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Tēnā koe 

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 25 July 2025, in which you stated:

*"I cannot locate on your website, recent or any surveys of the presence of katipo spiders or shore skinks on Forestry Beach. Do you have any historical data on these two species?
Is this information available?"*

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

The Department holds two digitised maps that show the presence of katipō spiders and shore skinks at Forestry Beach, Te Ārai. Details about the maps are outlined in the table below.

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	22 Sept 2015	Map appended to Te Ārai Sandglass Sand Extraction Rehabilitation Plan	Released in full
2	28 Feb 2019	Map appended to lizard translocation permit application	Released in part

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the maps listed above, subject to information being withheld under one or more of the relevant sections of the OIA, as applicable. In this case, personal information, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

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.

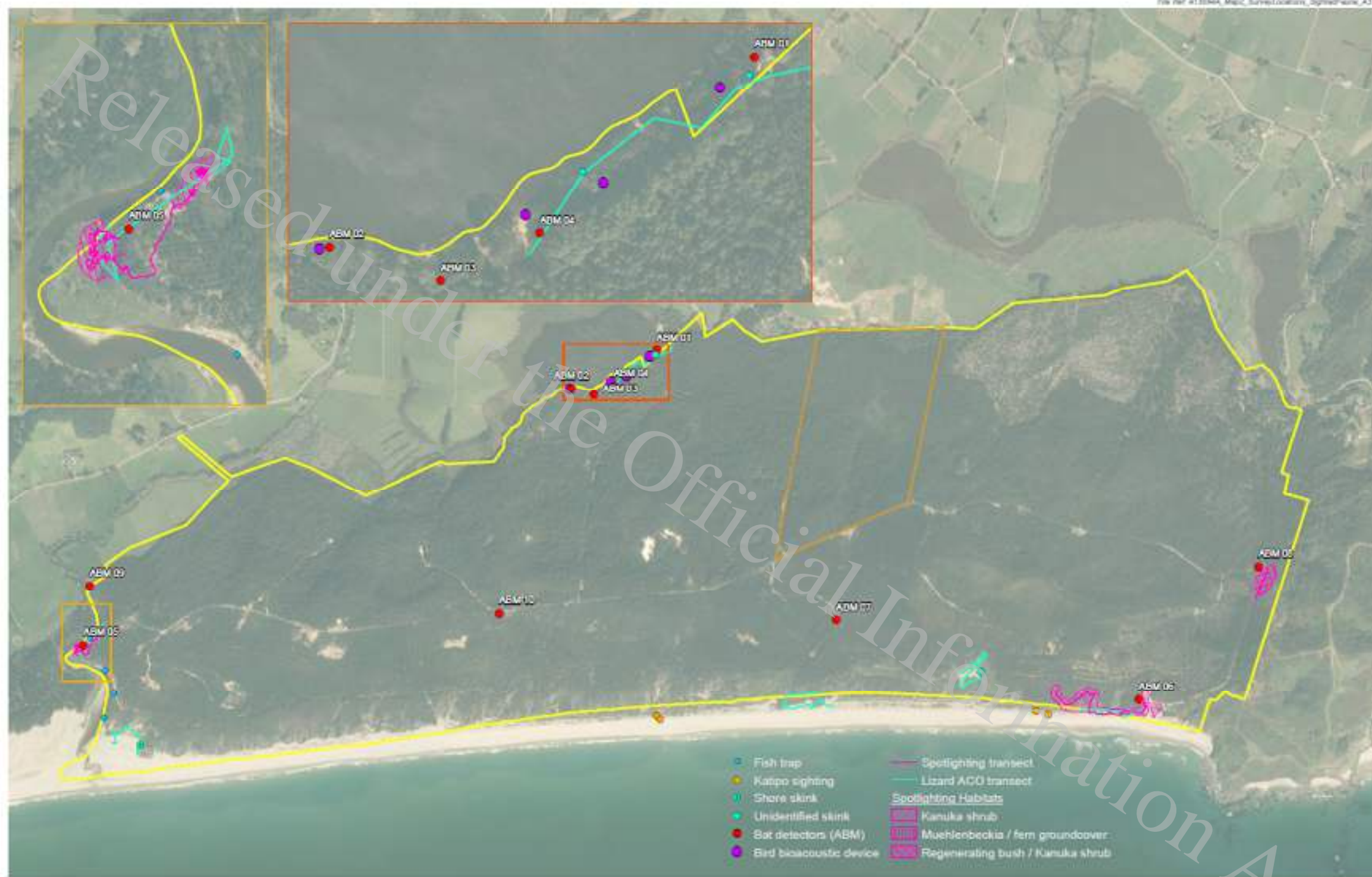
Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attachments may be published on the Department's website.

Our field staff have also encountered katipō spiders and shore skinks at nearby beaches during other fieldwork, but have not undertaken any surveys. The Auckland Council or the Auckland Museum may also hold records of species sighted in the vicinity of Forestry Beach, Te Ārai.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Rogers'.

Alex Rogers
Director Regional Operations, Tāmaki Makaurau
Department of Conservation | *Te Papa Atawhai*





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Data Source: Auckland Council, ABC, SNG, BMS
Projection: NZGD 2000 New Zealand Transverse Mercator

Mangawhai South Forest Property
 Sandglass Corp. Ltd. Mining Area

**Mangawhai Sandglass Sand Extraction
Survey Locations & Fauna Sighted**
24 June 2015
Plan Prepared for Sandglass Corp. Ltd. by Boffa Miskell Limited
Author: MPE | Checked: LBU

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