

Project Application

Jobs for Nature funding is for revitalising communities through nature-based employment; its primary focus is to support businesses to retain staff as the economic impacts of COVID-19 continue to unfold.

Completing this form

Please complete all sections fully and accurately. Square brackets and italics indicate guides.

Submitting your application

All completed forms must be emailed to jobsfornature@doc.govt.nz with a clear subject included.

Next Steps

Applications will be assessed for how well your project will deliver on the aims of the Jobs for Nature programme. One of our team will be in contact regarding your application.

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PROJECT OVERVIEW		
Project name	Te Mauri Hauropi o Ngā Tūpuna Maunga	
Project Applicant <i>If the funding recipient is different from the applicant, please also provide details their details</i>	Applicant Full Legal Name	Tūpuna Maunga Authority
	Key Contact	9(2)(g)(ii)
	Position of Key Contact	Tūpuna Maunga Authority 9(2)(g)(ii)
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Regional group/entity/alliance associated with the project	Tāmaki Makaurau	
DOC contact and phone	9(2)(g)(ii) 9(2)(g)(ii)	

Project Partners	Tūpuna Taonga Trust
Location	Region: Choose an item.Auckland (Not available on drop down list)
<p>Project summary</p> <p><i>Briefly describe the project, and the urgency to do it now</i></p> <p><i>(in less than 300 words)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Tūpuna Maunga have suffered greatly since the alienation of Mana Whenua Land at the hands of the Crown. - The Maunga have only recently been returned to Mana Whenua as part of an historical Treaty Settlement - Contributes to DOCs commitments under the conservation protocol between Ngā Mana Whenua O Tāmaki Makaurau - The Maunga are on the tentative list for world heritage inscription and these efforts will contribute to the authenticity of the bid showing that the Crown does contribute towards the care and protection of these culturally significant sites. - There is an Opportunity to protect and enhance the biodiversity of these significant sites <p>Auckland's Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) hold a paramount place in the historical, spiritual, ancestral and cultural identity of the 13 iwi and hapū of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (the mana whenua tribes of Auckland).</p> <p>The maunga are at the heart of Auckland's identity and represent a celebration of our Māori identity as the city's point of difference in the world.</p> <p>The Tupuna Maunga Authority have recently released the Tupuna Maunga Integrated Management Plan Strategies. These include a biodiversity and biosecurity strategy.</p> <p>A link to the strategies can be found here</p> <p>The Restoration of a cultural landscape across Ngā Tūpuna Maunga remains a priority in healing the maunga from past modification. Introduced pest animals namely, rodents, lizards, mustelids and mammalian predators such as possums and exotic, environmental pest plants have had a significant impact on the ecological connections between our native fauna and flora.</p> <p>The project will aim in the healing of the maunga by supporting efforts in both pest animal and plant control with a combination of mātauranga Maori and using best practice guides of trapping and baiting.</p> <p>The project will also supplement the ongoing vegetation restoration work on the maunga where the goal is to restore the maunga</p>

	<p>through planting and to provide the ecological corridors needed between the connection of these native fauna and flora that has since been lost in the past.</p> <p>The Maunga are on New Zealand's Tentative list for World Heritage subscription. The restoration of the cultural landscape will significantly contribute to the authenticity of the bid for World Heritage Inscription.</p> <p>Members of the team will become champions of the Kaupapa and advocate amongst the wider community the cultural, historical, ancestral and spiritual significance of the Maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau</p>		
Funding Requested	\$3,000,000 plus GST, if applicable		
Employment Opportunities <i>It is likely to be easiest to complete this section after completing the Employment and Financial sections below</i>	Total FTE created	39	
	Total jobs created	39	
	Total Avg. Cost per FTE	9(2)(a)	
	Avg. wage per FTE	9(2)(a)	
	9(2)(a)	Employees will earn 9(2)(a) an hour. To deliver the programme we will be engaging a contractor to manage the volunteers the remainder of the cost is the charge out fee from the contractor.	
Timing <i>It is expected that Projects are ready to commence once approved.</i>	Start Date:	15/03/21	Total Term: 3 years
	End Date:	30/12/23	

PROJECT DETAILS

Provide a detailed description of your Project

Auckland's Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) hold a paramount place in the historical, spiritual, ancestral and cultural identity of the 13 iwi and hapū of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (the mana whenua tribes of Auckland).

