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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request to the Department of Conservation, received on 20 February 2026, in which you asked for:

“A PDF map showing all the areas that have had 1080 applied, since 2020.”

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

The attached maps show all Public Conservation Land (PCL) managed by DOC, where 1080 has been applied at least once in the period from the 1st of January 2020 to 6th of March 2026 (completion date of the maps). This includes all approved bait types and methods of application: aerial, hand laid, bait station, and bait bag. It includes operations lead by DOC, OSPRI, Zero Invasive Predators Ltd, and Regional Councils. Operations mostly targeted rats and/or possums, but a small number of operations targeting wallabies or rabbits, and trials of a new bait to directly target feral cats, are also included in the mapped area.

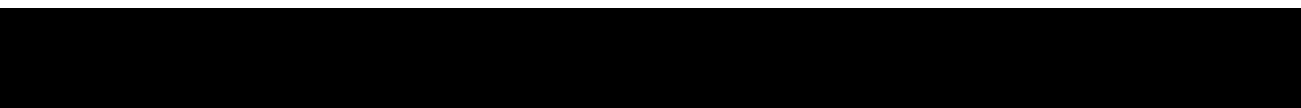
They do not show how many times 1080 has been applied to any part of the mapped area, so do not distinguish between where there has been a single or repeated operations within the period shown. We also haven't shown boundaries between operational areas. Areas that have been treated more than once will often have changes to the exact boundaries for each treatment, while ground-based operations are often small and overlapping, so to attempt to show all boundaries would not have been clear and legible. Where operations may have extended beyond PCL onto neighbouring land with the approval of landowners or managers, only the PCL component is shown. This last point is consistent with how current operations are shown on the Pesticide Summary.

Another useful resource for understanding 1080 use in New Zealand, the Environmental Protection Agency's annual reporting of aerial 1080 operations, which is publicly accessible via <https://www.epa.govt.nz/resources-and-publications/monitoring-and-reporting/?tag=322&start=10>. These reports only include aerial operations, and only report use to regional level, so would not have been a useful substitute for your request. However, they provide some useful background that a simple map cannot, such as how overall use can vary from year to year.

Included documents:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	10/3/26	Map: Public Conservation Land with any 1080 use, 1 st January 2020 to 6 th March 2026 – South Island	Released in full
2	10/3/26	Map: Public Conservation Land with any 1080 use, 1 st January 2020 to 6 th March 2026 – North Island	Released in full.

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



Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tim Bamford'.

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Te Papa Atawhai