

Hello to you all,

This is an update (released 25 May 2017) on the proposed BFOB 2017 programme.

We now have final counts of beech, rimu and tussock seed set from across the country. This is our best predictor of rodent and mustelid numbers in the coming spring and summer. The attached “heat map” shows the seed counts we have recorded (NZ. JPG). Essentially we expect rats and stoats to reach problem levels in the red, orange and green areas of this map.

- This data became available at the end of March. Since then we have done an initial assessment of our proposed predator control programme in response. Our assessment was based on;

- The threatened species populations that are most at risk.
- DOC’s long term ecosystem management goals.
- The recent history of rodent, mustelid and possum control at each site.
- Any complimentary work planned by OSPRI, regional councils or community groups.

The feasibility of delivering work in time to be effective.

- Attached, is our proposed predator control programme in 2017/18 (Proposed sites North Island and Proposed sites South Island). The maps show all DOC planned aerial 1080 and large scale ground operations planned in 2017/18. The maps include DOC work that is already confirmed and work that is proposed, dependant on pest numbers, consultation and funding. The planned OSPRI aerial 1080 programme is also included to provide a more complete picture. Please note there is also dialogue occurring with Tuhoë and others, about possible work in Te Urewera, Raukumara, Kaimai-Mamaku, but this has not reached the point of any new predator control proposal to date.

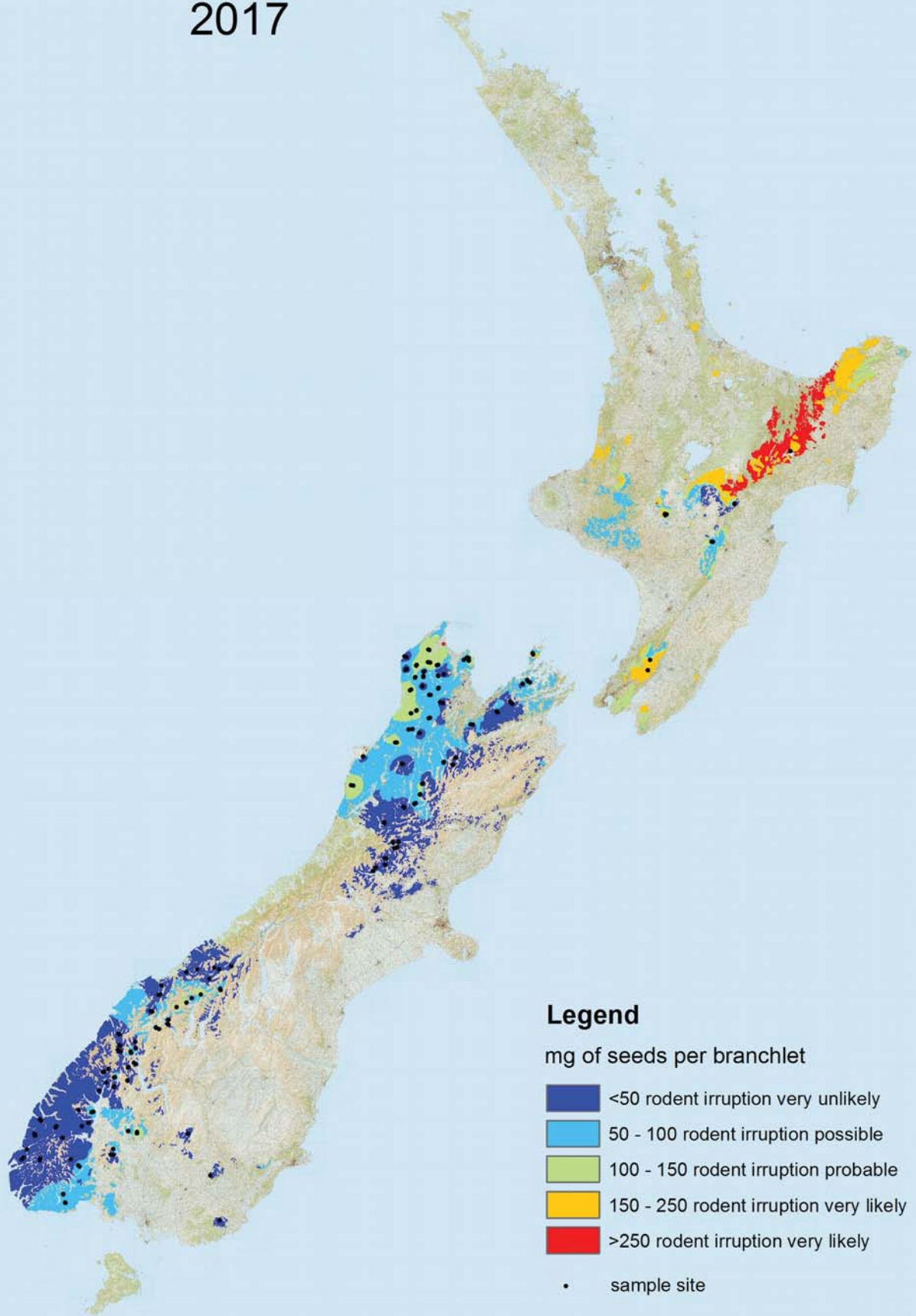
As in 2016, we would like to consult with GAC and NZDA to help shape our programme in response to hunter interests. It would be very helpful to get your advice on how best to do this.

