



Registration Certificate: Authorisation to hold lizards in captivity

Authorisation Number: 45599-CAP

Registration Number: [to be completed by the administrator]

THIS AUTHORITY is made [Date to be completed by the administrator]

PARTIES:

The Director-General of Conservation (the Grantor)

AND

[Name to be completed by the administrator] (the Authority Holder)

BACKGROUND:

- A. The Director-General of Conservation is empowered to issue authorisations under the Wildlife Act 1953.
- B. The Director-General of Conservation has granted a General Authorisation (45599-CAP) that allows any Residents and Citizens of New Zealand 16 years of age or over to register to be covered under this General Authorisation.
- C. The Authority Holder has registered to be covered by the General Authorisation 45599-CAP.

OPERATIVE PARTS

In exercise of the Grantor's powers the Grantor **AUTHORISES** the Authority Holder under Section 53 of the Wildlife Act 1953, subject to the terms and conditions contained in this Authority and its Schedules.

SCHEDULE 1

1.	Authorised activity (Schedule 2, clause 2)	To hold, breed, transfer and dispose of the following absolutely protected wildlife: a. <i>Naultinus grayii</i> (Northland green gecko) b. <i>Naultinus elegans</i> (Elegant gecko) c. <i>Naultinus punctatus</i> (Barking gecko) d. <i>Dactylocnemis pacificus</i> (Pacific gecko) e. <i>Dactylocnemis</i> "North Cape" (North Cape Pacific gecko) f. <i>Dactylocnemis</i> "Matapia Island" (Matapia gecko) g. <i>Mokopirirakau granulatus</i> (Forest gecko) h. <i>Mokopirirakau</i> "Southern North Island" (Southern North Island forest gecko) i. <i>Woodworthia maculata</i> (common gecko) j. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Central Otago" (Central Otago gecko) k. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Cromwell" (Cromwell Gecko) l. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Kaikouras" (Kaikouras gecko) m. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Marlborough Mini" (Marlborough mini gecko) n. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Mount Arthur" (Mount Arthur gecko) o. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Otago Southland" (Large Otago gecko) p. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Southern Alps" (Southern Alps gecko) q. <i>Woodworthia</i> "Southern mini" (Southern mini gecko) r. <i>Woodworthia</i> cf. <i>brunnea</i> (Canterbury gecko)
2.	The Location (Schedule 2, clause 2)	[Location(s) to be completed by the administrator]
3.	Term (Schedule 2, clause 4)	Commencing on and including [Registration date to be completed by the administrator] and ending on and including 30 th October 2025
4.	Authority Holder's address for notices (Schedule 2, clause 8)	The Authority Holders address in New Zealand is: [to be completed by the administrator] Phone: [to be completed by the administrator]

		Email: [to be completed by the administrator]
5.	Grantor's address for notices	<p>The Grantor's address for all correspondence is:</p> <p>Permissions Team 73 Rostrevor Street Level 4 Hamilton 3240</p> <p>Email: doclizards@doc.govt.nz</p>

SCHEDULE 2

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The Authority Holder is responsible for the acts and omissions of its employees, contractors or, agents. The Authority Holder is liable under this Authority for any breach of the terms of the Authority by its employees, contractors or agents as if the breach had been committed by the Authority Holder.

2. What is being authorised?

- 2.1 The Authority Holder is only allowed to carry out the Authorised Activity at the Location described in Schedule 1, Item 2.
- 2.2 If the Authority holder wishes to carry out the Authorised Activity in a place other than at the Location described in Schedule 1, Item 2, then the Authority Holder must notify the Grantor within 5 working days of such change.
- 2.3 The Authority Holder may occasionally publicly display the lizards held, including display at events organised by the New Zealand Herpetological Society.
- 2.4 Prior to undertaking any public display, the Authority Holder must advise the organiser or host to inform themselves about lizard tīkanga (www.doc.govt.nz/lizardtikanga).
- 2.5 This Authority gives the Authority Holder the right to hold wildlife in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Authority, but the wildlife remains the property of the Crown. This includes any dead wildlife, live wildlife, any parts thereof, any eggs or progeny of the wildlife, genetic material and any replicated genetic material.
- 2.6 The Authority Holder must comply with any reasonable request from the Grantor for access to any wildlife.
- 2.7 Unless expressly authorised by the Grantor in writing, the Authority Holder must not sell or trade to any third party any wildlife, material, including any genetic material, or any material propagated or cloned from such material, collected under this Authority.

3. Who is authorised?

- 3.1 Only the Authority Holder is authorised to carry out the Authorised Activity.

4. How long is the Authority for - the Term?

- 4.1 This Authority commences and ends on the dates set out in Schedule 1, Item 3.

5. What are the liabilities?

- 5.1 The Authority Holder agrees to exercise the Authority at the Authority Holder's own risk and releases to the full extent permitted by law the Grantor and the Grantor's employees and agents from all claims and demands of any kind and from all liability which may arise in respect of any accident, damage or injury occurring to any person or property arising from the Authority Holder's exercise of the Authorised Activity.

