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Application to conduct scientific research on Maungatautari

The application should be sent to:

Biodiversity Management Committee
Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust
PO Box 476
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Section 1

(Please attach a copy of your research proposal addressing the issues outlined in section 2)

Note: MEIT refers to the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust

1 Title of research study

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2 a) Name of applicant

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b) Contact phone numbers

..... (day) (evening)

c) Contact address

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3 Name of organisation(s) authorising and/or sponsoring the study

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4 Name of principal researcher/supervisor

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a) Contact phone numbers

..... (day) (evening)

b) Contact address

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5 Names and contact addresses of all other people participating in or assisting with this research

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6 Location of research on Maungatautari (map co-ordinates)

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I have enclosed (please tick)

- A research application proposal (see section 2)
- A hazard identification/risk assessment report (see section 4)
- Ethics committee approval if relevant
- Other authorities required

7 I have read and understood the terms and conditions stated in the research policy (section 5) for carrying out research on Maungatautari and hereby agree that I will not compromise the ecological goals of the project by carrying out this research.

Applicant's signature:

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Date:

Section 2

Each applicant is required to provide a 1-2 page proposal which includes the following information:

- a) A description of the objective of the study
- b) A description of the proposed methodology, location, equipment and timing of the study. When necessary copies of any animal ethics committee approvals should be included
- c) A brief description of the credentials of the researcher and other people (e.g. supervisor when applicable) associated with the study, noting their familiarity with the methodology, apparatus, species concerned, etc.
- d) Consideration of the likely impacts of the research proposal on the target species, incidental species, habitat or site, with particular reference to effects on population size, species viability or habitat/site modification. In addition, impacts of the research on the ecological goals of Maungatautari must be included, including risks to the Xcluder fence and risk of mammal incursion into pest free areas.
- e) Consideration of the benefits of the research
- f) The relevance of the proposal to the objectives and goals of the MEIT
- g) List any other permit or authority required from other agencies
- h) Consideration of iwi and historical values if applicable
- i) Description of reports or other outputs that will be produced from the research
- j) Any third party confidentiality clauses (there is an expectation that research findings will be made available to MEIT to assist with the management of the Maungatautari Ecological Island. If this is not the case, please specify)

Section 3

Criteria for approval of applications for scientific study on Maungatautari

Each application for scientific study must meet the following criteria and conditions to the satisfaction of MEIT Biodiversity Management Committee before approval will be given.

- a) That the purpose and objectives of the study are clearly stated and described identifying that the study will increase the knowledge of the natural or cultural environment on Maungatautari
- b) That the objectives and purpose of the study are compatible with the goals of the restoration of Maungatautari
- c) That Maungatautari is the only site suitable for the study and that alternative sites of lesser conservation value do not offer the same context for the proposed study
- d) That the methodologies and research apparatus or structures have been designed to ensure minimum damage or detrimental effect to target species, incidental species, habitats and the ecological restoration goals of Maungatautari as a whole
- e) That the research contributes to the body of knowledge of Maungatautari

Section 4

Hazard Identification Form

Nature and description of hazard	Describe the harm if any	Risk rating (low, moderate, high)	Eliminate, isolate or minimise?	Identify how the hazard is currently controlled	Detail additional controls that will be put in place

Section 5

Policy for Research at or associated with Maungatautari Ecological Island

- 1 Research projects must be consistent with the vision and project goals and must not compromise the integrity of the goals of the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust
- 2 Research proposals in the approved template form must be submitted to the MEIT Biodiversity Management Committee for approval before commencement. Proposals must include sufficient "lead time" for the MEIT Biodiversity Management Committee and iwi representatives to consider them thoroughly (this would normally be at least 2 months in advance of the proposed commencement date)
- 3 Where necessary, research projects must receive appropriate animal ethics, HSNO, or Resource Management approval prior to commencement where this is relevant
- 4 Research providers must show that they have policies and procedures in place to cover occupational health and safety requirements
- 5 Results from research projects conducted on the Maungatautari Ecological Island must be made available to MEIT in the form of written reports
- 6 The research provider and MEIT will own any intellectual property rights generated in the course of the research project in proportion to their respective contributions
- 7 Research providers who take samples (i.e. biological material, soils or data from Maungatautari must lodge the samples:
 - a) In Nationally Significant Collection, where relevant; and
 - b) In a recognised Waikato based biological collection
- 8 MEIT and the research provider will seek written permission from the other party prior to issuing any media releases concerning the research project, or prior to posting the material relating to it on a publicly available website
- 9 Where possible, researchers will locate plots at or near existing monitoring plots in order to concentrate the impact of research and to support cross-project analysis
- 10 Any markings (flags, tapes, etc.) established on the Maungatautari Ecological Island during the course of research to mark tracks, plots, etc. will be removed once the research is complete
- 11 Where researchers need to cross private land to gain access to the Maungatautari Ecological Island, they will gain permission from those landowners and respect their property while crossing the land (e.g. gates, fences, stock).