## Waikato Regional Council NATURAL HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

### Natural Heritage Fund

**Application Form for Community Projects** 

# Programme



### **SECTION ONE: Project Information**

1. Project summary						
Project title	Whenuakite	Whenuakite Kiwi Care Operational Programme				
Name of applicant/community group	Whenuakiwi Trust t/a Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group					
Contact person(s)	1- <i>S7</i> (2)(a) LGOIM 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987					
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Legal entity status	Charitable Tr	ust CC10895				
Short project description	Whenuakiwi Trust has been operating since 2001 on 2570ha of private land and 984ha of Public Conservation Land (PCL). Our mission statement from 2000 states: "To promote the welfare of Kiwi and their habitat in the Whenuakite and surrounding area." We achieve this with a trap network consisting of 553 traps spread over about 110km of trapline. We target all introduced species with a focus on mustelids and a bikill of rats, hedgehogs and feral cats. Our initial aim was to protect kiwi. But our approach and dedication to conservation has led to a thriving habitat allowing other indigenous species to flourish. In partnership with Iwi, Department of Conservation (DOC) and Waikato Regional Council (WRC) we utilise aerial 1080. We chose early on not to handle our kiwi. We employ a contractor to co-ordinate volunteers trapping 141 traps; he also services 212 (141 private land, 68 PCL) traps for WKCG. Many of our private landowners fund their own traps (200) and maintain their own lines. Our long-term goal is to forever ensure predator numbers are kept as low as possible by utilising best practice methods. Our results show that our methods are working as we have attained a growth in kiwi numbers consistently for every survey that has been done. We have mobs of Kereru, Bittern, Tomtits, Pateke, and groups of Kaka.  Outside of our one paid contractor position, the remaining work is delivered by a small core group of volunteers. They do this for their grandchildren and to carry on a legacy					
Project location	We operate I	between - S7(2)(a) LGO		(2)(a) LGOIMA . Map include	1987 in d in Section 4.	
Duration of funding	August 2020	to July 2024				
Total project cost	Total	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
(exclusive of GST if your group is GST registered, inclusive of GST if not registered)	\$528,063	\$124,808	\$126,401	\$127,920	\$148,934	
WRC Natural Heritage Fund contribution (exclusive of GST if your	Total	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
group is GST registered, inclusive of GST if not registered)	\$248,707	\$12,860	\$71,234	\$71,944	\$92,669	



2. Project Location & Land Status					
Size of project in hectares	3554ha total				
Land ownership and permissions	Project area is made up of the following Public and Private land. Permission has been granted for work in all these areas:  • 2570ha of private land - made up of 7 landowners to date;  • 930ha of Public Conservation Land (we have a Community Agreement with DOC);  • 54ha in consultation with Ngati Hei and DOC at 1-S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987 coordinating on behalf of the Land.  1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987 Tenure is Public Conservation Land.				
Current legal protection	2570 hectares of private land having 10 QE11 Covenants totalling 209ha.				

### 3. Project Details

You may submit project plans and/or your organisation's strategic plan as separate documents to this application. However, you are required to summarise the information required in the boxes below as this helps Council to compare attributes across different funding applications.

different funding applications.	
What is the environmental opportunity or problem that you plan to address with this project?	With a proven track record of over 20 years, Whenuakite Kiwi Care has set the groundwork to continue to protect Coromandel brown kiwi. The critical task is to keep and maintain success. We are the Eastern Coromandel's southern most extensive predator control group. This funding will allow us to:  Contribute to recovery of the Coromandel brown kiwi in the southern Coromandel; Increase flora and fauna in terms of numbers and diversity within the Whenuakite area including rata, pohutukawa, tanekaka, kohekohe and kiwi, kereru and kaka;  Benefit the region's area by removing predators and providing a safe haven for our native species;  Allow the group to further protect significant kauri stands and to protect them from kauri dieback;  Actively manage threats such as, dogs and feral cats within the protected area.
What is the solution or actions that you will implement and how will these address the problem stated above?	Predator control over the past twenty years has resulted in an increase in the Whenuakite kiwi population of 133 pairs. We plan to continue this increase with extensive pest control within the area, trapping weasels, stoats, rats, feral cats & hedgehogs – thereby keeping their numbers low. We work in collaboration with DOC & WRC to use both trapping and aerial 1080 pest control. This combination of methods has proven very effective over the past 20 years.  Total predator numbers killed: 2001-2020 Stoats=1680, Ferrets=15, Weasels=332, Feral cats 358; 2012-2020 Hedgehogs=1060;
la bhio musicab manh af a lawan a masina	2009-2020 Rats=9365.
Is this project part of a larger, ongoing programme?	This project covers all the WKCG project area.  We are part of Predator Free Hauraki Coromandel Community Trust. Our Operations Manager is on the working group and is also a Trustee.
	Our point of difference from other groups is that we don't handle our Kiwi in any shape or form (other than when asked to help with translocation of kiwi to Motutapu as part of the National Recovery Plan for Coromandel Brown Kiwi to ensure genetic diversity, and when we had concerns for kiwi in logging operational area). We do not participate in Operation Nest Egg and we do not use transmitters - our only interaction with our birds is with cameras, acoustic recorders and 5-yearly call count survey.

We complement other Coromandel groups – e.g. 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 198

- by obtaining a 10% annualised increase in kiwi numbers with what is regarded as best practice.

Kiwi numbers are measured by conducting a call count survey every five years from 24 sites. The last survey was completed in May 2020. The years in between we do an informal call count from 5 sites.

We are part of the positive use of long-term trapping and aerial 1080 with WRC and DOC. This operation occurs on a 3-4-year cycle, with the last operation occurring in 2019.

We are involved with Iwi and DOC in the management of a trapline on Public Conservation Land at 1-S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987, coordinating on behalf of the 1-S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987

### 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987

Community Education Awareness and Advocacy - An education trap line has been established with a variety of traps that are checked weekly by enthusiastic 6-11-year old's. They also learn basic bush skills, knowledge and the love of the outdoors.

Will the project complement previous or existing initiatives and if so, how?

The project will complement historical work by allowing the ground-based animal pest control work we have done since 2001 in the Public Conservation Land for the Dept of Conservation and private landowners.

