



Submission form – implementation plan for Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy

Have your say on the next implementation plan for Te Mana o te Taiao – Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020

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The Department of Conservation (DOC) seeks your feedback by **5pm on Monday 30 June 2025**.

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 - b. email your submission to biodiversitystrategy@doc.govt.nz or
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Please direct any questions that you have in relation to the submissions process to biodiversitystrategy@doc.govt.nz.

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Responses to questions

To check the boxes below: Double click on box, then select 'checked' Please select only one checkbox per action.

Theme 1 - Agreed biodiversity priorities are driving investment and action.	
1.	<p><i>Action 1. Develop a national picture of our most important biodiversity values and quantify the costs to protect and restore priority species and habitats.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p>
	<p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p>
2.	<p><i>Action 2. Tackle biodiversity loss by agreeing on priority programmes to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>protect and restore high-priority degraded habitats (e.g. impacts from browsers, weeds, predators)</i> <i>recover native species</i> <i>develop nature-based solutions for biodiversity and climate change (e.g. wetland restoration), in light of environmental and climate change responsibilities.</i> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p>
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Theme 2 – Increased external funding, revenue and support is delivering more work on biodiversity priorities

3.	<p><i>Action 3. Develop a biodiversity investment prospectus to attract and direct external investment into biodiversity priorities.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
4.	<p><i>Action 4. Generate new revenue from public conservation lands and waters to invest back into biodiversity.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>

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5.	<p><i>Action 5. Increase commercial investment in biodiversity by supporting the business sector to develop a system for private sector nature-based financial disclosures, reporting and investment.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
6.	<p><i>Action 6. Increase the protection of biodiversity on private and Māori land by improving the accessibility and coordination of government support and incentives.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>

Theme 3 – An evidence and knowledge-based approach is driving improvements in practice and decision making for biodiversity

7.	<p><i>Action 7. Agree and implement an achievable set of priority indicators for monitoring progress on the national targets, monitoring the effectiveness of interventions, and meeting statutory and international reporting requirements.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="height: 60px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="height: 60px;"></div>
8.	<p><i>Action 8. Support Māori to use knowledge systems, including mātauranga, in decision making and biodiversity management</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="height: 60px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="height: 60px;"></div>

Theme 3 – An evidence and knowledge-based approach is driving improvements in practice and decision making for biodiversity ... continued

9.	<p><i>Action 9. Capture and embed the lessons from existing partnership-based delivery models for biodiversity and biosecurity management to inform decisions on future programmes.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
10.	<p><i>Action 10. Encourage optimal investment in nature-based solutions, including the restoration and protection of native ecosystems for carbon and biodiversity benefits, by improving the evidence base, developing case studies and operationalising existing research.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>

Theme 4 – Increased capability and support enables New Zealand to address the state of our biodiversity

11.	<p><i>Action 11. Develop a cross-sector plan to address the most important capability gaps in the biodiversity system.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>
12.	<p><i>Action 12. Increase New Zealanders' awareness of the causes and extent of our biodiversity crisis, show how they can make a difference to biodiversity in their communities, and drive urgency and momentum for action.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 60px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>

Theme 4 – Increased capability and support enables New Zealand to address the state of our biodiversity ... continued

13.	<p><i>Action 13. Establish cross-agency emerging risks capability for domestic biosecurity to horizon scan, share intelligence and support decision-makers in prioritising emerging risk management.</i></p> <p>a. What do you think of this action?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p>
	<p>b. Is there anything you would add or change?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p>

Overall package of proposals

14.	<p>a. Overall, are these actions the ones we should focus on to drive the protection, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity in New Zealand between now and 2030?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure <input type="checkbox"/> No comment </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p>
	<p>b. What do you think of the proposals as a package?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly support <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Neutral <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure </p> <p>Add any comments below.</p>