

# WWF- New Zealand

## CONSERVATION FUND PROJECT PLANNING GUIDANCE

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### Ecological restoration plans

All applications for ecological restoration projects may be asked to provide an ecological restoration plan completed or endorsed by a suitably qualified ecologist, which:

- Provides the name and qualifications of the ecologist
- Identifies the restoration area, including a map and photographs
- Details of the ownership and any relevant legal protection
- Details the responsibility of government agencies, including local authorities, for the area or for the project
- Describes the area including providing detail of the dominant vegetation cover, species present and ecological significance of the area
- Details the original and current condition of the area and identifies the need for ecological restoration, including providing a benchmark “reference” against which to measure the success of the project
- Identifies the aims and objectives of the restoration
- Assesses in detail the risks to the restoration of the area, including animal and plant pest invasion
- Details of any legal requirements for the project such as resource consents
- Provides an assessment of the cultural concerns raised by the project
- Provides a plan for how the restoration will be achieved, including:
  - A risk management plan, including animal and/or plant pest management plan (if relevant)
  - How locally eco-sourced plants will be used in the restoration
  - Timing for the restoration actions
  - Long term management and monitoring of the restoration project
- Provides an assessment of the viability of the project ecologically and in terms of the long-term sustainability, taking into account the risks, resources and costs involved.

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**Pest management plans**

All applications for pest animal or plant management projects may be asked to provide:

- A plan including:
  - A map and description of the project area
  - The species to be targeted and the flora and/or fauna being protected
  - Evidence of why the project is needed
  - The intended outcome of the project:
    - The pest management target
    - The target for the successful protection of the flora and/or fauna
    - How these targets will be achieved and sustained
    - The method to be used
  - A plan for monitoring and evaluating the project including a benchmark against which progress will be measured
- Support for the project from the biosecurity officer of the relevant local authority and/or DOC
- Details of any consents, approvals, licenses advertisements, signage and/or other notifications legally required for the project

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**Additional questions and information**

If you have any questions in relation to the CCF's criteria or application process or wish to discuss a potential application contact WWF-New Zealand on:

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