



Department of
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Te Papa Atawhai

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Geoff Reid
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Dear Geoff

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 22 November 2023, in which you asked for:

“Impact of Project De-Vine on weed control - Golden Bay

Please provide the following;

- 1. What financial contributions has the Department made towards Project De-Vine each year since its inception?*
- 2. What organisations were each contribution provided to?*
- 3. How does DOC determine the impact Project Devine is having on the distribution of the target weeds?*
- 4. What was the distribution of Project Devine's primary target weeds (banana passionfruit and old man's beard) in the target area at the time the first contribution was made? Please provide the detailed maps showing this.*
- 5. What is the current distribution of those weeds in the target area? Please provide the detailed maps showing this.”*

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

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Whakātu Nelson Office
Private Bag 5, Nelson 7042,
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Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1. *What financial contributions has the Department made towards Project De-Vine each year since its inception?*

DATE	CONTRACT	Value	Notes
2023-24	Limestone Reserves	\$15,000.00	
2022-23	Limestone Reserves	\$19,000.00	
2021-22	Limestone Reserves	\$19,500.00	
	Takaka Valley Remnants	\$19,500.00	
	Waitui Consevation Area	\$4,000.00	One off activity
2020-21	Takaka Valley Remnants	\$20,000.00	
	Limestone Reserves	\$20,000.00	
2019-20	Limestone Reserves	\$19,000.00	
2018-19	Limestone Reserves	\$19,000.00	

2. *What organisations were each contribution provided to?*

Project De-vine has received funding to carry out contract weed control in Golden Bay. No other organisations have been contracted for weed control by DOC in Golden Bay.

3. *How does DOC determine the impact Project Devine is having on the distribution of the target weeds?*

Project De-vine provide operational reporting at the end of each contract period confirming the contracted areas have been completed.

4. *What was the distribution of Project Devine's primary target weeds (banana passionfruit and old man's beard) in the target area at the time the first contribution was made? Please provide the detailed maps showing this.*

Please see maps listed below for the target area(s) at the time the first contribution was made.

5. *What is the current distribution of those weeds in the target area? Please provide the detailed maps showing this.*

Please see maps attached for the current (most recent) target area(s) that we have this information for.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed above, subject to information being withheld under the following section of the Official Information Act:

- personal information and contact details, under section 9(2)(a) – to protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased people.

In making my decision, I have considered the public interest considerations in section 9(1) of the Official Information Act and determined there are no public interests that outweigh the grounds for withholding.

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 Ross Trotter, Operations Manager, Takaka by email to ross.trotter@mtnz.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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Regional Operations Director, Northern South Island
Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

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Item	Date	Question related to	Document description	Decision
1	19/10/2018	4	Grove Scenic Reserve 2018	Released in part
2	18/10/2018	4	Paines Ford Reserve 2018	Released in part
3	04/06/2021	4	Takaka Valley Remnants 2021 Pettersons QEII	Released in part
4	04/06/2021	4	Takaka Valley Remnants 2021 Dos Rios	Released in part
5	04/06/2021	4	Takaka Valley Remnants 2021 Mansons	Released in part
6	15/06/2022	5	Grove Devine Weed map 2022	Released in part
7	12/12/2023	5	Paines Ford Devine Weed Map 2023	Released in full.
8	28/06/2022	5	Takaka Valley Remnants 2021 Pettersons – Remnants 1 & 2	Released in full.
9	28/06/2022	5	Takaka Valley Remnants 2021 Pettersons – Remnants 3	Released in full.