It will support gains made in significantly reducing predator numbers such as mustelids complementing the previous five aerial 1080 operations done on private and DOC land with one paid contractor, private landowners and volunteers trapping the years in between.

What is the ecological significance of the project? Does it involve protection or restoration of habitats that are regionally underrepresented, or the protection or management of threatened species? Our work has highlighted the importance of protecting kiwi habitat to ensure the ongoing survival of our native species. The return and recovery of Coromandel Brown Kiwi has been at the centre of work since the group began. However, early on the group recognised the need for ecosystem recovery and have aimed to take an approach that benefits not just kiwi numbers but the area as a whole. All native species have benefited from the conservation work being done in the area. We now see groups of kaka, and kereru numbers keep increasing up to 150 in groups seen grazing pasture and bittern are sighted on the wetlands. Pateke and tomtits are moving further north in the area. We are using accoustic recorders to track where bittern and Cook's Petrel may be in the area.

The Waikato Regional Council has classified the majority of the project area as Nationally Significant (TC386), described as follows:

"Coastal to semi-coastal secondary forest - Kauri-tanekaha, Rata-podocarp/tawa, Pohutukawa. Flora and Fauna classified in the NZ Threat Classification Lists as nationally vulnerable are present".

"Under-represented protected forest in the coastal to semi-coastal zone, providing the largest intact sequence of forest and streams from the coast inland in the ED. Healthy nationally vulnerable and gradual declining threatened fauna species present, including NI brown kiwi, kaka, kereru, and significant flora including *Pimelea tomentosa*."

### Also TC386a:

"The 863.26ha Whenuakite-Tapuaetahi Coastal Forest site is a component of the large coastal forest east of SH25 stretching between Hot Water Beach and Tairua. It is owned by several private groups/individuals and is made up of several different forest types. In the \*\frac{1-S7(2)(a)}{LGOIM...}\* Catchment streams run from forested to the sea. Vegetation is a mix of secondary forest and induced scrublands on steep hillsides, with some areas of pasture. Forest on the SE coast to Lynch Stream is heavily modified and is predominantly scrubland communities with remnant pohutukawa associations on the coast and broadleaved species in steep gullies. There are elements of primary lowland forest near the main ridge and in the large gully systems. A regenerating kauri-

tanekaha association is present on spurs and scrubland communities on the western margin closer to areas of developed farmland. Fauna classified in the New Zealand Threat Classification Lists as nationally vulnerable are present. It is designated as a KES (site 11/6) and is buffered to the north and south by other SNA's. It also buffers a small coastal reserve. Animal threats are managed through much (but not all) of the site, which is part of a significant area for nationally vulnerable threatened species on the Coromandel". "Under-represented forest in the coastal to semi-coastal zone, providing the largest intact sequence of forest and streams from the coast inland in the ED. Healthy nationally vulnerable threatened species population, and gradual declining population". Whenuakite is the Eastern Coromandel southern most Kiwi project - the success of other groups such as Project Kiwi and Kapowai rely on this being a strong hold. Is the project in a priority catchment? Waikato Regional Council Coromandel Zone has prioritised works such as catchment management, wetlands and forest fragment restoration, kauri protection and erosion protection within the Whenuakite Catchment for much of the last decade. Several of the key landowners involved in WKCG have been involved in significant riparian, wetland, and forest fragment protection since 2005. Most recently is the development of the Whitianga/Mercury Bay Harbour and Catchment Management Plan in which WKCG sits. To what degree is the purpose of the LTP - Whenuakite Kiwi Care operational area sits inside the Whitianga/Mercury Bay project consistent with the RPS, Harbour and Catchment Management Plan area. This is a priority project for WRC under Regional Plan, RCP, LTP and other current LTP. This work assists significantly in the community's desire to increase and planning and policy documents? improve biodiversity values. Harbour and Catchment management assists in setting operational priorities for WRC as well as feeding into statutory processes such as the Coastal Plan review and RPMP. The Whitianga/Mercury Bay HCMP has a greater focus on biodiversity than previous plans due to WKCG contribution along with the other key predator control and Kiwi conservation initiatives within the catchment Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari - emphasises the importance of mainland biodiversity. The relative proximity to the Alderman Islands (an area identified for marine protection) lends itself to becoming a refuge for coastal birds and a nursery for birds to repopulate the islands. This area is included in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act area and gives effect to it by activity protecting remant forest and threatened species. The Waikato Conservation Management Strategy identifies the Whenuakite Kiwi area and associated DOC estate. Is the project area convenient to Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group area sits to the south of Whitianga. Whitianga has been population centres? To what degree identified by the Thames Coromandel District Council as a growth area. North of Tairua, will the regional community Hot Water Beach and Hahei are a hot spot for tourists, all benefit by visitation of Kiwi, potentially benefit from access to and Kereru and Kaka. The health of the Forest within our walking tracks has improved and protection of the values on the site? is holding its own. Does the project facilitate meaningful We understand it is a work in progress with plenty to learn. Iwi attended our 2019 aerial and effective participation with Maori 1080 drop and the new conversations with Iwi consisting of Ngati Hei, Ngati Hako, Ngati and recognise their cultural values, Tamatera and Ngati Porou is something we are involved in and looking forward to what interests and associations; the it will bring to WKCG in the future. relationship of Maori and their We were invited to and have hosted a case study and embrace Te Pukenga Atawhai at culture and traditions with their Lynch Stream for the new DOC Rangers 2018. ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi We were delighted to have 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987 for Ngati Hei involved with tapu and other taonga including fauna and flora? translocation of 3 adult Coromandel Brown Kiwi to Motutapu. What are the partner organisations Department of Conservation just finished 1 yr funding for Operations Manager. and what is their level of funding and

support being contributed to the project?	Kiwis for Kiwi part funding for kiwi call survey finishing July 2020 and 3yr funding for track maintenance and volunteer support finishing in July 2021.  1-S7(2)(a) LGOIMA have donated eggs for 20yrs – these are one of the baits we use in traps.  Volunteers and landowners put in 2052 hrs per annum-checking traps monthly.  Volunteers put in 694hr per annum for administration (meetings and office work).
How will the biodiversity and natural heritage benefits of the project be maintained in the long term?	Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group has been operational in this area for 20 years. It is a project of passion and a forever project in the hearts and minds of the landowners and Trustees. A Trust structure is in place to support and consider the longevity.  Year-round monitoring and record keeping ensures we are maintaining our gains.  Operations Manager ensures the traps and traplines are checked and maintained.
Are any permits, licences or consents required to deliver your project (other than those for gaining access to the land as described previously)?	Yes we have a Community Agreement in place for 5 yrs with DOC 2019-24.
Do you currently have a Health & Safety Plan to support the safe delivery of the proposed activities?	Yes - Updated on 25.09.2019. Also updated for Covid19 prodedures June 2020.

