

Getting Permission for Collection or Research Concessions or Wildlife Act Permits

Introduction

The Department has reviewed its procedures for processing of permit applications to collect and/or undertake research on plants, animals or geological samples, and for permits required under the Wildlife Act 1953 to take, hold, release or kill protected species.

The aim of this improved service is to enable a more streamlined and consistent process for people seeking permits to undertake certain activities while also ensuring the continued protection of natural, historic, cultural and recreational values managed by the Department.

The term "Permissions" in this sense refers to:

- Any application to collect plant, animal or geological samples from public conservation land;
- Any application to undertake research on public conservation land;
- Any applications to hold, capture, take, release or keep in captivity any species protected under the Wildlife Act 1953; and
- Any collecting or research activities associated with species protected under the Wildlife Act 1953, undertaken by Tangata Whenua.

So, What Can I Expect?

The new Permissions Procedures set out a nationally consistent process for receiving, processing, and issuing permits.

This will enable us to provide you with a responsive and reliable service through employing a single national process relevant to the nature of your application.

As an applicant, you can expect your local Conservancy to provide you with information specifically relating to your proposal at the time you first apply. This will include the type of information you need to provide that will assist us to consider your application, including the processing time and costs.