

DOC update to WDC -Hokitika district

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Hokitika district highlights

Ross interpretation

- \$20,000 secured for refresh of historic asset interpretation and signage around visitor centre
- Expanded content, presented at locations of interest, consistent format
- Clear direction for carpark, water race track, WCWT and dump station

Otira weeds

- Broom and gorse removed from viaduct area
- Joint effort with J4N



Hokitika district highlights

DWC destination planning

- Contributed to workshops
- Provided comprehensive visitor data

Ross Chinese garden

- Community agreement enabling WRENIS to construct and maintain gardens on PCL
- Meetings with WRENIS and Community Society
- Agreed that WRENIS is left to complete the gardens whilst the Community Society focuses on intake and outflow structures and lakeside track.

Hokitika district highlights

Kapitia scientific reserve and skinks

- Predator free
- Skinks have returned
- Opening held
- Research ongoing



Scotty's biv

- Kelly Range, access from Griffin Creek and Taipo
- Joint effort between DOC and Back Country Trust



Arahura Strategic Waterways Restoration

Funding: \$3m

Period: 4 years

Employment: 44 FTEs

- Delivery partner: Mawhera Incorporation with implementation subcontracted to SK Kawhaka
- Detailed work planning and budget review underway



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He Kākano Native Tree Nursery

Funding: \$500K

Period: 3 years

Employment: 12 FTEs

- Delivery partner: Whiriwhiria Charitable Trust
- Nursery site: Southside Nursery, Hokitika
- Recruitment of nursery staff in progress
- Seed collection underway through CVNZ Work Skills programme
- Detailed work planning and budget review underway



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Sustainable Wild Whitebait Fishery

Funding: \$1.4m

Period: 2 years

Employment: 17 FTEs

- Delivery partner: West Coast Regional Council with 3 components subcontracted
 - Weeds: MBC
 - Fencing: local fencing contractors
 - Wadeson Island: Conservation Volunteers New Zealand
- Fish passage surveyors: recruitment is progress
- Project Coordinator in place
- Landowner agreements in place
- Wadeson Island
 - Design ready for approval
 - Detailed work planning underway
 - Governance Group – WDC to stand up



Weed Free Te Tai Poutini

Progress to date

Funding: \$3.3m

Period: 2 years

Employment: 56 FTEs

Output: Employment

Approved FTE (Lifetime)



Estimated employment starts (Lifetime)



Output: Area treated for Weeds

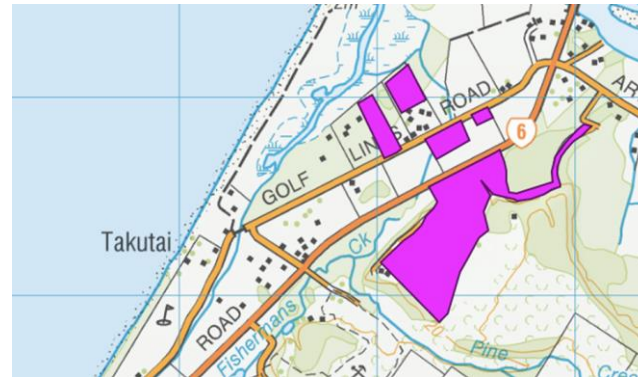
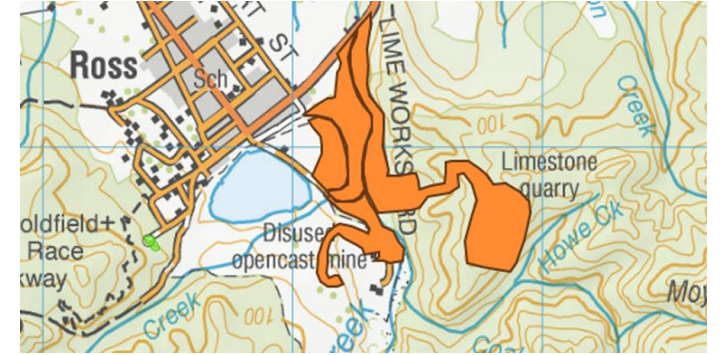
- Target (Year 1): 10,000 ha
- Progress (to 28 Feb): 294.50 ha

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Weed Free Te Tai Poutini

Locations



Weed Free Te Tai Poutini

Key weeds and advice



Weeds Technical Advisory Group

- DOC
 - Weeds specialists (national and local)
 - Operations (Biodiversity and Community)
- Regional Council
- Development West Coast (delivery partner)
- MBC (implementing partner)