4. Project objectives			
Objective	Key performance indicators (KPIs)	Source of measure/how it will be measured	Baseline information
Promote the welfare of Kiwi and habitat in the Whenuakite and surrounding area. This is a forever project.  Contribute with a hands-off approach to the recovery of Coromandel brown kiwi by protecting, enhancing and managing our 10% annualised increase of the Whenuakite kiwi population, forever.	Protect and enhance with a hands-off approach.  To continue to increase our Kiwi numbers.  Increase Whenuakite kiwi population by Greater than the National average 2% per annum until carrying capacity is reached.	Keep up our 5-year Kiwi Call Survey Report. Yearly acoustic recordings from 5 sites. Annual acoustic recorder survey at five sites. Five yearly call counts carried out by Red Admiral Ecology.	Started trapping 2001.  Call counts started in 2000 then 5-yearly by Red Admiral Ecology.  Five yearly call counts have been carried out since 2000. These suggest there has been an increase in the kiwi population of 10% from 2000 to 2020.
Continue and increase predator control where needed across 3554ha, in collaboration with DOC, and private landowners:  - Maintain trapping grid of DOC200 traps to reduce mustelid numbers  - MaintainDOC250s and Fenn traps for Ferrets  - Maintain Havahart, Conibear, and Timms traps for feral cats	Maintain existing trap infrastructure and replace/intensify where necessary.  Increase Whenuakite kiwi population by greater than the National average of 2% per annum until carrying capacity is reached (no effective stoat monitoring methods currently exist; hence outcome monitoring is used to assess effectiveness of stoat control).	Annual acoustic recorder survey at five sites.  Five yearly call counts carried out by Red Admiral Ecology.	498 DOC 200traps, 6 DOC 250 traps, 20 Fenn traps, 4 Havahart, 15 Conibear and 10 Timms traps are currently present in the WKCG area.  Five yearly call counts have been carried out since 2000. These suggest there has been an annualised increase in the kiwi population of 10% from 2001 to 2020.
Contribute to multi-species predator control across 3554ha in collaboration with DOC, WRC and private landowners:  - Support DOC & WRC pest control operations (currently aerial 1080 on three-year cycle)	Rodents reduced to <3% SMI Rodents  Possums maintained below 5% RTC on  DOC estate	Monitoring carried out by DOC as part of pre- and post- aerial 1080 control operations on three-year cycle.	Five previous operations have been carried out by DOC & WRC and private landowners.  2019: rodents 76% SMI, possums 0.55% pre-control.
Education	Raise awareness of our Flora and Fauna within our community and beyond.	Visits to local schools; visits of groups from DOC, WRC	We visited schools to encourage knowledge of what our group does.

	Encouragement of people in Kiwi friendly behaviour.  We have three information panels on the **SYZIO LCOM** informing people of the predator control that WKCG do in the area.  To view a short presentation by **SYZIO LC.** on the Whenuakite Kiwi Zone go to Forest and Bird Whenuakite	overseas students before covid 19 and KDB	We have an education trapline that was started in 2019 available to local children age appropriate 2yrs onwards.  Overseas students visited before Covid19.  Have a group of 4 local children that check this trapline weekly.(Monthly was too long to wait, they decided weekly).
To expand our wetland project	Record sites and numbers of Bittern and Pateke.	Develop a plan.  Using our own acoustic recorders.  Sighting from landowners  Use of cameras	Acoustic recorders- these have just been purchased. Before this we used DOC acoustic recorders.
Dotterel protection	DOC measure this each year.  Lifeguards monitor and protect (educate visitors and keep dogs off beach) dotterel as part of their holistic protection of the beach.	Trapping 1-S7(2)(a) LGO/MA 1987 by volunteers and 1-S7(2)(a) LGO/MA 1987 by our Operations Manager - we get trap numbers from them each month.  Anecdotal reports of Dotterel seen.	1-S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987 trapline started 2001.  1-S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987 trapline started 2005.
To continue to grow our relationship with IWI, DOC , WRC, Landowners, and Community	More landowners on board.  People contacting WKCG members as a 1st port of call for advice.	Develop a plan that expands and grows on the relations formed.	Review previous plan
Knowledge of succession planning to ensure future proofing of Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group	Start the conversation at a meeting. Find resources that are available	Record actions in meeting minutes.  Use resources found.	Reviewing previous reports

### **SECTION TWO: Financial Information**

This section requests a breakdown of the main activities that will be completed for your project and the total estimated budget. You should provide enough information for Council to understand how the requested funding will be used. The information will be used to determine whether the proposed costs are reasonable and realistic for the activities proposed.

Please insert additional rows in the tables if required.

If your organisation is GST-registered: List all costs GST EXCLUSIVE

If your organisation is not GST registered: List all costs GST INCLUSIVE

If your application is successful, please keep any invoices or receipts as these will be needed for proof of expenditure.