The maunga are at the heart of Auckland's identity and represent a celebration of our Māori identity as the city's point of difference in the world.

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority have recently released the Tupuna Maunga Integrated Management Plan Strategies. These include a biodiversity and biosecurity strategy.

A link to the strategies can be found [here](#)

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The project will aim in the healing of the maunga by supporting efforts in both pest animal and plant control with a combination of mātauranga Maori and using best practice guides of trapping and baiting.

The project will also supplement the ongoing vegetation restoration work on the maunga where the goal is to restore the maunga through planting and to provide the ecological corridors needed between the connection of these native fauna and flora that has since been lost in the past.

The Maunga are on New Zealand's Tentative list for World Heritage subscription. The restoration of the cultural landscape will significantly contribute to the authenticity of the bid for World Heritage Inscription.

Members of the team will become champions of the Kaupapa and advocate amongst the wider community the cultural, historical, ancestral and spiritual significance of the Maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau

Benefits of the Programme include

- fast tracking the cultural restoration of Ngā Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau
- helping to develop a halo around each of the Tūpuna Maunga to support the eradication of pests and enhance the biodiversity on these culturally significant sites. These efforts will go a long way to achieving the Tūpuna Maunga Authority goals of creating pest free areas and the return of culturally significant species
- The project will help promote environmental and social outcomes and enhance mental and physical health of participants by connecting people to these spiritual places of well-being.
- Several of the Tūpuna Maunga are located in South Auckland. An area that has deeply been effected by the economic impacts of COVID 19
- There is an opportunity to connect with a multi cultural workforce including Māori, Tangata Pacifica, Pakeha and others to these culturally significant sites.
- Provide opportunities of upskilling, training and hands-on learning to enable the workforce are able to deliver high quality conservation work through a Te Ao Māori lens

- Building a sustainable and specialist/skilled workforce with transferable skills that are applicable in any working environment
- Helps to promote the cultural restoration of the Tūpuna Maunga.

Where are you proposing to do the mahi?: *[Provide a description of the location including GPS coordinates. If possible, attach a clear location map to the end of the application form. Regional Councils often have mapping tools publicly available, or you can use this <https://www.doc.govt.nz/map/index.html>]*

Ngā Tūpuna Maunga ō Tāmaki Makaurau

- Matukutūruru/Wiri Quarry
- Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill
- Maungarei/Mount Wellington
- Maungauika/North Head
- Maungawhau/Mount Eden
- Ōwairaka/Ta Ahī-ka-a Rakataura/Mount Albert
- Puketāpapa/Pukewīwī/Mount Roskill
- Rarotonga/Mount Smart
- Te Kōpuke/Titīkōpuke/Mount Saint John
- Ōhinerau/Mount Hobson
- Ōhūiarangi/Pigeon Mountain
- Ōtāhuhu/Mount Richmond
- Takarunga/Mount Victoria
- Te Tatua-a-Riukiuta/Big King
- Te Pane-o-Mataoho/Te Ara Pueru/Māngere Mountain

EMPLOYMENT

Provide details of the jobs to be created:

Include information about whether they are like to be full-time (30 hours per week); part-time (less than 30 hours per week) and casual (if any) and the expected length of each employment opportunity.

This project has the opportunity to employ 13 full-time employees per year over a 3-year period.

The skills that are required and will be developed include:

- Team leadership
- Conservation Delivery
- Pest plant and pest animal identification
- Native flora and fauna identification
- Planting
- Trapping
- Weeding
- Health and safety training
- Driving 4x4
- The use of scrub bars and other machinery
- Kaitiakitanga,
- Te Reo Māori
- Tikanga Māori
- Community engagement

As part of this project we will engage directly with Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau, The Tūpuna Taonga Trust and local communities to support Māori communities that are struggling with the economic impacts of COVID 19 2

Provide the total Full Time Equivalent (1 FTE= 1560 hours per year, being 30 hours per week for one year) and the total expected jobs to be created for each year of the Project:

To calculate the FTE, either use the calculator here:

<https://doccm.doc.govt.nz/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-6492461>; or

divide the total number of hours to be worked each year on the project by 1560

e.g. 5 people working 40 hour weeks for 1 year = 10,400 hours % 1560 = 6.67FTE for that year