- Meets monthly to advise and support project implementation

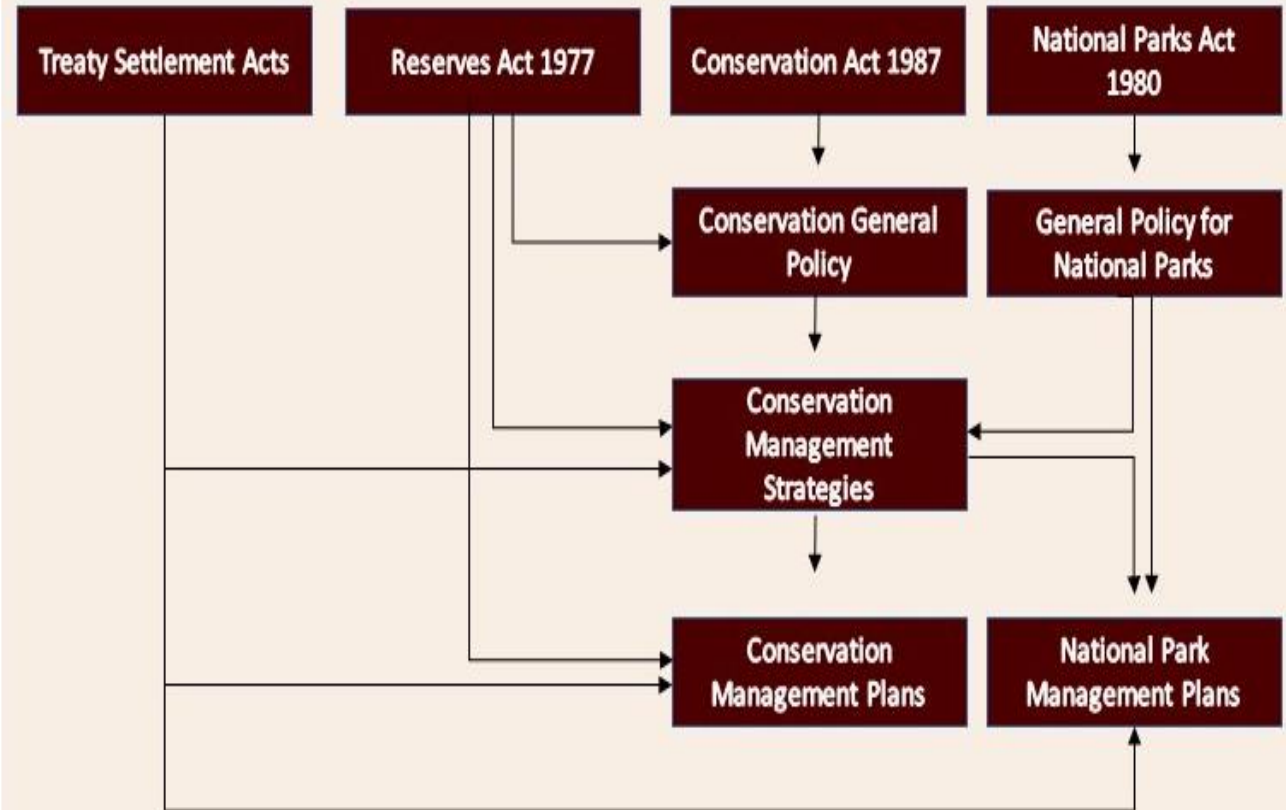
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CMS review

Statutory framework

Statutory Framework for Managing Public Conservation Lands and Waters



CMS review

What is a CMS?

- CMS implement general policies and establish objectives for integrated management of natural, historic and cultural resources.
- Provides policy direction for the region, as well as Place specific direction and sets out how the CMS will be implemented, monitored and reported on.
- Identifies our Section 4 responsibilities and empowers and strengthens our relationships with our Treaty partner.
- It guides statutory decision making.
- It informs business planning and the work we will fund and do.

Conservation management strategies (CMS) timeline



CMS review

How are they developed?

- **Phase 1** – agree how to co-design and develop with Treaty partner, set up governance structures, establish agreed timeframes, agree approach and how to work with the Conservation Board. No statutory timeframe.

- **Phase 2** – joint preparation of strategy, internal and external workshops, consultation, internal reviews. No statutory timeframe.

- **Phase 3** – publicly notify the document (40 working days), hold hearings (not like RMA), summarise and analyse submissions. Respond to submissions and make changes to draft plan. Statutory timeframe.

- **Phase 4** – send draft and submissions to Conservation Board within 8 months. They ‘audit’ our responses and revisions and request changes. Statutory timeframe.

- Board send to NZCA within 6 months of receipt. Statutory timeframe.

- NZCA considers, makes amendments and sends to Minister for recommendation. NZCA approves. No statutory timeframe.

- **Phase 5** – notify partners, brief and upskill internally e.g. Permissions staff and Operations

Stewardship land review

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