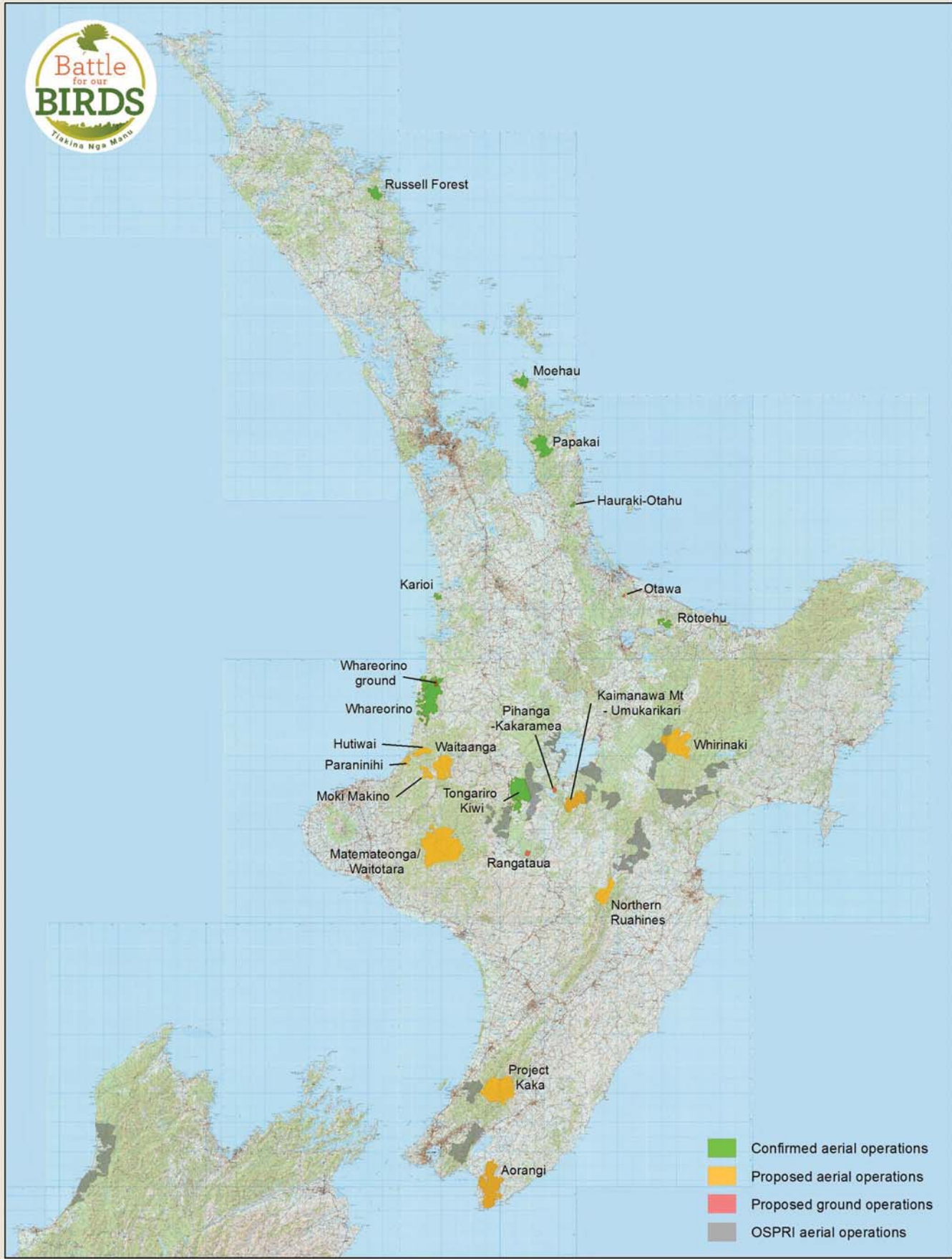
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Please see the following maps on the next 3 pages.

Helicopter beech seed sampling 2017





- Confirmed aerial operations
- Proposed aerial operations
- Proposed ground operations
- OSPRI aerial operations

80 Kilometres

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BFOB 2017 Aerial Pest Control Areas

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