Jobs created are the number of roles created to meet the FTE equivalent e.g. 1FTE can be filled by 1 person, or by 2 people working part time which would mean 1FTE = 2 jobs.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
FTE	13	13	13	39

Expected Jobs Created	13	0	0	13
Does the project focus on known COVID-19 affected sectors (tourism, hospitality) or create employment that fills a known industry gap? <i>If so, briefly explain.</i>	<p>Not specifically COVID-19 affected sectors but skills from those affected sectors are transferrable and can be used on maunga while building further on their skills through training and work experience.</p> <p>Maunga in south Auckland will support communities in this area.</p> <p>We plan to work with the Ministry of Social Development to work with those most affected by COVID-19 job-losses i.e. Māori and Pacifica communities, youth.</p>			
Will you work with MSD, and with iwi to identify people to be employed for this project? <i>Please provide brief details.</i>	<p>As part of this project we will engage directly with Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau, The Tūpuna Taonga Trust and local communities to support Māori communities that are struggling with the economic impacts of COVID 19</p>			
How long after receiving the first payment will you employ your first workers for this project?	<p>it will take between 2 and 3 months to get the first person on the ground. The prep work required includes engaging with MSD for candidates, undertaking interviews and vetting processes, contractor engagement and procurement. We will also require some time to ensure that we have the right training programmes in place pre the new workers starting in their new roles.</p>			
Will this project create additional activity and employment?	<p>Yes. This project has the potential to scope further works including pest animal control and pest plant control, planting, community engagement.</p>			
Are there opportunities to increase FTE numbers through scaling up the project?	<p>Yes,</p>			
Training / Capability Development / Skills Required				

<p>Describe the capability development (formal or informal), training, certifications, wananga delivered through the programme.</p> <p><i>Detail what it is; how many people are expected to receive it and how it will help them stay in the conservation sector after this project ends.</i></p>	<p>All employees will be expected to receive training for undertaking restoration work on the maunga.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team leadership • Conservation Delivery • Pest plant and pest animal identification • Native flora and fauna identification • Planting • Trapping • Baiting • Weeding • Health and safety training • Outdoors First Aid training • Driving 4x4 • The use of scrub bars and other machinery • Kaitiakitanga, • Te Reo Māori • Tikanga Māori • Community engagement • Agrichemical use and handling
<p>Does the project target youth/rangatahi capability or development? If so, how?</p>	<p>Mentioned in previous questions.</p>
<p>List the skills that are required to deliver this project.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate level of fitness • Enjoy working outdoors • Team worker • Working alone

Internal Use Only: Employment and Training Assessment

Score	Rationale for Score
Employment: 2/4	Project will employ 39 FTE.
Training: 2/4 Total: 4/8	Staff will be trained in conservation skills but no formal qualifications will be gained.

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ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Please provide details about the work outputs your project is expecting to deliver:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Possum control (Ha)	180	180	180	540
Rat and mustelid control (Ha)	180	180	180	540
Goat control (Ha)				
Deer control (Ha)				
Wallaby control (Ha)				
Other pest control (Ha)	72 Rabbits	72 Rabbits	72 Rabbits	216 Rabbits
Current fencing maintained (m)				
New fencing (m)				
Weeds controlled - excluding conifer (Ha)	180	180	180	540
Wilding conifers controlled (Ha)				
Ecosystem restoration planting (excl riparian) (Ha) (consider related pest control)	42	42	42	126
Riparian ecosystem planting (Ha) (consider related pest control)	N/a			
Wetland restoration (Ha)	1.3			
Freshwater restoration (Ha)				
Area restored by indigenous planting (Ha)				
Riparian trees planted				
Trees planted (excl riparian)	70,000	70,000	70,000	210,000
Tracks maintained (Kms)				
Huts maintained (number)				
Historic/cultural assets maintained				

