

## Department of Conservation (DOC) *Te Papa Atawhai*

### What DOC does

The outcome statement that the Department of Conservation *Te Papa Atawhai* works towards is that: New Zealanders gain environmental, social and economic benefits from healthy functioning ecosystems, outdoor recreation opportunities, and from living our history (DOC Annual Report, 30 June 2016). The Department of Conservation's focus is on the following:

Natural heritage	The diversity of our natural heritage is maintained and restored
Historic heritage	History is brought to life and protected
Recreation	New Zealanders and visitors are enriched by outdoor experiences.
Engagement	New Zealanders connect and contribute to conservation (e.g. volunteers and environment education).

### What DOC can offer

The DOC website is a good starting place to find what DOC can offer community groups. Use the link <http://www.doc.govt.nz/> to explore for information. Here is a summary of topics that may be of interest:

Topic	DOC website link	What is included
DOC Community Fund	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/doc-community-fund/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/doc-community-fund/</a>	An annual allocation of approximately \$4.6 million a year for high level projects.
Education & outreach	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/conservation-education/</a>	Excellent range of resources listed.
Funding from other organisations	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/other-funding-organisations/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/funding/other-funding-organisations/</a>	A useful list of other environmental funding organisations in NZ
Generosity NZ (funding options)	<a href="http://apps.generosity.org.nz/givUS">http://apps.generosity.org.nz/givUS</a>	A link to 1000 groups of funders in NZ. Use your library card to access this link further.
How to run a Project	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/run-a-project/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/run-a-project/</a>	How to start, improve or evaluate a conservation project.
Maps and data	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/maps-and-data/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/maps-and-data/</a>	Mapping tools and downloadable data
Training (online)	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/training/online-courses/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/training/online-courses/</a>	Free online training for a wide range of courses (e.g. animal ecology, wildlife health).
Training (field based)	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/training/online-courses/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/training/online-courses/</a>	Examples include animal pest control methods and plant identification.

DOC Newsletter	<a href="#">What's up DOC? November 2016</a>	You can subscribe to regular updates from DOC including news, events, submissions.
Summer Internship Programme	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/careers/preparing-yourself/summer-internship-programme/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/careers/preparing-yourself/summer-internship-programme/</a>	For full-time enrolled students. Work over the university summer break. An opportunity to gain conservation skills and experience.
Volunteer for conservation in DOC, Canterbury	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/volunteer/in-your-region/canterbury/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/volunteer/in-your-region/canterbury/</a>	Opportunities to volunteer for DOC Canterbury.
Volunteer for conservation in DOC, NZ	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/volunteer/all-regions/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/volunteer/all-regions/</a>	Other opportunities to volunteer for conservation in NZ.

### Recent programmes/ examples

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Battle for our Birds	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/battle-for-our-birds/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/battle-for-our-birds/</a>	National pest control programme that protects NZ's most vulnerable native species.
Healthy Nature Healthy People	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/healthy-nature-healthy-people/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/nature/healthy-nature-healthy-people/</a>	A programme to encourage NZ's to maintain and improve health and wellbeing in the outdoors.
Predator Free NZ	<a href="http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2016/predator-free-nz-2050-to-be-a-massive-team-effort/">http://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2016/predator-free-nz-2050-to-be-a-massive-team-effort/</a>	Established by the government to back community group conservation with 2050 predator-free goals.
Taranaki Mouna	<a href="http://taranakimouna.nz/the-project/">http://taranakimouna.nz/the-project/</a>	An example of a very large-scale project with many partners, aiming to be predator-free.
Cape to City	<a href="http://capetocity.co.nz/about/">http://capetocity.co.nz/about/</a>	A relatively large-scale restoration and predator control collaborative project. Located in the Hawkes Bay.

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