

# Restoring nature together / Te mahi ngātahi ki te whakaora ake i te ao tūroa

## Successes, challenges and finding better ways

### Please share your experiences with us

#### Your passion to regenerate nature

New Zealanders care greatly about Aotearoa's biological heritage – our nature, our culture – and thousands of people invest time and effort to reverse its decline. Many have discovered that incredible outcomes are possible when groups, whether that be hapū, whānau, community groups or businesses, come together to achieve common restoration goals. But it's not always easy.

#### The power of collective action – He toa takitini!

When people with different worldviews and experiences join together as collectives, they can improve outcomes across wider landscapes. Collectives have more influence with decision makers, and they can build momentum and capacity for enduring, transformative change.

Our aim is to provide solutions that support collectives like yours to be effective, sustainable and culturally appropriate.

To enable that, we want to hear about communities' unique needs and successes so we can direct our research accordingly.

#### Tools to address common challenges

We are keen to talk with communities who are working together to regenerate nature and mātauranga. We want to learn more about the hurdles they face and the solutions they might have already developed.

For example, you might be finding it difficult to secure long-term funding or to establish the relationships you need with government organisations. Or you may have developed ingenious ways of communicating with each other that you would like to share.

#### Seeking examples: Can you help?

If you are helping to lead a collective that is working to regenerate mātauranga and bioheritage, we would like to kōrero with you.

We want to speak with kaitiaki and environmental stewards who are interested in finding ways through the challenges they face or in sharing solutions for others. We would like to explore people's experiences of pathways and barriers to successful restoration, and to understand how people work together to achieve greater impact.

#### About us

Our team members have expertise in ecology, sociology, environmental politics, mātauranga and environmental restoration. Our programme originates within the government-funded National Science Challenge "New Zealand's Biological Heritage | Ngā Koiora Tuku Iho". The Challenge partners include all of New Zealand's Crown Research Institutes and universities. As part of the Whakahou (Restore) arm of the Challenge, our task is to create a resilient, thriving environment.

The ecosystem regeneration team is led by Dr Joanne Clapcott (Ngāti Porou, Cawthron Institute) and Dr Danielle Shanahan (Zealandia, Victoria University of Wellington).



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