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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation (DOC), received on 2 August 2025, in which you asked:

“...if anyone is conducting a Kiwi, Burrow and Chick viability study post 1080 application?”

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

On 13 August you clarified (or refined) your request to relate to the Pukunui Recovery Operation.

DOC is monitoring kiwi abundance (both pre-operation and post-operation) using cameras.

DOC is not monitoring kiwi breeding success, because extensive monitoring of kiwi during aerial 1080 operations has already been undertaken elsewhere. More than 350 individual radio tagged kiwi have already been monitored through at least 15 aerial 1080 operations. This sustained effort over several decades has conclusively shown that kiwi survive aerial 1080 operations, and their breeding success is improved through predator control.

The most recent example of kiwi monitoring was the 8-year study of 1080 as a predator control tool to protect kiwi at Shy Lake, in Fiordland National Park. If you'd like to know more, please refer to this website: [The Fiordland Kiwi Diaries: Tokoeka kiwi](#) .

The Pukunui Recovery Operation's primary aim is to protect critically endangered pukunui/southern dotterel. DOC is undertaking intensive monitoring to understand the impacts the operation has with respect to pukunui survival.

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

If you would like to discuss this response with us, please contact pukunui@doc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā



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