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Northland Kiwi Management Plan (Taxon Plan)

Introduction:

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is preparing to write the Northland North Island Brown Kiwi Taxon Plan. This fact sheet will give you some background information, and let you know how you can contribute to the creation of this valuable document.

What is a taxon plan?

A taxon is a taxonomic category or group, such as order, family, species or subspecies. This particular taxon plan is a document that will set goals for Northland North Island Brown Kiwi. It will describe in detail the management and research actions required to achieve and maintain these goals.

The plan will provide guidelines for:

- involvement of Iwi, community groups and private landowners in the active management of kiwi,
- the taxonomic status of Northland North Island brown kiwi,
- historical and current distribution,
- population trends,
- main threats,
- research needs,
- management tools and actions,
- key locations and minimum sizes of areas to be managed,
- suitable sites and source locations for building new populations,
- plans to ensure genetic integrity,
- advocacy needs.



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***Why have a
taxon plan?***

The draft Kiwi Recovery Plan 2006 – 2016 requires that there is a plan written for each of the 11 kiwi taxa/regional varieties, as an essential part of kiwi recovery planning. The taxon plan will be in-depth, and will have a local focus. The taxon plan will describe the best practice methods for managing kiwi in Northland.

***How will the
taxon plan affect
me?***

The taxon plan will drive how kiwi will be managed in Northland for the next ten years. This will occur largely through providing valuable guidance to projects carrying out kiwi recovery work. The formal approved plan will also provide community groups with status for funding ongoing recovery work.

***How can I be
involved?***

Your contribution is vital! As a stakeholder of kiwi in Northland it is important that you have input to the plan, agree with it and buy into it. There will be the possibility to contribute via writing and meetings, and the opportunity to comment on drafts of the plan. You can choose to be involved in all or any of the steps over the next few months. Meeting dates haven't been confirmed yet, but are likely to occur in October. A local representative will contact you regarding any upcoming meetings or opportunities to have your say.

***Who can I
contact for more
information?***

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For more information about the taxon plan and kiwi visit
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