	YEAR 1					
Activities	Resources	Total estimated cost	Other sources of funding	Funding requested from NHF		
Operations Manager activities Liaises with volunteers monthly on rostered trapping day for H&S and KDB briefings Provides necessary equipment needed – gloves spray and brushes for Kauri Die back and Health & Safety procedures. He services & twice-yearly audits 212 traps of the 553 traps. Monthly reports to committee and any new practices. A yearly report for AGM Twice yearly audits on 200 traps on volunteer traplines, ( uses various weights on traps and checks volunteers have set trap to best practice standard. Does the maintenance of the operational area throughout the year (replaces stolen & broken traps). Communicates with landowners monthly for trap numbers and when his knowledge is needed.	Operations Manager has the resources and knowledge to do this. He is contracted for 130hrs monthly @ 2- \$7( per hour.	\$2 - S7(2)(	\$2-\$7( Kiwis for Kiwi  DoC \$2-\$7(2)	\$2-87(2)		
Track Maintenance Clearing 8 traplines for volunteers to trap on DOC land and private land (5 traplines).	Operations Manager does separate work to regular trap work 157.89hrs @ \$2per hr	<b>\$</b> 2 - \$7(	\$ <mark>2-s7(</mark> Kiwis for Kiwi			
Bait for traps- spray Bait for traps	Salmon lure - 1yrs supply  Erayz blocks 40piece sheets x 10. 1 yrs supply	\$ 2 \$2-s	Kiwis for Kiwi \$ <mark>2</mark> -87(			

Replacing old traps	10 Double set and box @\$ <mark>2-\$7(2)(</mark> each	\$2-87(	1 - S7(2)(a 3OIMA	
Replacing single set traps in single set trap boxes	DOC <u>200</u> - Trap only 5@\$ <mark>2</mark> - s7(2)	\$ <mark>2-8</mark>	\$ 2 - S7(	77
Administration	3 sets of printer ink, 4 boxes of paper for newsletter, minute sec, chairman, education, funding coordinator, treasurer	<b>\$</b> 2		\$2
Fees	Accountant \$2 - \$7(2)(  Charities Commission \$2 - \$7(2  Bank fees\$2 - \$7	\$ <mark>2-8</mark>		<b>Ş</b> 2 - S
Placing sanitiser out for volunteers when they do the trap lines	Volunteer equipment for Kauri Die Back Spray - 5L Sterigene	\$ <sup>2</sup>		\$ <mark>2</mark>
Clearing the traps	Gloves for volunteers	\$ 2		\$ 2
Servicing 4 pig traps protecting ecosystem (KDB)	Bait 16 bags @\$2-87( Servicing 12hrs @\$2-87(	40 - 40. 2 - S7(2)		40. 40. 2 - \$7(2)
Volunteer and in-kind costs				
Sourcing eggs for traps	In kind 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 540doz@\$2 - S supplied for 20yrs	\$ 2 - <i>S7(</i>	\$ 2 - S7(	
Volunteers & landowners checking trap, education, advocacy	Trapping 2053hrs per annum @ \$2-s7(	2 - S7(2)(j	\$ 2 - 87(2	
Administration	694 hrs per annum. Meetings, travel. Office work. Fundraising application.	\$ <mark>2 - S7(2)</mark>	\$2 - S7(2)	
	Year 1	\$ 2 - S7(2)(j)	\$ 2 - S7(2)(j)	<b>\$</b> 2 - \$7(2)(

	YEAR 2 (if applicable)				
Activities	Resources	Total estimated cost	Other sources of funding	Funding requested	
Operations Manager activities Same as Year 1	Operation Manager has the resources and knowledge to do this. He is contracted for 130hrs per month \$2-876 hr	\$ 2 - <i>S</i> 7(2)		\$2 - \$7(2)(ji	
Clearing 8 tracks for the volunteers to trap on DOC land and 5 tracks on private land	Track Maintenance. Operations Manager does separate work to regular trap work 158hrs	\$ 2-87(		\$ 2 <i>-</i> \$7(	
Bait for traps- spray	Salmon lure spray 1 yrs supply	\$ 2		\$ 2	
Bait for traps	Eryz blocks 40 piece sheets x 10. 1 yrs supply	\$ \$ . %.		\$ <mark>2-S</mark>	
Replacing old traps	10 Double set and box @ \$2-\$7(2)each	<b>\$</b> 2 - \$7		\$ 2 - S7(	
Replacing single sets in single set boxes	DOC 200 -trap only 10 @ \$2- \$7(2	\$2-S		\$2	
Admin	3 sets of printer ink, 4 boxes paper for newsletter, minute sec, chairman, education, funding coordinator treasurer	Ş <mark>2</mark>		\$ <mark>2-</mark> 8	
Fees	Accountant Charities commission Bank Fees	\$2 \$ \$		<u>\$</u> 2 - S	
Volunteer equipment for Kauri Die Back	Spray 5L Sterigene	\$ 2		\$ <mark>2</mark>	
	Gloves	\$ 🖔		\$ -2	
Servicing 4 pig traps protecting eco system (KDB)	Bait 16 bags @ \$2-\$7(2 Servicing 12 hrs @ \$2-\$7(nr	\$ \$ \$ \$ 2 - \$7(2)		\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	
Volunteer and in-kind costs				· =	
Sourcing eggs for traps	In kind 1 - \$7(2)(a) LGOIMA 540 dozen @ \$2 - \$ doz	\$ 2 - 87(	\$ 2 - S7(		
Volunteers Land owners	Trapping 2053hrs per annum @ \$2-87(2	\$2 - S7(2)(j	\$ 2 - S7(2)		
Administration	694hrs per annum meetings,travel,officework	\$2 - S7(2)(j	\$2 - S7(2)(		
	Year 2	<b>\$</b> 2 - S7(2)(j)	<b>\$</b> 2 - \$7(2)(j	\$2 - S7(2)(j	