<p>Please describe any other biodiversity benefits and deliverables of this project</p>	<p>As part of the project there are opportunity to see the development Herpetological habitat, There is an opportunity to develop cultural resources including Mara kai, Rongoa, Pa Harakeke and more cultural resources.</p> <p>Increasing habitat for taonga species including the Kererū, kākā,</p> <p>Protecting endangered flora including Anagrama and Pallaea ferns</p>
<p>Strategic alignment with District, Regional and National Priorities</p>	
<p>Describe why this project is a priority for the region:</p> <p><i>i.e. how the project ranks within Regional and District priorities (refer to relevant document and section) including the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Regional group’s strategy vision and outcomes</i> • <i>Iwi priority documents.</i> <p>Also describe how the project aligns with any National priorities:</p> <p><i>e.g.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Draft Te Mana o te Taiao Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020;</i> • <i>Department of Conservation Visitor and Heritage Strategy</i> <p>To what degree is this project linked to other work and funding streams to ensure outcomes are integrated and maximised?</p>	<p>The project delivers on Biosecurity issues facing Auckland and wider, New Zealand. This aligns both with ‘Pest Free Auckland 2050’. A goal of keeping Auckland’s natural environment thriving by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eradicating – removing pest animals, plants and pathogens, • restoring – restore and connect ecosystems and introduce native species and, • by telling stories – showcase community action and celebrate success. <p>And ‘Predator free New Zealand’ making New Zealand predator free by 2050.</p>
<p>Consistency with Statutory documents</p>	

<p>Identify whether any part of your project or activity might be inconsistent with local DOC planning documents.</p> <p><i>(e.g. Conservation Management Strategies, National Park Management Plans)</i></p> <p><i>You can check with your local DOC office for advice or information on where to find the relevant documents.</i></p>	<p>There is a close relationship between the Tupuna Maunga Authority and the Department of Conservation. As such it aligns with all of DOCs strategic documents including the CMS , the Nga Mana Whenua O Tamaki Makaurau Conservation Protocol and the Department of Conservation General Policies</p>
<p>Wider benefits</p>	
<p>Briefly describe the wider benefits to Aotearoa of this project:</p>	<p>This project aligns with New Zealand’s goal of Predator Free 2050 – a goal to rid Aotearoa of the most damaging introduced predators.</p> <p>The Maunga are on New Zealand’s Tentative list for World Heritage subscription. They are international, national and regionally significant heritage sites. The restoration of the cultural landscape will significantly contribute to the authenticity of the bid for World Heritage Inscription.</p> <p>There is also an opportunity to rekindle the relationship between participants in the project with their natural environment, and their tupuna maunga. This also serves an opportunity to build skills into the community for continued conservation efforts on the Tupuna Maunga and throughout Tamaki.</p>
<p>Climate Change Benefits</p>	
<p>Identify how the project contributes to the adaptation, sequestration or mitigation of climate change?</p> <p><i>e.g. does the project sequester carbon through planting or soil sequestration? Is the project mitigating climate change by removing mono pine forests? Is the project contributing to adaptation through preserving conservation and recreational assets?</i></p>	<p>One of the key aims of the project is restoration planting. Restorative planting on manuga addresses several issues we face; sustainable land use, climate change, air and water quality and global climate change issue. Already, more than 60,000 plants have been planted across ngā maunga ō Tāmaki Makaurau in the past 3 planting seasons.</p>

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Identify if the project uses petroleum-based tools in delivery.	
Nursery Support (only if applicable)	
<p>If your project includes a restoration component, describe how you have ensured a supply of eco-sourced native plants appropriate for the project and area.</p> <p><i>Include clear outline and financial details (in the project costings section below) if your project includes a new nursery or upscaling an existing one.</i></p>	<p>Nurseries have been contacted to ensure demand in supply can be met. Orders will be out-sourced to nurseries and marae who have nurseries to be able to eco-source, propagate and supply plants for our restorative planting gains.</p>
Enduring Legacy (sustainability of your project's gains)	
<p>Describe how the project's biodiversity and conservation benefits will be maintained beyond the project timeframe.</p> <p><i>Provide details of any ongoing maintenance or monitoring activities and who will complete these.</i></p> <p><u>Consider:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>If predator control is present in the project, is the location defensible from reinvasion? (e.g. natural defences such as the sea or mountains, or man-made defences such as predator proof fencing).</i> <i>If the project involves large scale planting, have you considered predator and weed control?</i> <i>Will the impact of this project mean that maintaining gains is more cost effective and easier after the project ceases?</i> <i>Are there current or planned mitigation measures to assist sustainability? (e.g.</i> 	<p>While this project will significantly turbo-charge the biosecurity and biodiversity efforts on the maunga, there is already a significant amount of planning that has gone into the Tūpuna Maunga Authority's approach to cultural restoration of the Tūpuna Maunga.</p> <p>The Tūpuna Maunga Authority Operational Plan sets out a number of objectives relating to biodiversity over the next 10 years. The plan can be found here.</p> <p>Some of the objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of pest proof fencing at suitable sites • Creating partnerships with neighbouring properties to the maunga to further create a halo of traps around the maunga to prevent re-incursion and protect the biodiversity values on the Tūpuna maunga • Developing technology and trials for real time monitoring of the biodiversity on the Tūpuna Maunga • Creation of a kaitiaki programme to ensure on the ground support and maintenance of the sites <p>The plan signals approximately \$100m investment into the Tūpuna Maunga over the next 10 years. In this current year, biodiversity equates to approximately 10 percent of the TMA operational budget.</p>

