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Thank you for your Official Information Act request to the Department of Conservation, received 12 April 2023 in which you asked for:

*“The number of concession holders each year from 2019 to the latest figures. I would appreciate if this could be broken down into regions for each year.”*

Our response is below:

Please refer to the attached dataset outlining active concessions by region within calendar years 2018-2022 (Attachment 1). For additional context we have included data from the 2018 year which shows a 9.2% increase in concessions from 2018 to 2019. This has been provided to better illustrate changes over time. See dataset 1 for active concessions by year and dataset 2 for count and percentage change over time.

Once granted, concessions generally function within or across operations regions. To assist, a map of operations regions is included in the workbook. Please note that as some concessions have more than one region, annual totals by region in dataset 3 and dataset 4 do not align with totals of distinct permission numbers per year. For this reason, we have provided data for concessions rather than concession holders. Changes over time are more visible at concession level, and concession holders may have multiple concessions which further distorts annual numbers by region.

Dataset 3 shows active concessions by region and year. Dataset 4 shows the count of active concessions by region by year, the number change year on year, and the percentage change year on year. Changes in number and percentage are heat mapped to highlight regions with more change over time.

Material accompanying our response as Attachment 1 is outlined in the table below:

Item	Date	Document description	Decision
1	4 May 2023	Active concessions CY2018-2022 by region_230503_14.28-06.xlsx	Released in full



You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of my decision by writing to an Ombudsman as provided by section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) and enclosed documents may be published on the Department's website.

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Department of Conservation  
*Te Papa Atawhai*