6. What about compliance with legislation and Grantor's notices and directions?

6.1 The Authority Holder must comply with all statutes, bylaws and regulations, and all notices, directions and requisitions of the Grantor and any competent Authority relating to the conduct of the Authorised Activity. Without limitation, this includes the Conservation Act 1987 and the Acts listed in the First Schedule of that Act and all applicable health and safety legislation and regulation.

7. When can the Authority be terminated?

7.1 The Grantor may terminate this Authority at any time in respect of the whole or any part of the Authorised Activity.

7.2 If the Grantor intends to terminate this Authority in whole or in part, the Grantor must give the Authority Holder such prior notice as, in the sole opinion of the Grantor, appears reasonable and necessary in the circumstances.

8. How are notices sent and when are they received?

8.1 Any notice to be given under this Authority by the Grantor is to be in writing and made by personal delivery, by pre paid post or email to the Authority Holder at the address, fax number or email address specified in Schedule 1, Item 4. Any such notice is to be deemed to have been received:

- a. in the case of personal delivery, on the date of delivery;
- b. in the case of post, on the 3rd working day after posting;
- c. in the case of email, on the date receipt of the email is acknowledged by the addressee by return email or otherwise in writing.

8.2 If the Authority Holder's details specified in Schedule 1, Item 4 change then the Authority Holder must notify the Grantor within 5 working days of such change.

9. What about the payment of costs?

9.1 The Authority Holder must pay the standard Department of Conservation charge-out rates for any staff time and mileage required to monitor compliance with this Authority and to investigate any alleged breaches of the terms and conditions of it.

10. Adhere to Best Practice Guidelines

10.1 The Authorised Activity must be undertaken in accordance with the current best practice guidance as set out in the Best Practice Guide to keeping New Zealand lizards in captivity ([www.doc.govt.nz\captivelizards](http://www.doc.govt.nz/captivelizards)).

11. Access to private property for inspection

11.1 The Authority Holder must consent to any officer of the Grantor entering the Authority Holder's property at any reasonable time, including any time after the expiry or termination of this Authority, to inspect protected species or facilities in which they are contained.

11.2 The Authority Holder must comply with any directions of the officer and provide reasonable assistance to the officer to undertake the inspection.

11.3 The Grantor may recover costs of inspections from the Authority Holder.

12. Obtaining, disposing of and transfer of lizards

12.1 The lizards and their progeny may be obtained only from persons holding an Authority to keep native lizards in captivity or the Department of Conservation.

- 12.2 The lizards and their progeny must not be released - they may be transferred only to persons holding an appropriate Authority to keep native lizards in captivity.
- 12.3 The Authority Holder is responsible for re-homing (transfer) any unwanted wildlife to another person. Transfer is only permitted where:
 - a. the other person holds an Authority to keep the protected species in captivity; or
 - b. the transfer is to a DOC facility.
- 12.4 Wildlife must be made available for conservation programmes, including research, breeding programmes and release/reintroduction programmes. This may involve activities such as (but not limited to):
 - a. transferring lizards for breeding programmes,
 - b. making available individuals for release, and
 - c. maintaining a working relationship with DOC staff, other holders and whānau, hapū and iwi.
- 12.5 If any lizard should die, the Authority Holder must follow the process published on the DOC website for disposal of captive lizards ([www.doc.govt.nz\captivelizards](http://www.doc.govt.nz/captivelizards)).

13. Husbandry standards

- 13.1 Lizard enclosure(s) must meet the minimum standards as outlined the Best Practice Guide to keeping New Zealand lizards in captivity ([www.doc.govt.nz\captivelizards](http://www.doc.govt.nz/captivelizards)).
- 13.2 The lizards and all enclosures in which they are held must be made available for inspection at all reasonable times by officers of the Grantor. If required by the Grantor, the holder of this Authority must make such improvements to the said enclosures as deemed necessary and take such other steps as directed to ensure the welfare of the lizards.
- 13.3 Different species of the same genus e.g. two different green gecko (*Naultinus*) species, must never be held together.
- 13.4 Where species from different genera are held together, the Authority Holder must monitor them carefully for signs of stress caused by one species bullying the other or out-competing the other for the available food.
- 13.5 The Authority Holder must not house any native lizards with exotic reptile or amphibian species.
- 13.6 The Authority holder is responsible for managing numbers of animals to ensure that no more are held than can be cared for in accordance with the minimum standards set out in the Best practice guide to keeping NZ lizards in captivity ([www.doc.govt.nz\captivelizards](http://www.doc.govt.nz/captivelizards)).
- 13.7 The Authority Holder must plan breeding to ensure that any surplus animals bred can be placed with other Authorised Holders.

14. Record keeping

- 14.1 The Authority Holder must maintain full records of the lizards held which will record births, deaths, and exchange of wildlife with other Authority Holders. These records are to be available for inspection at all reasonable times by officers of the Grantor.
- 14.2 The Authority Holder must complete an Annual Return in the format required by the Grantor, and return them to the Grantor, by 31st October of each year.

15. Surrender of existing Authority

- 15.1 This Authority supersedes any previous Authority granted to the Authority Holder for the species listed on this Authority.