

Excerpt from page 51 of the Federal EA, Lehua Poison Drop 2017:

5.3 Aspects of the Environment Excluded from Detailed Analysis (With Rationale)

5.3.1 Cetaceans

Potential impacts of rat eradication activities to cetaceans (whales, dolphins, and their close relatives) in the waters surrounding Lehua are not analyzed in this EA. Except for small boat traffic from local tour operators, which occurs currently and would be limited in duration and concentrated immediately off shore of the island, all of the activities described in the proposed action are terrestrial, and the likelihood of the proposed action having measurable impacts on cetaceans would be negligible.