

# Conservation law reform

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## Preparing for Conservation Law reform

- Reforming conservation law to improve protection of biodiversity and implement Te Mana o te Taiao - Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020
- Uphold the rights and interests of Māori and the Crown's obligation under Te Tiriti (including Māori rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga)
- Recognise that our social, economic and cultural wellbeing depends on healthy nature and the conservation and protection of indigenous biodiversity, habitats and ecosystems
- Recognise the links between tackling the climate crisis and the biodiversity crisis

Process to be determined pending future Cabinet decision

## Trade in Endangered Species (TIES)

- Repeal and replace the Trade in Endangered Species Act 1989 to improve the implementation and functioning of the system.
- Strengthening the regulation of elephant ivory at the border, and a regulation-making power which could enable a domestic trade ban. There will be some exemptions.
- Rewriting the Act using modern drafting language.

Introduction of re-written legislation

Select Committee report and enactment

Implementation

Policy advice to Cabinet

Final Cabinet policy decisions

Introduction of amendment legislation

Select Committee report and enactment

## Conservation management and processes amendments

- Streamlining targeted statutory process and decision-making requirements to make them more efficient and remove anomalies

Report back to Cabinet with progress on the review

Process to be determined

## Wildlife Act 1953 review

- Address deficiencies in the Act
- Will support future comprehensive conservation legislation reform

## Stewardship Area reclassification

- Amending the Conservation Act 1987 to clarify and simplify processes for reclassifying stewardship land

Scoping/consultation

Cabinet decisions

Introduction of amendment legislation

Select Committee report and enactment

## Hauraki Gulf marine protection

- Part of the Government Response Strategy to the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari Hauraki Gulf marine spatial plan
- Will establish High Protection Areas and Seafloor Protection Areas in the Hauraki Gulf

Māori engagement on customary practices in High Protection Areas

Public consultation

Cabinet decisions

Introduction of HPA/SPA legislation

Select Committee report and enactment

Implementation

## Marine Protected Areas reform

- Create a more strategic, nationally coordinated framework for marine protection
- Will explicitly recognise Treaty partners' rights and interests in marine protection

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