

Partnering to protect nature so whio thrive

Protecting this taonga takes a village

A longstanding partnership between the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai (DOC) and Genesis Energy is enhancing the survival of whio/blue ducks across Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Whio Forever Recovery Programme began in 2011 and involves managing and maintaining traps along more than 1,600km of streams across multiple sites, as well as monitoring the progress of whio and conducting annual surveys in each area. This crucial work is carried out by DOC rangers, private and public organisations, and a number of local community partners.

Genesis Energy provides resources and technical experts to support the important work that protects whio at a national level, while DOC works with groups across the country on whio recovery programmes, which are critical to helping whio populations survive and prosper.

How can you help?

Whio protection could not happen without the generous support of the countless volunteers, community groups, iwi and schools who carry out predator trapping, as well as the wildlife organisations that run breed-for-release programmes to boost whio numbers.

If you'd like to get involved with whio recovery:

- find a local community group at doc.govt.nz/whio-forever-community
- join the Whio Forever community @WhioForever



Photo: Richard Rossiter