create fencing to protect riparian planting, agreement of all landowners etc.)

Given the importance of these outcomes to the Tupuna Maunga Authority, this is an area which will continue to be a priority area for investment.

It is intended that the extensive community volunteer programme signalled in the plan and the target effort of professional contractors and kaitiaki will continue with the work beyond the years of funding.

Internal Use Only: Environment Assessment

Score	Rationale for Score
Environment: 3/4	Project area covers all of Auckland's Tupuna Maunga – 15 in total, spanning the entire city
Enduring Legacy: 3/4	Project is part of a wider Tupuna Munga Authority Operations Plan, and falls into a wider \$100M investment over the next 10 years into restoration of these maunga.
Total: 6/8	The volunteer programme signalled in the plan and target effort of professional contractors will continue the work beyond funding period.

VALUE FOR IWI, HAPŪ AND WHANAU

Demonstrate how the project has been developed in partnership with iwi, hapū and whānau in the region.

Describe the role of with iwi, hapū and whānau in project operation and governance.

Describe how the project will recognise and provide for the cultural values and aspirations of iwi, hapū and whānau, for example with regard to;

- Maturanga Māori;
- Commercial opportunities generated;
- The presence of taonga species
- Cultural impact assessments; and
- Treaty Settlement commitments.

Note the guide to cultural impact assessments in the kete.

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority is a co-governance of Council members and mana whenua representatives from 13 mana whenua entities.

The project delivers on key outcomes outlined in the Tūpuna maunga Integrated Management Plan and Tupuna Maunga Strategies. These statutory documents were written in collaboration with Ngā Mana Whenua and the Tūpuna Taonga Trust.

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority has two key legislative responsibilities under the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 s

Guidance from our governors and Ngā Mana Whenua is sort on all projects that we deliver.

The Tūpuna Maunga are arguably the most culturally significant sites in Tāmaki Makaurau.

Taonga fauna species including: kereru, tui, mokomoko, kotare, kaka, mātuku, are all known to visit the maunga

Taonga flora species include Pohutukawa, tōtara, kauri, harakeke, kiekie, pūriri and many others are all present on the maunga.

Describe how iwi, hapū and/or whānau in the region benefit from this project:

e.g. have iwi been targeted for employment by this project? Are there opportunities for training and development for iwi within the project?

This project has the opportunity to employ 12 full-time employees over a 3 year period.

The skills that are required and will be developed include:

- Team leadership
- Conservation Delivery
- Pest plant and pest animal identification
- Native flora and fauna identification
- Planting
- Trapping
- Weeding
- Health and safety training
- Driving 4x4

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Internal Use Only: Value for iwi, hapū and whānau Assessment

Score	Rationale for Score
3/4	The maunga are arguably the most culturally significant sites in Auckland and all 13 mana whenua entities in Auckland will oversee the project through their governance role on TMA.

PROJECT COSTINGS (FINANCIALS) AND DELIVERY

COST TYPE	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Field Personnel Related Costs				
Salaries, wages and allowances	960,000	960,000	960,000	2,880,000
Training, personnel protective equipment and uniforms	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Other personnel costs	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Field Operations Related Costs				
Field operation supplies	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Vehicle and travel costs				
Other costs	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Project/Programme Administration Related Costs				
Office based personnel costs	5,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Professional services costs	10,000	10,000	10,000	30,000
Office supplies, minor equipment and other costs				
Capital Expenditure				
	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS				
	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,000,000
TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED				

Co-Funding

Provide detail of all co-funding (if any) required to deliver the project:

Name of co-funder	Amount of co-funding	Confirmed (Yes/No)
N/a	\$ plus GST, if applicable	
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Provide detail of any in-kind (non-cash) support for the project:

[e.g. Project Lead, Project Team, Project Coordinator, also provide the approximate in-kind cost of that support as well as any associated FTE].

