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Sarah Carter Via fyi.org.nz

Dear Ms Carter

I refer to your official information request of 14 November 2019 for information about DOC's Island Eradication Advisory Group (IEAG).

Establishment of the IEAG

You asked:

Any alternative names the IEAG (Island Eradication Advisory Group) has been known as or or is now known by - that is any organisation, group, company or entity acting as IEAG or on their behalf?

What date the IEAG or any associated organisations / groups / companies / entities as listed above became an entity of DOC? (Please detail them separately if there are more than one)

The IEAG is an internal advisory group made up of DOC staff. It has not been known by any other names. The IEAG was set up in 1997 to capture existing knowledge and expertise and provide technical advice to up and coming DOC projects.

IEAG overseas projects

You requested:

The total number and names of overseas projects any of the above (i.e. the IEAG and other named entities) have completed? Please list dates, project names, country/ies and entity name (as above) as appropriate.

The IEAG provides advice on overseas projects being carried out by other organisations; it does not complete the projects itself. We are therefore refusing your request under section 18(e) of the OIA, as the information does not exist.

In order to be helpful, we are providing you with a list of the overseas projects the Department has provided advice on in the last five years.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone o800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at this email address.

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

Yours sincerely

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Director Biodiversity Threats

For Director-General

Document schedule

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	November 2019	Table of IEAG projects	Released in full