YEAR 3 (if applicable)					
Activities	Resources	Total estimated cost	Other funding sources	Funding requested	
Operations Manager activities Same as year two	Operation Manager has the resources and knowledge to do this. He is contracted for 130hrs monthly \$2-57/hr	\$ 2 - <i>S7</i> (2)		\$ 2 - \$7(2)(	
Clearing 8 tracks for the volunteers to trap on DOC land and 5 tracks on private land	Track Maintenance. Operations Manager does separate work to regular trap work 158hrs	\$ 2 - 87(		\$ 2 - \$7(	
Bait for traps-spray	Salmon Lure spray 1yr supply	\$ 2		\$2-8	
Bait for traps	Erayz blocks 40 piece sheets x 10. 1 yrs supply	\$2-S		\$2-s	
Replacing old traps	10 Double set and box @ \$2- \$7(2)(each	\$ 2 - \$7(		\$2 - \$7(2	
Replacing single set traps in single set boxes	DOC 200 – trap only 10 @ \$2-87 each	\$ 2		\$2-8	
Volunteer equipment for Kauri Die back	Spray 5ltr Sterigene	\$ 2		\$2-8	
	Gloves	\$ ;		\$ <mark>2</mark> .	
Admin	3 sets of printer ink, 4 boxes paper for newsletter, minute sec, Chairman, education, funding coordinator, treasurer	\$ 2		\$2-8	
Fees	Accountant Charities commission Bank Fees	\$ 2 \$ \$ \$		\$2-5	
Servicing 4 pig traps protecting eco system (KDB)	Bait 16 bags @ \$2-s7(  Servicing 12hrs @ \$2-s7(2	\$2-s \$2-s		\$ <mark>2</mark> \$2-8	
Volunteer and in-kind costs					
Sourcing eggs for traps	In kind 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 540doz @ \$ <sub>2</sub> - S7(2	\$ <mark>2-87(</mark>	\$ 2 - \$7(		
Volunteers and landowners	Trapping 2053hrs per annum @ \$2-57(	<b>\$</b> 2 - S7(2)(	\$ 2 - S7(2)(		
Administration	694 hrs per annum	\$ 2 - \$7(2)	\$ 2 - \$7(2)(		
3 yearly 1080 accommodation	Cottage 3 nights 6persons @	\$2- <i>s</i>	\$2 - s		
	Caravan (rat grid) 4 weeks  @ \$ ber night	\$ -2	\$2 - s		
	Year 3	<b>\$</b> 2 - S7(2)(j)	\$2 - S7(2)(j	<b>\$</b> 2 - \$7(2)(	

YEAR 4 (if applicable)					
Activities	Resources	Total estimated cost	Other sources of funding	Funding requested	
Operations Manager Activities Same as year 3	Operations Manager has the resources and knowledge to do this. Hi is contracted for 130hrsmonthly @ \$2-57(	\$2 - S7(2)(		\$ 2 - S7(2)(j	
<u>Track Maintenance</u> Clearing 8 tracks for volunteers on DOC land and 5tracks on private land	Operations Manager does separate work to regular trap work 158hrs \$ 2-87(	Ş2 - S7(2		\$ 2 - \$7(	
Bait for traps-spray	Salmon Lure spray 1 years supply	\$2-s		\$ 2	
Bait for traps	Erayz blocks 40 piece sheets x 10. 1 yrs supply	\$ 2-8		\$2-8	
Replacing old traps	10 Double set and box \$2- \$7(2)(} each	\$ 2 - S7(		\$ 2 - \$7(	
Replacing single set traps in single set boxes	DOC 200 trap only 10 @ \$2-87( each	d 6		\$2-8	
Placing sanitizer our for volunteers when they do traps	Volunteers equipment for Kauri Die Back Spray 5ltr SteriGene	\$ 2		<u>Ş</u> 2	
	Gloves	\$ -2		\$ \$	
Admin	3 sets of printer ink, 4boxes paper for newsletter, minute sec, Chairman, education ,funding coordinator, treasurer	Ş2-S		\$ \$-5	
Fees	Accountant Charities commission Bank Fees	\$ 2 \$ \$ \$ \$		\$ 2	
Servicing 4 pig traps protecting eco system (KDB	Bait 16 bags @\$ <mark>2-\$7(</mark> Servicing 12hrs @\$ <mark>2-\$7(</mark>	\$ 2 \$ 2		\$ <mark>2</mark> \$2-s	
5-yearly Kiwi Call Survey	This has been done for us to measure our gains as we do not use transmitters on our Kiwi. We have a policy of not handling our Kiwi.  Contractor is 1- S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987 24 sites, 3 nights. A written report is presented to WKCG.	\$2 - S7(2)(j		\$ 2 - \$7(2)	

Volunteer and in-kind costs				
Sourcing eggs for traps	In kind 1 - \$7(2)(a) LGOIMA 540 Doz @ \$2 - \$7doz	\$2 - <i>\$7(</i>	\$2 - \$7(	
Volunteers & Landowners Checking traps, education, advocacy	Trapping 2053 hrs per annum @ \$19.47	\$ 2 - \$7(2)	\$2 - S7(2)	
Administration	694hrs per annum, @\$2-57 Meetings, travel, office work fundraising application coordinating 5-yearly Kiwi call count survey	<b>\$</b> 2 - \$7(2)(	<b>S</b> 2 - S7(2)(j	
Year 4		\$ 2 - S7(2)(j)	<b>\$</b> 2 - S7(2)(	<b>\$</b> 2 - S7(2)(

External Funding Sources			
Organisation name	Status of offer (confirmed or pending)	Period of funding	Amount
Kiwis for Kiwi - track maintenance	confirmed	July 20/21	\$ 2 - S7
Kiwis for Kiwi volunteer support	confirmed	July 20/21	\$ 2 - \$7(
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DOC Community Fund - Operations Manager	confirmed	July 20/21	\$2 - S7(2)(j
Kiwis for Kiwi - bait	confirmed	July 20/21	\$ 2 - 87(
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Budget Summary	Total	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
(A) WRC NHF contribution	\$248,707	\$12,860	\$71,234	\$71,944	\$92,669
(B) External funding sources (confirmed)	\$57,330	\$57,330			
(C) Your organisation's contribution to the project	\$222,026	\$54,618	\$55,167	\$55,976	\$56,265
Total cost of project	\$528,063	\$124,808	\$126,401	\$127,920	\$148,934
WRC share of costs	47%	10%	56%	56%	62%

### SECTION THREE: Governance Roles, Key Personnel & Letters of Support

### **Description of Organisation**

We are set up as a Charitable Trust, Whenuakiwi Trust with 3 local landowner Trustees and we trade as Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group with a committee structure of Chairman, Minute Secretary, and committee of 12. Monthly meetings to conduct business and receive reports from Operations Manager, Fundraiser and Treasurer

### **Land Ownership**

75% of the land is privately owned and 25% is Public Conservation Land. All landowners are heavily involved with the group and have given approval for the Operations Manager or volunteers to do it on their behalf.

The land involved is the largest block of protected lowland coastal forest on the east coast between Whitianga and Wellington. The area includes 10 QE11 and several SNA Sites identified by Waikato Regional Council.

