



The information below contains basic facts and definitions about the Whakatane Kiwi Project. It is suitable reference material for all media and public consultation about the project. Credits and acknowledgements must be given to the appropriate organisations.

Whakatane Kiwi Project: A partnership project between Environment Bay of Plenty and Department of Conservation in conjunction with Te Runanga o Ngati Awa.

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Associated organisations or groups:

Bank of New Zealand Save the Kiwi Trust (BNZSKT): Charitable Trust that supports kiwi projects throughout New Zealand with substantial funding, training and advocacy. BNZSKT requires projects that receive funding, such as the Whakatane Kiwi Project, to acknowledge the Trust in all publicity.

Whakatane Kiwi Trust: A community based charitable trust that seeks to support the Whakatane Kiwi Project by fund raising, advocacy and education.

Kiwi Encounter: Kiwi Encounter in association with the National Kiwi Trust artificially incubate kiwi eggs and rear the chicks ready for return to the wild. They are based at Rainbow Springs, Rotorua.

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Key Locations where kiwi management is carried out:

- Ohope Scenic Reserve (OSR), DOC/Ngati Awa
- Moutohora/Whale Island, DOC/Ngati Awa
- Waiotahi Pine Plantation, private forest managed by PF Olsen
- Wainui, private land, including Te Haahi Ringatu Trust Block
- Omataroa Forest, private land, Ngati Awa, Omataroa Rangitaiki Trust 2

About the project:

Project grown from four known kiwi in Ohope Scenic Reserve in 2000 to:

- 50 in OSR and surrounds,
- 18 on Moutohora,
- ~10 Wainui,
- ~10 Waiotahi,
- ~20 Omataroa Forest

Key management techniques:

- **Bank of New Zealand Operation Nest Egg™ (BNZ Operation Nest Egg™):** kiwi eggs removed from wild before hatching and incubated artificially at Kiwi Encounter. Chicks reared in safe environment until able to fend for themselves at approximately 1kg in weight. Chicks then returned partially or fully protected kiwi habitat of any tenure.
- **Pest Control** in and around the core kiwi management area of Ohope Scenic Reserve. Primarily involves mustelid trapping (stoat, ferret, weasel) and cat, possum and rat control.
- **Dog control:** 'No dog' zones established in key kiwi management areas. Kiwi aversion training advocated for all dogs going into wider kiwi habitat.

