

Action Plan

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Introduction

Work on a nationally consistent ecologically based classification system in New Zealand (LENZ) is now sufficiently well developed to allow new conservation planning approaches to be considered. Bay of Plenty Conservancy has used the LENZ classification framework to define desired outcomes. From these statements of desired outcomes priority projects have been identified. The draft plan known as He Rohe Hirahira (*A Special Place*) was explained and released to all the staff of Bay of Plenty Conservancy in April 2002. The plan currently is accepted by staff in the Conservancy.

There is a need to develop the concepts further and fully integrate visitor management and advocacy (both hard and soft advocacy) into this plan.

The new approach also needs to be discussed with the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board and it would be desirable for the plan to be the basis of the next revision of the Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy

Goal 1

To revise the draft Bay of Plenty conservation plan - He Rohe Hirahira, and improve the integration of visitor management and advocacy priorities in the plan

Barriers

- Lack of support for the planning process from Conservancy staff
- Lack of time for staff to participate in the planning process.

Benefits

- Logical and justifiable planning system
- A plan based on outcome statements that fosters positive dialogue on desired end states rather than debate over individual projects.

Actions

Actions	Indicators of Success	Resources Needed
Complete LENZ and RoS mapping on the GIS	Maps available on the Bay of Plenty GIS by 30/12/02	Second GIS position filled
Prepare vision statement	Vision completed by 31/03/03	Conservator has time (approx. 8 hours) to work on the draft and team

		(described below to critique and assist).
Revise outcome statements and improve sections on visitor management and advocacy	Outcome statement for each environment completed by 31/03/03	Involvement of a team of eight Bay of Plenty Staff (5 days)
Present revised He Rohe Hirahira to Conservancy staff.	All staff briefed by Conservator in their own office and questions answered/input sought by 31/03/03	None
Revise He Rohe Hirahira on the basis of staff comment.	Plan revised by 30/05/03.	3 days work for the Conservancy Team.

Key Stakeholders

Benefit positively:

- Environment Bay of Plenty (the plan is likely to make it easier for them to understand Departmental priorities and see how the Department fits in with Council priorities).
- Bay of Plenty community (the planning approach based on outcomes should allow for more positive and effective consultation)

Negatively Impacted:

- Department of Conservation staff or members of NGOs with fixed positions on conservation priorities. In particular those who see the new approach threatening specific projects they believe in

Goal 2

To gain the support of all Bay of Plenty Conservancy Staff and the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board for the plan and its use as a basis for revision of the Conservation Management Strategy

Barriers

- Lack of support for the plan from the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board
- Lack of time for the Board to study the plan.
- An resistance to challenge and change the existing national planning model

Benefits

- Logical and justifiable planning system
- A plan based on outcome statements that fosters positive dialogue on desired end states rather than debate over individual projects.

Actions

Actions	Indicators of Success	Resources Needed
Brief Bay of Plenty Conservation Board on He Rohe Hirahira	Conservation Board understands and accepts the basic concepts behind He Rohe Hirahira by 31/03/03	Two hours of a Conservation Board meeting
Present revised He Rohe Hirahira to Conservancy staff.	All staff briefed by Conservator in their own office and questions answered/input sought by 31/03/03	None
Revise He Rohe Hirahira on the basis of staff comment.	Plan revised by 30/05/03.	3 days work for the Conservancy Team.
Present a draft of He Rohe Hirahira to the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board and gain their support	Completed by 30/07/03	Half a day of a Conservation Board meeting
Obtain the Board's support to seek a change to the national planning process.	Letter signed by the Board Chairman sent to the Conservation Authority supporting the new process by 30/09/03	None

Key Stakeholders

Benefit positively:

- Departmental staff because they have a better sense of direction based on a justifiable planning approach that they have been involved in creating.
- Bay of Plenty Conservation Board (the plan will be easier for them to engage the community with and audit).
- Bay of Plenty community (the planning approach based on outcomes should allow for more positive and effective consultation)

Negatively Impacted:

- Department of Conservation staff or members of the Conservation Authority with fixed positions on conservation planning. In particular those who see the new approach threatening the existing process they like.