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Habitat Tuataewa

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ATTENTION 9(2)(a)

**PERMISSION ID DOC-7110274 HABITAT TUATEAWA POSSUM AND  
RAT CONTROL OPERATION  
SUBSTANCE APPROVAL NUMBERS: HSR001598-HSR001596**

Having considered application **DOC-7108959** and assessment report **DOC-7110276** and having considered the adverse effects of the use of **Feracol Hard Paste (Cholecalciferol 8/kg)** and **D-Block Extreme(Diphacinone0.05g/kg)** on DOC managed or administered land, I have decided to grant this permission subject to conditions. I consider that granting this permission is in accordance with the purpose of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996, recognizing the life-supporting capacity of ecosystems and the wellbeing of people and communities, and taking into account the principles and other matters in sections 5, 6, 7 and 8 of that Act. I consider that the conditions imposed in this permission are consistent with the approval of the substance.

I also consider that the controlling of pests is in accordance with the General Policy for National Parks (particularly Policy 4.3) and the Conservation General Policy (see Section 4.2). These General Policies have been given effect to through various conservation planning documents and are in line with the purposes of the conservation legislation. I also understand that the controlling of pests and the protection of indigenous biodiversity generally gives effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. I, therefore, consider that permission to control pests on public conservation land can be granted.

Permission is granted, to take immediate effect under:

- Section 95A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- *[Section 54 of the Wildlife Act 1953]*
- *[Section 38 of the Conservation Act 1987]*

for the Habitat Tuataewa, or any other person acting under their authority (including contractors) to apply:

- Cholecalciferol 8 g/kg hard paste in bait stations
- D- Blocks ExtremeDiphacinone 0.05g/kg in bait stations

on or after the date of this letter until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022; and

to undertake the actions approved under the above Acts on the lands managed or administered by the Department of Conservation, on the lands listed below and shown on the **attached map**:

**1. 44ha of Conservation Area - Kennedy Bay Block Part Coromandel Forest Park**

**Conservation Area Under Section 19 of Conservation Act 1987.**

This operation is approved for the purpose of Possums and Rats with the aim of protecting the health and integrity of the forest communities within the Kennedy Bay Block Part Coromandel Forest Park . It is recognized that this operation may kill other pests.

The permission is given subject to the requirement that the operation:

- Is carried out as generally described in the Application Form submitted
- Meets the conditions shown in the attached sheets of DOC Performance Standards for Pesticide Uses Numbers 144, and the substance is used in accordance with the EPA's approval of that substance

Notwithstanding that the permission holder must comply with these requirements, it is acknowledged that indigenous animals may be killed and so this permission authorizes such deaths for the greater protection of indigenous species.

Auditing may occur to establish whether those conditions are being met. If not, the permission may be revoked and further action may ensue. It is an offence to breach this permission's conditions.

The permission may be revoked, or conditions added, deleted or otherwise varied at any time.

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**Nick Kelly**

**Operations Manager Whitianga**

Pursuant to a written delegation from:

- The Chief Executive, Environmental Protection Authority for section 95A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- The Director-General of Conservation for sections 53 and 54 of the Wildlife Act 1953
- The Director-General of Conservation for section 38 of the Conservation Act 1987 ]

Enc: **Map(s)**

**DOC Performance Standards #81**

**DOC Performance Standards # 137**

**Application Assessment ReportDOC-7110276**

**National performance standards for pest operations docdm-1492976**

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### Habitat Tuatēawa Operation 2022

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Pesticide Use #81	Cholecalciferol 8g/kg Hard paste Bait stations (Feracol)	Target Pests: Possums, Rats
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<b>Location of operation</b>
Kennedy Bay Block Part Coromandel Forest Park 44 ha

<b>Caution Period</b>
The estimated caution period for this operation is <b>3months</b> months after bait removal. This estimated caution period cannot be less than 3 months.

<b>Performance Standards</b>
<i>Compulsory for <u>all</u> operations</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The baits must be dyed green or blue.</li> <li>Bait stations will be removed or made pesticide-free at the completion of the operation.</li> <li>Where short tailed bats are present, the bait must be secured in a bait station that minimises spillage. If significant spillage occurs it must be cleaned up.</li> <li>Bait stations must be prefed before using toxic bait.</li> <li>The product must only be used as specified on the manufacturer's product label.</li> </ol>
<i>Compulsory for this operation (delete those that you won't be applying to your operation)</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bait station design must prevent access to baits by inquisitive birds (e.g. kea, weka and kaka).</li> </ol>

<b>Information Needs</b>
<i>Compulsory for <u>all</u> operations</i>
Nil
<i>Compulsory for this operation (delete those that you won't be applying to your operation)</i>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring: Monitor inquisitive birds known to visit bait stations and feed under stations following cholecalciferol use.</li> </ol>

<b>Operational Planning &amp; Design Considerations</b>
<i>These are considerations used during planning and assessment of an operation.</i>
<i>Assessor to delete this section from the approved performance standard sheet for the operation.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Agreed Best Practice – Possum Control – Bait Stations Using Feracol <a href="#">docdm-29794</a>.</li> </ul>

<p>My approval dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 is subject to these performance standards being met. Compliance monitoring may occur.</p>
 _____ Nick Kelly operations Manager Whitianga

Pesticide Use #137	Diphacinone 0.05g/kg Block Bait stations (D-Block Extreme for the Control of Rats )	Target Pests: Rats
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<b>Location of operation</b>
Kennedy Bay Block Part Coromandel Forest Park 44 ha

<b>Caution Period</b>
The estimated caution period for this operation is <b>5 months</b> after bait removal and is subject to compulsory carcass monitoring. This estimated caution period cannot be reduced to less than 2 months, and must be extended if the endpoints for monitoring have not been met at the end of the period.

### Performance Standards

*Compulsory for **all** operations*

1. Only use at sites where either possums are at very low abundance or being controlled simultaneously; or excluded from bait stations.
2. A continuous supply of bait must be available to all rats for the duration of the operation (a minimum of 5 consecutive days).
3. The baits must be dyed green or blue.
4. Bait stations will be removed or made pesticide-free at the completion of the operation.
5. The product must only be used as specified on the manufacturer's product label.

*Compulsory for this operation (delete those that you won't be applying to your operation)*

6. Do not use where pigs are present/reduce pig numbers prior to operation; or
7. Place bait out of reach of pigs to prevent primary poisoning, and reduce possum numbers (or exclude possums from bait stations) to help reduce the risk of secondary poisoning of pigs.
8. Bait station design must prevent access to baits by inquisitive birds (e.g. kea, weka and kaka).

### Information Needs

*Compulsory for **all** operations*

Nil

*Compulsory for this operation*

1. Field trial: Can D-Block Extreme applied using currently accepted best practice reduce ship rat abundance indices to target levels of below 5% of tracking tunnels tracked by rats? The Field Trials for Animal Pest Operations SOP [docdm-51573](#) applies.

### Operational Planning & Design Considerations

- Current Agreed Best Practice – Rat Control – 1<sup>st</sup> Generation Anti-Coagulants in Bait Stations [docdm-29378](#)

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