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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, dated 21 September 2018. You requested the following:

“Under the OIA, I would like you to provide for me the figures you have on record (since records of this nature began) for the number of verified Kiwi deaths in the Northland region. Specifically, I would like to know the number of Kiwi that were wearing tracking devices that have died, and what cause of death was attributed in each case. I am only interested in recorded deaths, not extrapolated figures nor assumptions. I do understand that gathering this information will take a lot longer and am willing to wait and thank you for your time”.

Your questions and our responses are listed below:

1) *The number of kiwis wearing tracking devices that have died in Northland?*

The number of kiwis wearing tracking devices that have died in Northland, based on the recorded information held by the department is 550. Records used to compile the information provided go back to 1996.

2) *What was the cause of death attributed in each case where known?*

The cause of death attributed in each case was:

Natural causes	49
Predator	248
Unknown	185
Accidental	68

(accidental death includes collisions with vehicles, drownings and the like)

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) will be published on the department's website.

If you wish to discuss this with the department, please contact:

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Yours sincerely

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