Feasibility and likelihood of success

Identify any risks and describe how they will be managed.

Capacity to manage employees – a large influx of staff could disrupt the current work programme. To alleviate this, we will work through a contractor that has the appropriate

	<p>tools and structure to take on a large influx of staff for the three year period.</p> <p>Health and Safety – ensuring that all staff have the right skills, awareness, ppe and procedures to ensure they are equipped for working in a new environment.</p> <p>We will manage this through utilising the Auckland Council Health and Safety Systems. Working through a contractor that should already have adequate plant and ppe to deliver the work.</p> <p>New Staff have the appropriate technical skills to do the role –</p> <p>We will work with MSD to look at appropriate training programmes to ensure that all staff are work ready.</p>
<p>Identify any novel or unproven solutions to be used.</p> <p><i>e.g. any novel trapping, planting methods, use of technology etc</i></p>	<p>For the most part the Tupuna Maunga Authority utilises best practice for our biodiversity and biosecurity programmes.</p> <p>There is some trial work going on around techniques for planting near archaeological sites utilises a process we have called “mound planting” this involves planting without digging holes and piling top soil on top of the earth. We are in our third years of trials with some success.</p>
<p>Has appropriate technical advice been sought? What advice was given?</p>	<p>We have internal expertise for biodiversity and biosecurity. We also receive regular technical advice from various sources including Mana Whenua and tohunga on Mataranga Maori,</p>

	Auckland Council Biodiversity and Biosecurity Staff, and Independent ecologist. We also work closely with the Auckland Tree Council and Forest and Bird.	
Capability for delivery		
<p>Describe the project management and governance structure; and the technical, project management or financial management skills engaged to support this project.</p> <p>Identify what DOC support, if any, will be required for delivery?</p>	<p>Governance:</p> <p>The Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (Maunga Authority) is the statutory authority established under the Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act to co-govern the Tūpuna Maunga. The Maunga Authority is comprised of equal representatives from Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau and Auckland Council, together with Crown (non-voting) representation. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority will govern the delivery of the programme.</p> <p>Project Management</p> <p>The Tūpuna Maunga Management team is a unit inside of Auckland Council responsible for the routine management of the Tūpuna Maunga. The Team has significant experience with conservation project delivery.</p> <p>There are opportunities to tap into the wider resources of Auckland Council to support the delivery of the project including technical expertise and knowledge.</p> <p>The Tupuna Maunga Management team have developed a number of projects and processes and are confident they can delivery this project.</p>	
Land ownership		
	Public Conservation Land	Estimated %

Provide an estimated percentage of the coverage of each of the land types where the project is delivered. <i>e.g. All PCL – 100%; or</i> <i>80 hectares on PCL, 20 hectares on privately owned land (80% PCL; 20% Private Land)</i>	Public Land (non-DOC)	Estimated 100 %
	Maori Land	Estimated 100%
	Private Land	Estimated 100 %
Regulatory/landowner approvals		
Describe necessary regulatory and/or land-owner approvals including any already sourced	The Tūpuna Maunga Authority is the administering body of Ngā Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau	
Does any part of the project site have legal protection e.g. QEII Trust Covenant or similar?	N/a	

Internal Use Only: Financial and Delivery Assessment

Score	Rationale for Score
2/4	Financial Prudence - Project is considered expensive – 9(2)(a) and significant parts of the funding will be spent on professional contractors. Delivery – TWA has a sound project management framework and significant experience with delivery at these sites.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS	
Describe the social and economic benefits that will occur as a result of this project: <i>For example consider (and provide detail on):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the project create employment specifically targeted at existing employment disparities (rangatahi; iwi AND/OR project located in COVID-19 highly affected region) Disadvantaged communities Alignment with existing social or economic programmes/priorities Leverage with other potential partners (e.g. business, NGOs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project addresses some of the pressures facing urban ngahere in Tāmaki and helps to engage with nature in these communities. The project will help promote the environmental and social outcomes and enhance mental and physical health by connecting people to these spiritual places of well-being. Offer Skills training and building career opportunities for workers and potential for sustainable employment opportunities in the future with contractors. Supporting employment opportunities regionally, with maunga spread across