### **Governance & Accountability**

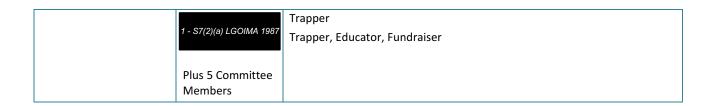
All NHF projects are a partnership between multiple organisations. The following table describes the roles and responsibilities of each partner and supporter.

Organisation	Role/Responsibility
Ngati Hei, Ngati Harko, Ngati Tamatera, Ngati Porou	Administer and manage conservation land in conjunction with Whenuakite Kiwi Care group to a healthy functioning state. Teaching of Cultural Values.
Department of Conservation Hauraki	A Management Agreement is in place between WKCG and DOC.
Waikato Regional Council	Collaborating partner with 3 yearly aerial 1080, Kauri Die Back protocol and wilding Confereradication
Whenuakiwi Trust	3 Trustees- governing body for Whenuakiwi Trust t/a Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group
Kiwis for Kiwi	3-year Funders for track and volunteer support 2018/2021 Part funding for Kiwi Call survey 2020

### **Key Personnel**

The following table describes the roles of key personnel in the applicant organisation and outlines their experience that is relevant to this project:

Role	Name	Relevant skills and experience
Operations Manager, Whenuakiwi Trust	1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA	Operations Manager has 40yrs trapping experience with a variety of live capture and kill traps. He also holds a CSL for cyanide, Papp, 1080 and Zinc Phosphate as approved substances to use. He has been involved with all the aerial 1080 operations done in the WKCG's operational area. He services 224 traps for WKCG. He runs his own predator control business contracting to Waikato Regional Council and DOC. Liaises with volunteers and landowners on a monthly basis and advises them of H&S and best practice for traps, toxins and any new predator control systems. Volunteers his time to talk to the wider community. Picks up any shortfall as a volunteer on the trap lines.
Trustees, Whenuakiwi Trust	1 - S7(2)(a) LGO	Trustee  Trustee/Fundraiser  Trustee/Minute Secretary
Committee, Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group	1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987	Chairperson Treasurer



Letters of Support/Key Stakeholder Endorsements					
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Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group 151 Boat Harbour Road RD 1 Whitianga 3591

18th June, 2020

Tēnā koe,

Letter of support for Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group application to the Natural Heritage Fund.

Kiwis for kiwi wholeheartedly support Whenuakite Kiwi Care Groups' application. They are a stalwart of kiwi conservation on the Coromandel. Their dedication and had work has not only paid dividends for kiwi but also for the flocks of Kererū (numbering in the 60s) that frequent the property.

We have found Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group to be a well run and stable organisation. They have complied with all our funding requirements in a timely and professional manner.

We fully endorse Whenuakite Kiwi Care Groups' application for funding from the Natural Heritage Fund.

Nāku noa, nā

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Kiwis for kiwi

E: enquiries@kiwisforkiwi.org W: www.kiwisforkiwi.org

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

### 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987

10th June 2020

### To Whom it May Concern

Ngati Hei has known and appreciated the hard work of Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group (WKCG) whose aim since 2000 has been to protect Kiwi and their habitat in and around the Whenuakite area.

Our shared interests in the protection and nurturing of the Kiwi in the face of overwhelming threats and to these passive birds is always a constant concern. The

Ngati Hei contribution to these projects has been minimal to date due to lack of resources and time however we are acutely aware and understand the constant challenges of groups like WKCG that struggle to minimise threats to Kiwi.

### Ngati Hei supports this application to the Natural Heritage Fund.

The emphasis of such support to the WKCG will be also:

- build scientific and monitoring data at various levels that will support any future work that will occur in the future.
- ensure "knowledge succession planning" or future-proofing threat free Kiwi habitat and native food chains.
- Support maintenance and development within Ngati Hei rohe in understanding and in its communications among organisations such as WKCG locally and nationally.
- The WKCG project will also give Ngati Hei a greater understanding of the terrestrial flora and fauna ecosystems from which we can base our future in partnership with landowners and interest groups in particular WKCG.
- For track maintenance
- General Pest Management strategies which include (Tairua)
- Replacement of worn traps
- Bait
- Dotterel habitat support

Should you require more information please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Heoi ano iti na,

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Hauraki Office 3/366 Ngāti Maru Highway Thames, 3500

10 June 2020

CC: 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOI...

Tēnā koe,

### Letter of support for Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group to the Natural Heritage Fund

On behalf of the Department of Conservation Hauraki I gladly provide a letter of support for Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group (WCKG).

We have been in working together for almost 20 years, for predator control to protect kiwi at Whenuakite and surrounding areas, as well as other conservation matters which have surfaced – wilding pine control, pigs, kauri dieback etc.

The nature of WCKGs volunteer trapping network is impressive, every month coordinating at least 12 rotating volunteers to service 553 traps on 110 kilometres of trapline within approximately 3554 hectares at Whenuakite and surrounding areas.

WKCG are role models for kauri protection, they have welcomed new hygiene protocols required to reduce the spread of kauri dieback.

Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group delivers outstanding work and achieves tangible outcomes. Furthermore, the approach the group takes as a supporter of wider conservation work and to collaborate with the Department, council and iwi has seen it become a strong leader in its community and an exemplar of community-led conservation.

I have no hesitation to support the group in their funding application.

Ngā mihi, nā

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To, The Natural Hertitage Fund.

Re: Letter of support for the Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group.

As a landowner and member of the WKCG I fully support the efforts of the group in the trapping, baiting and stewardship of the Whenuakite kiwi zone..

My property is on the western boundary of the area, where I maintain and check 40 traps that have caught, rats ,hedgehogs , stoats ,weasels and some feral cats. The occasional wild pig has been removed as well.

Without the help, support and advice from our Operations coordinator, these tasks would not have been as successful. He does a very good job and is enthusiastic and very supportive.

The birdlife and bush health has improved immensley in the zone since the start of trapping etc, and is evident in the number of birds we now see, including a regular flock of 30 or so kereru, ruru, kaka, lots of smaller birds, and we now have a resident bittern as well.

