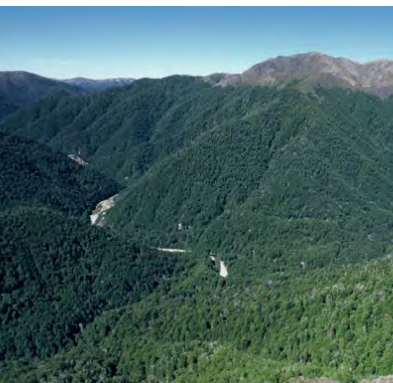


NATURE CENTRAL

...our partnership that promotes and protects
nature in the lower North Island...



Our objective

Better natural resource management in the lower North Island.

We will do this by collaborating and working together in a complementary way to achieve better results.

Nature Central – the main areas of focus are:

- Identifying and working to common goals
- Promoting the value of nature to the region's wellbeing and prosperity
- Working across landscapes
- Adopting a common approach to pest management
- A region-wide strategy for wilding conifers
- Integrated environmental education
- Better parks management
- Collaboration and sharing of training
- Communicating and promoting successes

Why are we doing this?

- To achieve better outcomes for natural heritage in the lower North Island
- Together we can achieve more, working across landscapes irrespective of boundaries

Who is involved?

- Nature Central is a partnership between the Department of Conservation, Greater Wellington, Hawke's Bay and Horizons Regional Councils

Who is leading the work?

- Nature Central is led by a Steering Group of senior managers from each of the partners.
- The project is being led by Marc Slade, who is accountable to the Steering Group

Should I be excited?

- Yes. Success for Nature Central means better outcomes for people and ecosystems in the lower North Island. Nature Central will help us move toward common goals more effectively with less duplication.



Some ways we're working together:

Sharing Office Space

- Greater Wellington has a co-located staff member in the Kapiti Coast DOC office, and DOC staff in Wairoa are now co-located with the northern office of Hawke's Bay Regional Council.



Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Park

- DOC and Greater Wellington's joint initiative with South Wairarapa District Council, Kahungunu ki Wairarapa and Rangitane o Wairarapa Inc, to restore a wetland treasure - Whakaora te repo, ka ora te taonga Wai



Project Kaka

Tararua Nature Recovery

- A joint 10-year pest control operation coordinated by Greater Wellington Regional Council, DOC and the Animal Health Board.
- It aims to restore forest health and boost native bird populations in a 22,000 hectare belt of the rugged, densely-forested Tararua Ranges, as well as protect local cattle and deer herds from bovine TB.

Poutiri Ao ō Tāne

- We aim to improve ecosystems and restore native biodiversity.
- Led by DOC, with support from the Aotearoa Foundation, Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Landcare Research, ECOED, Landcorp, Maungaharuru Tangitu Inc, Ngati Pahauwera, Ngati Hineuru, Tutira Maungaharuru Forum, Te Matau a Maui (Cape Sanctuary), and the local conservation community.



Nature Space

Led by DOC with the support of councils and agencies, Nature Space is a national website for groups, individuals and landowners undertaking ecological restoration in New Zealand.

The conservation work carried out by these communities is vital for biodiversity development, and the health and prosperity of New Zealand.



Lake Papaitonga / Waiwiri

- This is the restoration of a priority dune lake by DOC and Horizons, with Horowhenua District Council, landowners, iwi, Forest & Bird.

