

24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (the Department), received on 08 December 2024, in which you asked for:

- “1. How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?  
2. Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.  
3. I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?  
4. Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty Principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.  
5. How many fte are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?  
6. What country/countries are the majority of your organisation’s data stored?  
7. Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?”*

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

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

**1. How does your organisation define Māori data as opposed to non-Māori data?**

The Department has not yet agreed a distinct definition of Māori data. Some work has been progressed with "tagging" content in our internal Digital Media library with metadata to identify which hāpu, iwi, iwi trust, whānau or any other relevant group was recorded as having an interest in a particular media item.

**2. Does your organisation have Māori Data Sovereignty and or a Māori Data Governance policy or strategy? If yes, I request a copy.**

The Department has a Data Strategy that encompasses Māori data governance. Work is planned to develop Māori data governance approaches to support implementation of the Data Strategy.

**3. I also request a copy of your organisation Data Governance strategy/policy/policies?**

I have attached a copy of the Department's Data Strategy which encompasses data governance. Work is planned to develop data governance approaches to support implementation of the Data Strategy.

- 4. Has your organisation had with any success or no/limited success, implementation of any Māori Data Sovereignty Principles or Māori Data Governance? If yes, please provide details of the implementation and how you measured its success.**

Te Mana Raraunga Principles of Māori Data Sovereignty have been referenced in some work by our Treaty Relationships Group. This includes reference to the principles of rangatiratanga, by seeking to maintain the integrity of data sources, e.g. copying text verbatim, and whakapapa by providing reference links to data sources. Success measures have not been put in place for this use.

- 5. How many FTE are allocated to Māori Data practices in your organisation?**

Approximately 0.25 FTE are allocated to Māori data practices.

- 6. What country/countries are the majority of your organisation's data stored?**

The majority of our data is stored in the East Coast of Australia.

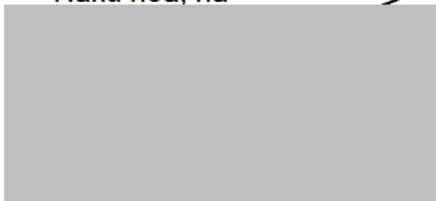
- 7. Which Cloud Provider(s) do you use?**

Amazon Web Services (AWS), Azure (for Microsoft) and Oracle Cloud (onshore New Zealand).

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	1 July 2024	DOC Data Strategy 2024	Released in full.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and attached documents may be published on the Department's website. If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact me by email at [rkay@doc.govt.nz](mailto:rkay@doc.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā



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