



Biodiversity Funds & Community Conservation Fund

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Biodiversity Funds



- Established under the Government's Biodiversity Strategy 2000 to assist with protection and enhancement of biodiversity on Private Land
- Two Funds:
 - Biodiversity Advice Fund (\$1.1 million)
 - Biodiversity Condition Fund (\$2.3 million)

Biodiversity Advice Fund



- Providing information and advice on management options to private landowners for the protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity on their land (\$1.1 million per year)



Biodiversity Condition Fund



- Providing assistance to enhance, maintain and protect indigenous biodiversity on private land (\$2.3 million per year)



Criteria



Assessed against:

- Indigenous biodiversity values at a national, regional and local levels
- Broadening of community involvement or effort
- Leverage of other contributions
- Effectiveness and value for money
- Feasibility / sustainability
- Experience, knowledge, & expertise in indigenous biodiversity management
- Clear understanding of target audience (advice)
- Commitment to project and outcomes
- Linkages to other initiatives / work in areas

Biodiversity Fund Achievements

The logo for the Biodiversity Fund is located in the top right corner. It features the word "Biodiversity" in a blue, curved font. Below it, the Māori phrase "HE KURA TAIAO" is written in a smaller, orange font. The logo also includes a stylized graphic of a sun or starburst in orange and red.

- Allocated \$21 million (\$2.4 into Canterbury)
- Over 950 approved projects (97 Canterbury)
- Other Contributions total over \$20.5 million
- 358,000 hectares of private land benefitted
- 471 km of fencing
- 26,130 landowners directly benefitted
- Projects cover all of New Zealand
- Benefitted all ecosystem types and many species

Community Conservation Fund



- Established in the Government's Budget announcement May 2008 to;

Support community groups involved in restoring natural areas of Public Lands.

- Total of \$4 million over two years
- Funding Round opened 24th Sept and closes 5th Nov 2008.
- Next Funding Round April 2009



Community Conservation Fund



- Providing assistance to community groups involved in restoration projects on public land
- The project needs to be a community initiative and led by the community group, with a relationship with the agency who is responsible for the land.



Community Conservation Fund



- Projects could apply for funding for the following
 - discrete pre-planting weed control, or pest animal control specific to the planting site;
 - fencing to protect planting also funded;
 - purchase of native eco-sourced plants;
 - expertise / advice on specific concerns or problems
 - minor replacement tools



Criteria



- Established community groups
- Indigenous biodiversity values at a national, regional and local levels
- Community involvement or effort
- Other contributions
- Effectiveness and value for money
- Feasibility / sustainability
- Experience, knowledge, & expertise in indigenous biodiversity management
- Commitment to project and long-term management
- Linkages to other initiatives / work in areas

Criteria for both Funds

National Priorities for Biodiversity



- Provide national guidance on priorities for biodiversity work
- Two key documents
 - Brochure, introducing the priorities
 - Technical report, scientific basis, key tools & references
- www.biodiversity.govt.nz website



Four National Priorities



1. Indigenous vegetation associated with land environments that have 20% or less remaining in indigenous cover
2. Indigenous vegetation associated with sand dunes and wetlands
3. Indigenous vegetation associated with 'originally rare' terrestrial ecosystem types
4. Habitats of acutely and chronically threatened indigenous species



Processes both Funds



- Funding Rounds open approx every six months
- Assessed independently through Ecological Consultants
- DOC Conservancy comments (Biodiversity Funds)
- All applications evaluated by Allocation Committee
- Recommendations made to Director-General Conservation
- Announcement of allocations by Ministers'
- Deeds prepared for each project
- Progress reports and payments
- Project Validation System

Preparing applications



- Strongly recommend contacting us –
Toll free: 0800 86 2020
- Applications can come from;
 - Biodiversity Funds; Landowner, Councils, Community Groups, NZLCT, QEII National Trust (Not DOC)
 - Community Conservation Funds; community groups (not Council's or DOC)
- Include supporting information, letters, management plans, ecological reports, photographs, maps, planting / fencing plans as appropriate.
- Seeding Funds so consider long term sustainability

TFBIS Programme



- Terrestrial Freshwater Biodiversity Information System (TFBIS)
- \$1.6 million
- New Strategy – five year review of programme



Funds Team



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