

3 October 2023

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Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 08 August 2023, in which you asked for:

“Could I please request the following (only relating to the Aorangi, Remutaka, Ruahine and Tararua parks in the last 3 years):

- *Any heat maps, training maps, or other maps ... Specifically those used or produced by commercial or non-commercial cullers (including aerial and ground), hunters or the Department itself, for the purpose of targeting deer, goats and pigs*
- *Any emails or documents relating to these maps that specifically mention or identify where deer, goats and pigs are being found/culled.*
- *Any emails or documents that the Department holds on the location and amount of each animal in the aforementioned parks.”*

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

On 22 August 2023 you clarified your request to only include maps showing hunter tracks and weigh points, as well as reports produced by our contractors.

On 1 September 2021 we extended the timeframe to respond to your request to 3 October 2023 due to the large quantity of information sought.

I have decided to release the relevant parts of the documents listed below subject to information being withheld under one or more of the following sections of the Official Information Act, as applicable:

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



Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	03/10/23	Aorangi Hunting Files Consolidated	Released in part
2	03/10/23	Kapiti Wellington Hunting Files Consolidated	Released in part
3	03/10/23	Remutaka Hunting Files Consolidated	Released in part
4	03/10/23	Ruahine Hunting Files Consolidated	Released in part
5	03/10/23	Tararua Hunting Files Consolidated	Released in part

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.

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 Official Information Act.

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

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Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai