

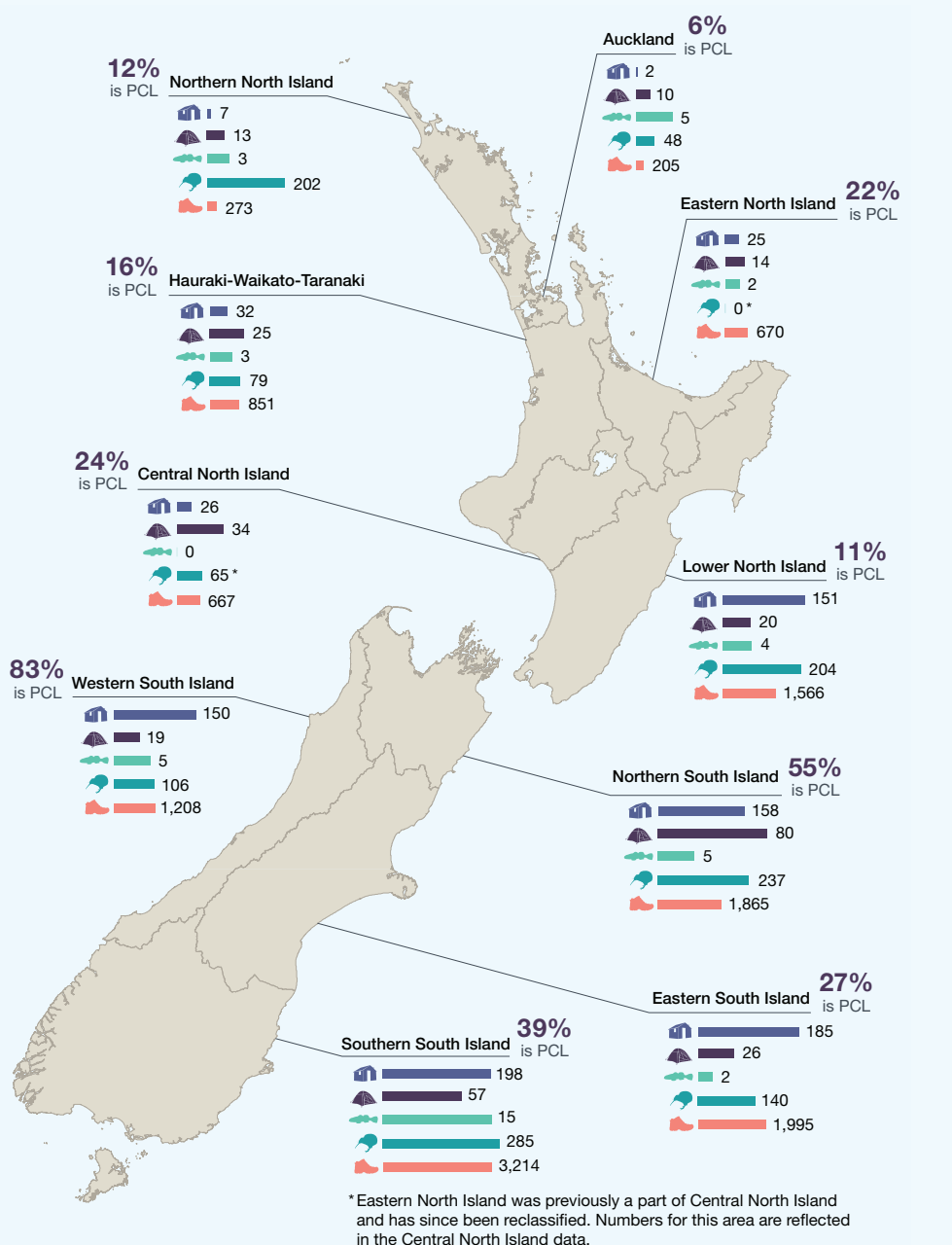
This summary presents a snapshot of facts and figures from our audited 2022/23 Annual Report. It is not a substitute for the Annual Report itself but a way of sharing the important messages and results contained within it.



2022/23
Summary of the Annual Report
for the year ended 30 June 2023

Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

Key statistics on the Department of Conservation operational regions.



KEY: Open huts, Open campsites, Marine reserves, Planned work for threatened or at risk species, Open tracks (km). PCL: public conservation land

Department of Conservation's strategic framework and key outcomes.

Papatūānuku thrives

Toitū te marae a Tāne Mahuta, Toitū te marae a Tangaroa, Toitū te tangata
If the land is well and the sea is well, the people will thrive

We are an honourable Treaty partner

In achieving our purpose and outcomes, we give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi by actively partnering with whānau, hapū and iwi to protect and sustain our shared natural and cultural heritage

Our outcomes

Ecosystems and species across Aotearoa are thriving from mountains to sea

- A full range of ecosystems on land, water and sea are protected and enhanced
- Indigenous species are not threatened with human-induced extinction
- Landscapes, ecosystems and species are resilient to climate risk

Public conservation lands and waters are maintained and improved for future generations

- Conservation lands and waters benefit from fewer pests and reduced pressures
- We understand whānau, hapū and iwi priorities
- Cultural heritage is managed and protected
- Our actions support Aotearoa to mitigate and adapt to climate change

Connection with nature and cultural heritage enriches people's lives

- The health and wellbeing of whānau, hapū, iwi and communities are linked to the health of nature
- From the city to the wilderness, people connect with nature and our cultural heritage
- New Zealanders care for and take action to preserve our special places and species
- A range of sustainable recreational experiences encourage New Zealanders to enjoy the outdoors