Funding is so necessary as we cannot afford to lose our Co-ordinator trapper, and traps are always being added and replaced, it is an ongoing and successful project. The success of the WKCG is well documented and very evident due to its volunteers, co-ordinator and founders, and is used as an example in conservation areas.

Yours sinceerely

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# RE WHENUAKITE KIWI CARE GROUP. I am spokes person for 1-S7(2)(B) LGOIMA 1987 LTD at the above address. (97 hectores of private land incorporated within the WKCG's operating ared.) We are very appreciative of WKCG's operations over 20 years and are enjoying the benefits of increasing bird life and forest health. As a direct result of the group's work and recess the forest has become a favoured distinction for re invasion by fury predators, we are committed to heep up the momentum of our predator control into the future. Thank you for your support

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### Te Runanga o Ngati Porou ki Hauraki

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### Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group

Application to the heritage fund

20 June 2020

### To whom it may concern

Te Runanga o Ngati Porou ki Hauraki is the formally mandated body recognised by the Office of Treaty Settlements as the representative body in dealing with Government within the two distinct areas of the Waikato Regional Councils precinct known as Mataora and Harataunga (Kennedy Bay) in all matters.

The Runanga is fully supportive of any initiative that enables us to promote the development of our culture, traditions, environment and or enhances our economic development.

We are committed to eco-friendly, sustainable solutions where tangata whenua can actively participate in assessment, monitoring, planning and decision-making that ensures protection and sustainable management of our natural and physical resources.

We support the Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group in their application to the heritage fund.

We respectfully request your approval of this application for the benefit of us all.

Nga mihi

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Te Runanga o Ngati Porou ki Hauraki

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15 June 2020

Environment Heritage Fund Waikato Regional Council

### Re: Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group - Letter of Support

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The work by 1-S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987, the volunteers and land owners is vital and is a hugely important element in the protection of the ecosystems and specific threatened species in the locality. 1-S7(2)(a) is pivotal to that work.

The coordination, expertise, and downright hard work that are done by 1-s7(2)(a) L... is essential, as is his accreditation in the use of toxins that our operational manager brings to the task.

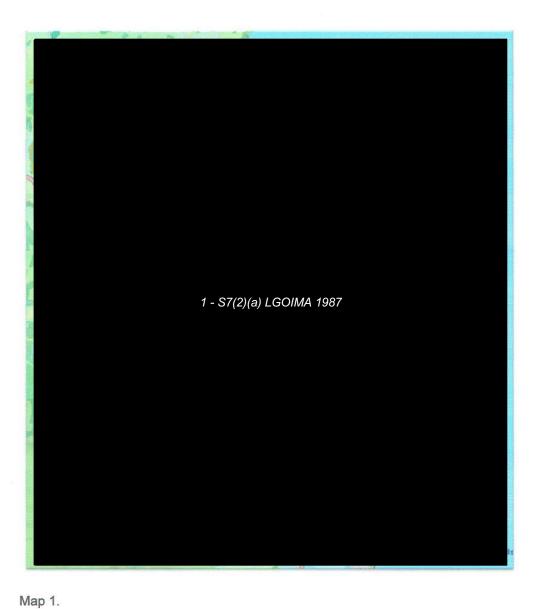
We consider the results of this work to be the best evidence of the need for such work – the increase in kiwi numbers and with it some hope of survival for the host ecosystem and other threatened species such as kaka.

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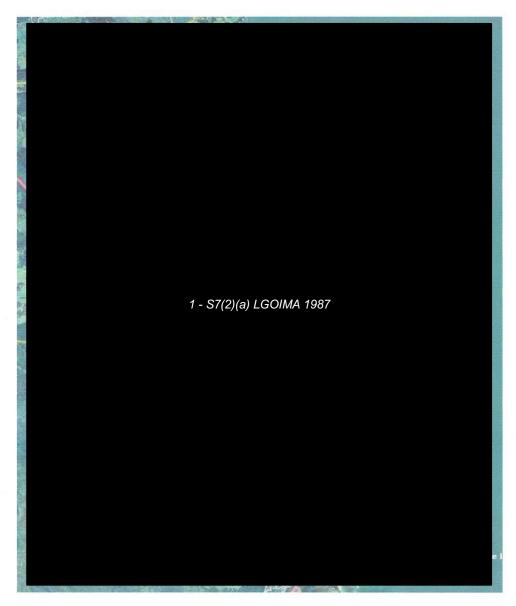
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Co-Director of the Trustee Company.

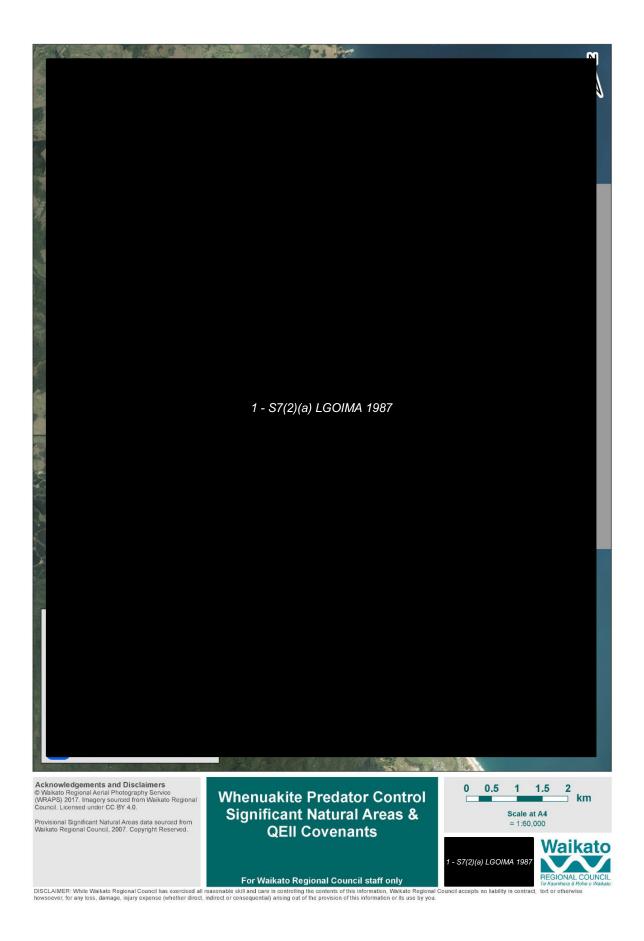


W.K.C.G. Boundary with Department of Conservation areas.



Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group Boundary (red) and Trap lines. (yellow)

Please keep this map confidential for the privacy of landowners.



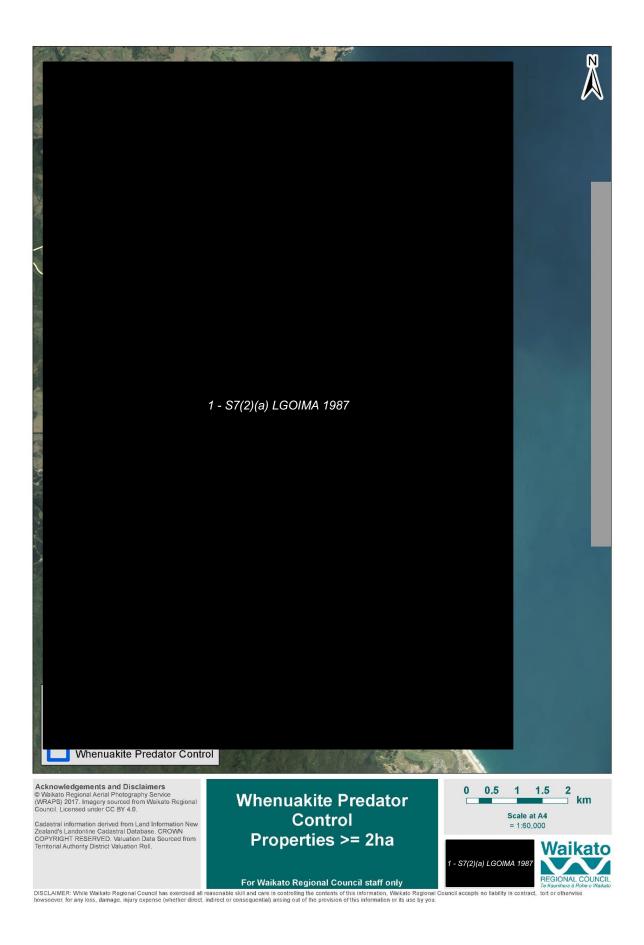




Figure 1&2 -possible farm practices for 2050 -lower carbon emissions

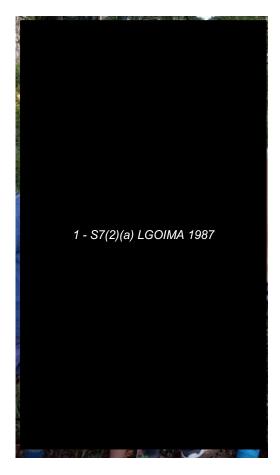


Figure 3- Team McRoche-youngest trappers for WKCG



Figure 4-Photo of Kiwi on 1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA...

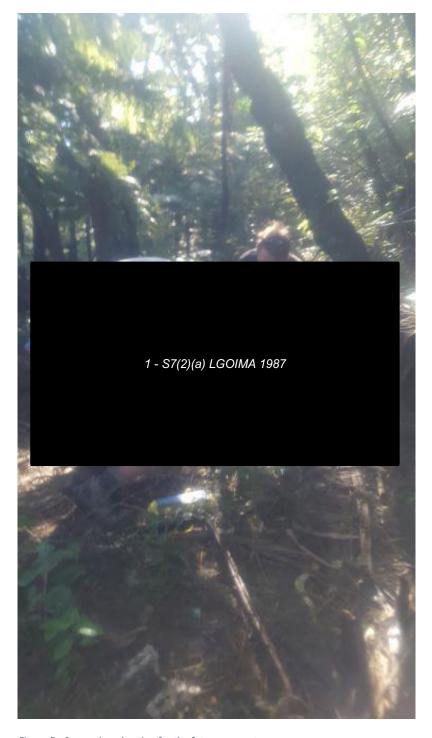


Figure 5-Succession planning for the future young-trappers

### **SECTION FIVE: Checklist & Declaration**

### **Checklist**

Staff are happy to answer questions relating to the completion of your application. Please contact 08 401 and ask for $1 - S7(2)(a) LGOIMA 1987$	00 800
We will submit the application form including the project budget, photos, maps and letters of support as a document contained within an email to <a href="mailto:nhf@waikatoregion.govt.nz">nhf@waikatoregion.govt.nz</a> , along with one supporting document no lat 19 June 2020.	•
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□ <b>Optional</b> - We have included a relevant, additional document in support of my application (e.g. a restoration strategic plan, species action plan etc.).	n plan,
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oxdot We have completed all sections of the form as accurately as possible.	
$\Box$ If this is a repeat application to the NHF, we have submitted a final project report summarising the our achieved as a result of our previous grant as detailed in the funding deed for that grant.	tcomes
☑ Our organisation is currently not receiving a grant from Waikato Regional Council through the Natural H Fund, Environmental Initiatives Fund and Small-Scale Community Initiatives Fund.	eritage
We have discussed this application with Council staff and confirmed that the proposed project meets the Heritage Fund eligibility criteria, prior to completing this application form.	Natural

### **Declaration**

As a duly authorised representative of the organisation:

- I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in all sections of this application form or supplied by us in support of our application is complete, true and correct.
- I declare that I have the authority to sign this application form and to provide this information.
- I declare that this application is not being made by a legal entity that is in receivership or liquidation, or by an undischarged bankrupt.
- I understand that any information presented in this application is subject to disclosure under the Official Information Act 1982.
- I understand that a Health and Safety Plan for the project must be in place before a Funding Agreement Grant will be signed.
- I understand that landowner permission must be sought before carrying out activities on land not owned by the applicant.
- I understand that if the application is approved, the project cannot commence until a Funding Agreement Deed of Grant has been signed by the grantee and countersigned by Waikato Regional Council. Note: Council cannot reimburse any costs incurred prior to a signed Funding Agreement.

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Title/pos	sition: Trustee/	Fundraiser	 	 			
Date:	24.06.2020		 	 			
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