

# Pest-free island biosecurity checklist

Use this checklist when visiting or taking visitors to pest-free islands to ensure that you are meeting the required biosecurity standards for pest-free islands in the Hauraki Gulf.

## CHECKLIST

### GENERAL

- Biosecurity information must be provided on any associated or relevant websites.
- Biosecurity information must be provided to those travelling to pest-free island(s) at the time of taking bookings or organising trips.
- Biosecurity messages include the following:
  - » Rangitoto, Motutapu, Browns/Motukorea, Motuihe, Tiritiri Matangi, Motuora, and Rakino islands are pest free.
  - » All bags/gear must be free of mice, rats, Argentine ants, other insects and rainbow skinks before departure, and all bags/gear must be checked before departure.
  - » Footwear, clothing and bags/gear must be clean and free of soil and seeds before departure.

### TRANSPORTING BULK ITEMS

- Anyone shipping bulk items (e.g. vehicles, building and gardening materials, tarpaulins, marquees etc.) or chartering a vessel, other than a DOC vessel, or passenger ferry for the transportation of bulk items must contact Biosecurity staff 2 weeks before their intended departure date to ensure biosecurity standards are met.
- All bulk items being shipped to a pest-free island must be shown to be free of pests before departure from the mainland.
- No plant material including stock feed must be taken to any island without permission from the appropriate Biosecurity staff member.
- All tools, machinery (e.g. diggers, excavators, trucks, vehicles, spades etc) must be cleaned and free of all pests, dirt, soil, plant material and seed before departure from the mainland.

### BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM THE MAINLAND

- All bags/gear must be clean and checked for mice, rats, Argentine ants, other insects and rainbow skinks before departure from the mainland.
- All bags/gear/food must be packed in rodent-proof containers/bags:
  - » Day packs and overnight bags must be in good condition with secure zips/closures.
  - » Boxes must be solid and taped closed with no holes.
  - » Plastic bins or barrels/buckets must be securely closed.
  - » PVC dry bags are permitted. Open boxes or supermarket bags are not.
- Footwear, clothing and bags/gear must be clean and free from soil and seeds. A brush/shoe pick and water must be made available to those travelling prior to boarding any vessel.

### PRE-ARRIVAL/EN ROUTE

- A biosecurity briefing specific to the island must be delivered en route to all visitors in the group.

### ON ARRIVAL

- An island-specific briefing (excluding biosecurity information if this has already been given en route) must be given to all visitors.
- Motutapu Home Bay Campground:** Once all visitors are safely ashore, they are moved directly to the quarantine store to unpack their gear.
- Rangitoto, Islington Bay, Home Bay or Tiritiri Matangi wharves:** Commercial vessels must not occupy a berth at these wharves except for the purpose of loading or unloading goods or passengers.

### ON THE ISLAND

- All rubbish taken to or produced on the island, including organic waste, must be kept in bags and must be removed from the island.
- If a pest or weed incursion is suspected, the island ranger must be advised immediately. If this is not possible, phone the DOC hotline on 0800 362 468.

## CONTACT DETAILS

For Rangitoto, Motutapu, Browns/Motukorea and Motuihe contact:

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For Tiritiri Matangi, Motuora contact:

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For other islands with some pests, including Kawau, Rakino, Great Barrier Island (Aotea Island) contact:

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