

PROJECT ISLAND SONG



PROJECT ISLAND SONG BIOSECURITY GUIDELINES (for groups and campers)

During your visit to Ipipiri (the eastern Bay of Islands) you will be visiting pest free islands. The islands are sanctuaries for threatened, rare or endangered species. You may see some of these special native species now living on the islands during your visit:

- Tieke (North Island saddleback)
- Popokotea (whitehead)
- Toutouwai (North Island robin)
- North Island brown kiwi
- Pateke (brown teal)
- Kowhai ngutuka or kaka beak (*clianthus puniceus*)

You can help us protect these species and our islands from pest reinvasion with a few simple steps before you leave home.

- **Check your personal gear as you are packing. We are on the lookout for mice, argentine ants, plague skinks and their eggs, weed seeds and even rats! If you see any type of ant or lizard, please remove them from your gear.**
- **Any camping gear should be opened and checked for rodent nests, skinks, ants and any sign of other pests.**
- **All clothing and footwear should be clean and free of seeds and soil**
- **Your lunch and snacks for the day, or any bulk supplies of food if you are staying longer, should be packed and stored in sealed containers.**

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Items being transported	Required Action	Yes/No	Inspected by DOC or Guardians
Pest proof containers	Have I inspected and cleaned every container before packing for soil, bird droppings, insects/spiders/lizards etc. Remember check the base and lip of each container. Dirty containers must be rinsed in water then soaked or wiped with a dilute bleach or similar antiseptic solution.		
Packs	Have I emptied my pack out completely, vacuumed it and checked to make sure all seams and side pockets are free of seeds and dirt? The bottoms of packs are notorious for collecting seeds and insects.		
	Is my pack clean, in good condition and difficult for stowaways such as mice? Look out for old food wrappers.		
Footwear	Have I washed my boots and shoes so no seeds or soil are present?		
	Have I checked and cleaned my boot tread thoroughly?		
	Have I inspected the laces, inner soles, inside folds or flaps in my footwear for soil and seeds?		
Raincoats and other outer garments.	Have I thoroughly cleaned my raincoat and other outer garments?		
	Have I checked and cleaned all pockets? Turn pockets out for washing.		
	Have I checked all Velcro and seams to remove all soil and seeds? Use a comb to remove seeds from Velcro.		
Clothing	Have I washed and checked all clothing especially fibre pile and wool and removed all seeds? Pay particular attention to pockets and Velcro as they trap seeds.		
	Have I inspected my socks, hat and other high risk items for seeds? Socks often have many seeds and you may find that buying a new pair is easier than picking the seeds out of your old ones.		
Bedding	Have I shaken my sleeping bag out and checked for pest stowaways?		
Food	Have I washed all potatoes and other root vegetables e.g. carrots and kumara so that they are free of soil? Buy prewashed veges. Once on the island all food must be kept inside containers and regularly inspected for pests.		
	Have I checked the vegetables which have potential hiding places for insects e.g. all leafy green vegetables, broccoli, parsley? Be particularly cautious of home-grown produce or foods from a source where pest treatment is not as effective at removing pests.		
Field Equipment	Have I thoroughly cleaned all my equipment so that it is free of any invertebrates, seeds or dirt?		
Other	Have I inspected all items that have not been used for some time?		
Are all items in suitable rodent proof containers?			
Departure Date: / /		Date Inspected: / /	
Visitor Name: Signature:		DOC or Guardians Officer: Signature:	