

4 April 2024

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Ref: OIAD-5010

Tēnā koe

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 12 March 2025, in which you asked for the following documents:

- Dowding, J.E. 1993. An attempt to enhance survival of NZ dotterels on Stewart Island by control of feral cats, 1992-93. Report to Protected Species Policy Division, Department of Conservation, Wellington. 12pp.
- Dowding, J.E. 1993. NZ Dotterel Recovery Plan. Threatened Species Recovery Plan Series No. 10. Department of Conservation, Wellington. 38pp.
- Dowding, J.E. 1994. New Zealand Dotterels on Stewart Island: a report on the 1993-94 season. Report to Department of Conservation (Protected Species Policy Division, Wellington and Southland Conservancy, Invercargill). 10pp.

As requested, we have considered your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the OIA).

I have decided to release two of the documents you requested in full, as set out in the document schedule below.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	June 1993	Dowding, J.E. 1993 a. An attempt to enhance survival of NZ dotterels on Stewart Island by control of feral cats, 1992-93.	Released in full
2	April 1994	Dowding, J.E. 1994. New Zealand Dotterels on Stewart Island: a report on the 1993-94 season. Report to Department of Conservation	Released in full

The document *NZ Dotterel Recovery Plan. Threatened Species Recovery Plan Series No. 10.* is publicly available online at the following link, and I am therefore refusing this part of your request under section 18(d) of the OIA.

[New Zealand Dotterel Recovery Plan \(*Charadrius obscurus*\)](#)

For completeness I also enclose a link to the subsequent Recovery Plan:

[New Zealand dotterel \(*Charadrius obscurus*\) recovery plan, 2004-14](#)

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 OIA.

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

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirstie Knowles'.

Kirstie Knowles
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Te Papa Atawhai