



RESEARCH REPORT:

Potential policy options for improved management of indigenous biodiversity in agroecosystems

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We are developing a think-piece on potential policy options for improved management, enhancement, and protection of indigenous biodiversity in agroecosystems – specifically targeted at private tenure and changing behaviour of landowners.

Content and Scope of think-piece:

- Context of how past and current policy approaches have failed to achieve more (while not being a review of current approaches).
- Mātauranga Māori relevant to biodiversity on-farm, including provision for customary use and management, governance mechanisms and the incorporation of indigenous knowledge.
- Consideration of a range of mechanisms (incentives, regulation, funded assistance etc.) that allows for a spectrum of management from protection (conservation objectives, threatened species and habitats) to actions that encourage sustainable utility of non-threatened indigenous species and greater representation in the landscape.
- Consideration of mechanisms that provide for greater recognition and careful management of biodiversity in terms of its contribution to ecosystem function and provision of services, that is, not just the significant and the threatened but enabling their consideration alongside other endeavours.

What institutions/agency structures would be required to deliver the potential methods.

Project Team

The project team would consist of Dr Marie Brown as lead, assisted by Dr Fleur Maseyk and Jess Kereama. Throughout the course of the project, we will also engage with key people and projects. Marie is the Practice Leader – Policy with [The Catalyst Group](#), the latest role in a career that has included working in local government, national and local NGOs and in the private sector. She has a background in science and law including a PhD from the University of Waikato.

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Timeline

We propose a delivery date of 30 October 2018 (assuming a 1 June start) for a final draft for comment.