

7. Implementation and Review

Objective

To implement this management plan through the annual Nelson/Marlborough Conservancy Business Plan and to maintain its integrity through review and amendment.

The objectives in the Conservation Management Strategy and this management plan are put into effect through the annual business plan. Each year every Conservancy, in consultation with its Conservation Board, prepares a business plan setting out the activities it intends to complete in that financial year. This forms the basis for managing finance allocated to the Department and directed for use in the conservancy.

The Department is funded by an annual appropriation from Parliament as a result of a Purchase Agreement between the Director-General and the Minister of Conservation to carry out an agreed range of activities that the Minister, and the Government of the day, wishes the Department to achieve.

One of the main purposes of this management plan is to provide a guide to the priorities to be pursued by the Department in Nelson Lakes National Park over the next seven years. The management plan establishes targets which the Conservancy will aim to achieve. Annual business plans will seek to reach these targets as personnel and finances permit and depending on the priorities of the Government of the day.

Priorities in any one year may vary from those set out in the conservation management strategy and this management plan according to national priorities and the extent to which priorities were completed in previous years. Threats to natural, historic and recreational values, finance, weather events and many other factors can redirect priorities from year to year. The management plan will be implemented within these constraints.

This management plan has a statutory term of seven years from the date of its approval by the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA). The decision was taken to run this plan for seven years rather than the maximum ten to off-set the next review from other plans in the region. To keep up with increased knowledge and changing circumstances the plan will require periodic review and amendment and may be reviewed as a whole or in part. Major amendments will require the full public consultation process, but where an amendment is considered to be of a minor nature and does not alter the general intent of the document, it requires only the approval of the Conservation Board and the NZCA in terms of section 46 (5) of the National Parks Act 1980.

The Nelson/Marlborough Conservation Board is comprised of private individuals appointed by the Minister. Board members come from diverse backgrounds such as conservation, iwi, commercial concessions, farming and business. The role of the Board is to advise the Department. It also has statutory duties relating to the development of management plans and strategies. The Board also oversees the implementation of management plans and strategies and ensures that the Department fulfils its obligations through the annual business plan. As a result of the Ngāi Tahu Settlement, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu may nominate at least one of the members of the Nelson/Marlborough Conservation Board.

Implementation

- 7.0.1 The Department will ensure that the annual business plan reflects the objectives set out in this management plan.***
- 7.0.2 The Nelson/Marlborough Conservation Board will be consulted on priorities for park management prior to and during the preparation of the annual business plan.***
- 7.0.3 This management plan will be reviewed or amended where changes in circumstance or legislation, or new knowledge, cause the policies in the plan to become ultra vires, outdated or irrelevant.***
- 7.0.4 The recommendation of minor amendments proposed by the Department may be made directly to the Nelson/Marlborough Conservation Board and the New Zealand Conservation Authority.***
- 7.0.5 A full review this management plan will be undertaken within seven years from the date of approval.***

CMS REFERENCE:

Management planning, p365