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for wider mental health or community wellbeing 	South, Central, East and North. With opportunities to include communities in West
<p>Partnerships and collaboration</p> <p>Identify any other partner organisations and briefly provide their views on the project: (unless already detailed above)</p>	<p>The Tūpuna Maunga Authority works closely with the following agencies and NGOs for the delivery of this programme</p> <p>The Tūpuna Taonga Trust</p> <p>Auckland council,</p> <p>Pest Free Auckland,</p> <p>Predator Free NZ,</p> <p>DOC</p> <p>Forest and Bird</p> <p>Generation Zero</p> <p>Tree Council</p>

Internal Use Only: Social and Economic Benefits Assessment

Score	Rationale for Score
3/4	Significant cultural benefits from the project. Auckland, in particular South Auckland is heavily affected by COVID-19, due to the large population of the area.

Internal Use Only: Regional Support Endorsement

Regional support for the project	
Have appropriate regional stakeholders been consulted on this project? If so, do they support it?	The Tūpuna Maunga Authority is the administering body of Ngā Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau
Name:	The Tūpuna Maunga Authority

Declaration

For this funding application to be considered, you must select all of the boxes below to show you agree with the corresponding statements.

- I/we have read and agree to the terms and conditions for applying for Jobs for Nature funding.
- I/we have completed all sections of this application form. The statements in this application are true to the best of my/our knowledge, and the information provided contains no misleading statements, omissions of any material relevant facts, or misrepresentations.
- I/we have a health & safety system, and process that will adequately manage and monitor the risks associated with the project, or will have it in place prior to the project commencing.
- I/we have secured all appropriate authorisations to submit the application, to make the statements and provide the information in this application.
- I/we agree that if my/our application is successful details may be published on the Department of Conservation website. With reference to the provisions of the *Official Information Act 1982*, I will work with the Department of Conservation to redact any commercially sensitive or personal information if required.
- Neither the applicant nor the contracting entity is in receivership or liquidation, is insolvent or subject to any insolvency action, administration, or other legal proceedings, or is an undischarged bankrupt.
- To the best of my knowledge and reasonable belief there we have disclosed all actual potential or perceived conflicts of interest (if any) that the applicant or any key personnel have in relation to this project? <https://www.oag.govt.nz/2007/conflicts-public-entities>

If there is any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest in relation to this Project that has not been disclosed to the Department of Conservation, please provide details below:

- I understand that information captured in this application will be used to assess suitability under Jobs for Nature criteria, and that it may be shared with any person necessary to properly assess the application.

Name: <i>By typing your name in the space provided</i>	
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<i>you are electronically signing this application form.</i>	
Title/position:	
Date:	

Additional Assessment:

The following section are a list of yes/no questions that correspond to additional Jobs for Nature preferences. For each question, the project scores one additional point if the answer is yes.

Question	Score Yes = 1 No = 0	Rational for Score
Will the project work with MSD, and with iwi to identify people to be employed?	Yes = 1	TWA is connected with MSD to identify prospective employees
Is there an opportunity to scale up employment in future phases of the project?	No = 0	Project will accelerate existing efforts to restore the maunga but no clear potential for further work
Does the project target youth/rangatahi?	Yes = 1	Project will seek to target Māori and Pasifika youth
Does the project receive non-Crown co-funding?	No=0	No co-funding from other sources other than TWA.
Does the project lead to climate change co-benefits?	Yes = 1	Carbon sequestration benefits from planting.
Does the project trial innovative approaches?	No = 0	Project uses existing best practice
Can the project deliver employment on the ground within two months of approval?	No=0	It is expected that 2-3 months is required to employ staff, based on the need to contact MSD, interviews, etc.

Investment Team Recommendation	
Overall Assessment Score	21/Out of a total of 35 points (a maximum of 28 points for the criteria and 7 points for seven bonus point questions)

Final Comments to support recommendation	This is a culturally and environmentally significant project to take place on the iconic Tupuna Maunga of Auckland – potential World Heritage site. The work is fully aligned with the aspirations of the 13 iwi in the area and has been well-scoped by TWA over the past 5 years. The project will complement existing investment by TWA and generate significant enduring legacies for the maunga.
Recommended for Approval?	Yes

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Appendix 1: – Terms and Conditions of Application

General

These terms and conditions are non-negotiable and do not require a response. By submitting an application for funding each applicant confirms that these terms and conditions are accepted without reservation.

