MC (Minimal Concern)Zosterops lateralis

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Eicat category	MC (Minimal Concern)
Justification for EICAT assessment	The Silvereye dispersesthe seed of the exotic plant species Miconia calvescens, which is a shade-tolerant invasive tree that does not require disturbance or deforastation to facilitate invasion and is notable for its ability to invade into high elevation forests where human impacts are minimal. Miconia calvescens 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).
Confidence rating	Low
Mechanism(s) of maximum impact	Indirect impacts through interactions with other species
Countries of most severe impact	French Polynesia
Description of impact	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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