DOC is a great organisation

- We work as one to deliver on our strategy
- Our people thrive and grow
- We have regard to whānau, hapū and iwi priorities in our decision making
- We have the capability to be an honourable Treaty partner
- Mātauranga Māori informs all our work
- We are trusted and known as being good to work with
- We are excellent at managing finances and our assets
- We keep our people and visitors safe

Our principles

NATURE-CENTRED, TREATY-ANCHORED, INTERGENERATIONAL, CLIMATE-FOCUSED, IMPACTFUL, KAIMAHI-CENTRED

Our roles

Protecting land, species, ecosystems and cultural heritage for conservation purposes

Managing threats and adverse impacts

Being a voice for conservation

Connecting people to nature

Conservation requires a collective effort involving central and local government, iwi, hapū and whānau, business and industry sectors, private landowners, scientists and researchers, education, non-governmental organisations, philanthropy, communities and individuals.

THIS YEAR WE ADVOCATED FOR CONSERVATION



We helped more than **280 students**, aged 10 to 13, collectively **plant 4,000 plants** in the **Manga-o-Tama** catchment, South Waikato.



Through **Jobs for Nature** funding, we provided a platform for us to work alongside mana whenua at place. We have invested in **more than 90 different Māori collective entities** to **deliver 100 projects** across Aotearoa. More than 5 million hours were worked and funded by Jobs for Nature projects.



We provided information and advice to over **6 million visitors** on our website.



We saw **47,380** New Zealanders and international visitors go on a **Great Walk**, an **18% increase** from summer 2021/22.



We saw **international visitors return** to nearly 65% of pre-COVID-19 summer arrivals. Fifty percent visited national parks and 49% went to beaches. Nine out of 10 international visitors reported being 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with their New Zealand visit.



We included more than **89,000 downloads** of the 'Sounds of Science' podcast, more than 28,000 online streams and more than 4,000 subscribers. You can listen to the podcast here: www.doc.govt.nz/news/podcast/sounds-of-science-archive/.

THIS YEAR WE CARRIED OUT PEST MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTED NATIVE SPECIES



We saw **300 traps** being set by iwi, concessionaires and 180 staff, to **trap a stoat** on pest-free Te Kākahuo-Tamatea / Chalky Island.



We saw the Waipoua Forest predator control operation, the first since 2014, help **protect** this important **Northland kauri forest**.



We supported **Raukūmara Pae Maunga** with planning and delivering the **largest-ever predator control operation** in the North Island.



We supplied **1,000 native plants** to boost riparian planting projects on 13 farms.



We planted 1,630 to **help protect and increase the whitebait spawning habitat** on the edge of the Waikawa estuary and improve the health of the creeks.



We issued **128 formal warnings** and **193 infringement notices**, and prosecuted **10 cases**.



We saw **kākāpō** numbers increase from **197 to 248** in the 2022 breeding season.



We saw **73 kākāriki karaka / orange-fronted parakeet**, a taonga species for Ngāi Tahu, **reintroduced** to Hawdon Valley, Arthur's Pass National Park.



We saw **21 Kapitia skinks** were **relocated** from Auckland Zoo **to their home on the West Coast** of the South Island.

WE CONTROLLED:

- rats and mustelids over 1,125,892 hectares
- possums over 1,618,056 hectares
- deer over 1,017,124 hectares
- goats over 2,208,268 hectares
- weeds over 904,201 hectares
- wilding conifers over 1,830,627 hectares
- 49 island biosecurity programmes, where a pest-free status has been maintained.

THIS YEAR WE SAW OUR 2,663 STAFF WORK AT MORE THAN 100 LOCATIONS ACROSS AOTEAROA



We explored using emerging technologies like remote sensing, genetic technologies such as environmental DNA and artificial intelligence to **help biodiversity**.



We developed Aotearoa New Zealand's first **large-scale climate change vulnerability assessment**, which identifies terrestrial threatened species and ecosystems at risk, to prioritise for research and adaptation.



We saw the the adoption of a once-in-a-decade agreement to **stop and reverse the loss of biodiversity**, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference in December 2022. Its aim is to **protect 30% of the planet** by 2030.



We saw, in March 2023, 20 years of negotiations being concluded at the United Nations in New York on a new treaty to **protect marine biodiversity** in areas beyond national jurisdiction, which cover **two-thirds of the world's ocean**.



We supported the Crown to initial **Te Ruruku Pūtakerongo/Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Deed** in South Taranaki.



We helped **1,264 people engage in cultural capability** training.



We developed the app **Te Pūkenga Atawhai** that **supports staff to learn** more about te ao Māori whenever it suits them.



We had three impressive **pou whenua of Ngāi Tūāhuriri tīpuna** unveiled at Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill. They stand as **kaitiaki** over the popular site and mark the area's **cultural significance to mana whenua**.



We helped set up a new **tohu whenua site**, **Te Kopikopiko o Te Waka**, near Fox Glacier/Weheka.



We had two alpine rescues recognised at the **New Zealand Search and Rescue Awards**.



We were first responders for emergency response, and had **27 staff awarded the Australia National Emergency Medal with Bushfires 2019/20**.



We provided **satellite internet** access to remote areas via **Starlink**.



We achieved a **10% reduction in our vehicle fleet size**.



We continued to have a **low overall gender pay gap of 3%**, and the pay gap that exists is not caused by unjustified factors such as bias.



We provided **613 ministerial briefings**, answered **760 official information requests** and answered **973 parliamentary questions**.



We achieved our **Carbon Reduce certification** for the **third year in a row**.