

Memorandum



To: Mauao Project Steering Group

From: s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Subject: **MAUAO OPERATIONAL UPDATE – AUGUST 2013**

Date: 11th July 2013

The Purpose of this Report is to update the Mauao Project Steering Group on the operational activities on Mauao up until August 2013.

The number of people walking around the Base Track during June and July 2013 are:

- June 2013- 75,854
- July 2013- To be reported at the next meeting.
- Year total- July 2012/ June 2013 - 1,069,539

The number of people walking to the summit during June and July 2013 are:

- June 2013– 9,562
- July 2013- To be reported at the next meeting.
- Year total- July 2012/ June 2013- 158,588

The amount of volunteer hours and volunteer groups involved during June and July 2013 are:

- June 2013- 20 Hours
- July 2013- To be reported at the next meeting.
- Year total- July 2012/ June 2013- 538

The volunteer groups that have worked on Mauao over this period are: the New Zealand Forest and Bird Society and the Mauao Care Group.

Pest Control

Night shoots have continued for the control of Rabbits and areas have been identified for Pindone poisoning.

Forest and Bird continue to feed the rodent bait stations. Three new stoat traps have been gifted by two schools. The traps have been installed into the Forest and Bird lines.

The DOC 200 traps that were purchased from the Rena Recovery fund are due to arrive shortly.

Native planting

A 20,000 square metre area of paddock above the camping ground on the Ocean side of Mauao has been planted in native plants. Consultation was completed for this project June 2012.

Summit Bluff Spraying

Contractors have completed agrichemical control on the summit bluffs. Weeds targeted were Pampas, Boneseed and gorse.

Fertilising of Paddocks

Contractors applied organic fertiliser to the paddocks of Mauao. A spreader truck was used to apply the fertiliser. The next application is recommended to be applied by helicopter to fertilise the areas unable to be accessed by truck.

Storm event 20th April

Contractors replaced track material on the 4x4 track following storm damage.

Capital Works

This year's capital works will primarily focus on the removal of a number of exotic trees on the Pilot Bay side of Mauao. It is intended that this work will be completed by September 2013. All waste will be mulched and spread on site.

The following activities are planned over the next 3 months

Mulching of tree waste (Pilot Bay side).

Spring weed control

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