Jobs for Nature is a government initiative part of which is administered by a unit within the Department of Conservation. Any reference to Jobs for Nature in these terms and conditions, is a reference to DOC on behalf of the Crown.

Reliance by Jobs for Nature

Jobs for Nature may rely upon all statements made by any applicant and in correspondence or negotiations with Jobs for Nature or its representatives.

Each applicant will notify Jobs for Nature promptly upon becoming aware of any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in its application or in any additional information provided by the applicant.

Confidentiality and Consent

Each applicant consents to the use of the information contained in the application by Jobs for Nature for the purposes of assessing that application.

Jobs for Nature is bound by the *Official Information Act 1982* (“OIA”), the *Privacy Act 1993*, parliamentary and constitutional convention and any other obligations imposed by law. While Jobs for Nature intends to treat information in applications as confidential to ensure fairness for applicants during the assessment and decision-making process, the information can be requested by third parties and Jobs for Nature must provide that information if required by law. If Jobs for Nature receives an OIA request that relates to information in this application, where possible, Jobs for Nature will consult with you and may ask you to confirm whether the information is considered by you to be confidential or still commercially sensitive, and if so, to explain why.

Limitation of Advice

Any advice given by Jobs for Nature, any other government agency, their officers, employees, advisers or other representatives about the content of your application does not commit the decision maker (it may be the Department of Conservation or Sustainable Land Use Ministers depending on the level of funding requested) to make a decision about your application.

No contractual obligations created

No contract or other legal obligations arise between Jobs for Nature and any applicant out of, or in relation to, the application and assessment process.

No process contract

The application and assessment process do not legally oblige or otherwise commit Jobs for Nature to proceed with that process, or to enter in any negotiations or contractual arrangements with any applicant. For the avoidance of doubt, this application and assessment process does not give rise to a process contract.

Costs and expenses

Jobs for Nature is not responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by you in the preparation of an application.

Exclusion of liability

Neither Jobs for Nature or any other government agency, nor their officers, employees, advisers or other representatives will be liable (in contract or tort, including negligence, or otherwise) for any direct or indirect damage, expense, loss or cost (including legal costs) incurred or suffered by any applicant, its affiliates or other person in connection with this application and assessment process, including without limitation:

- a) the assessment process
- b) the preparation of any application
- c) any investigations of or by any applicant
- d) concluding any contract
- e) the acceptance or rejection of any application, or
- f) any information given or not given to any applicant(s).

Nothing contained or implied in or arising out of the application documentation or any other communications to any applicant shall be construed as legal, financial, or other advice of any kind.

Inducements

You must not directly or indirectly provide any form of inducement or reward to any officer, employee, advisor, or other representative of Jobs for Nature or any other government agency in connection with this application and assessment process.

Public Release of Information about your application

Jobs for Nature asks applicants not to release any media statement or other information relating to the submission or approval of any application to any public medium without the prior agreement of Jobs for Nature.

Appendix 2: – Environmental Priorities

National Environmental Priorities

Te Mana o te Taiao Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/protecting-and-restoring/biodiversity-discussion-document.pdf>

Cornerstones of Te Mana o te Taiao include:

- Interconnected ecosystems from mountain tops to ocean depths are protected, restored and resilient;
- Management ensures that biological threats and pressures are reduced;
- Natural resources are managed sustainably;
- Biodiversity provides nature-based solutions to climate change and adaptation;
- Genuine Treaty Partnerships

Visitor and Heritage Strategy <https://bit.ly/39ihD7o>

Cornerstones of the Visitor and Heritage Strategy include:

- Protecting places and their values, managing pressure and impacts effectively to drive value for conservation and heritage;
- Enriching people through connections at place, sharing stories, and encouraging a contribution (to conservation and heritage)

Pest Free 2050 Strategy - <https://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/pests-and-threats/predator-free-2050/moving-towards-predator-free-2020-to-2050/>

Climate change adaption plan <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/climate-change-and-conservation/adapting-to-climate-change/>