



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

OIA-E-282 (additional response)

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Dear Mr Webber,

Thank you for your follow up letter dated the 5th of December requesting further information about the wasp nest mite biological release undertaken in the early 1990's.

This control operation was not a DOC lead project. We do not hold any data or information relating to it.

Therefore we are unfortunately unable to provide you with any further information.

It might be worthwhile however to contact Landcare Research Scientist Darren Ward who specialises in wasps in New Zealand 09 574 4223 or; the Ministry of Primary Industries Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

Both these organisations are involved in biological control of wasps and may have had some involvement or access to information relating to the control on Motungarara Island.

Alternatively should you require any general information on wasp biological control, a DOC entomologist is able available to assist. If this is of interest, please feel free to contact Mr Eric Edwards via email (eedwards@doc.govt.nz) or by phoning him directly 04 495 8593.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian Coutts'.

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