

MC (Minimal Concern) *Zosterops lateralis*

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<b>Eicat category</b>	MC (Minimal Concern)
<b>Justification for EICAT assessment</b>	The Silvereye disperses the seed of the exotic plant species <i>Miconia calvenscens</i> , which is a shade-tolerant invasive tree that does not require disturbance or deforestation to facilitate invasion and is notable for its ability to invade into high elevation forests where human impacts are minimal. <i>Miconia calvenscens</i> has invaded 60-70% of the island of Tahiti. There is no evidence that this has affected the performance of native species (Spotswood et al. 2012).
<b>Confidence rating</b>	Low
<b>Mechanism(s) of maximum impact</b>	Indirect impacts through interactions with other species
<b>Countries of most severe impact</b>	French Polynesia
<b>Description of impact</b>	The silvereye is a seed disperser of an invasive plant species, which is notable for its ability to invade into high elevation forests where human impacts are minimal on Tahiti.
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