25/02/2025	Presentation delivered.
Te Roroa	Update Te Roroa about monitoring.	10/03/2025	Latest updates about monitoring including aerial canopy monitoring option.
Te Roroa	Comms update	12/03/2025	Update to Te Roroa on social media posts about planned aerial operation.
Te Roroa	Progress update	19/03/2025	Provide information on aerial contract management details e.g. application area and rates.
Te Roroa	Progress update	19/03/2025	Provide update post earlier meeting on decision to reduce application area.