

Competition, Cooperation, Unity or BUST

Finding the way forward for community based
conservation in New Zealand

Neo-Liberal Conservation
Are you Serious?

Current Structure in New Zealand

National Organisations

DOC - National Government Agency

Landcare Trust

Forest & Bird

EDS

ECO

Environment Hubs Aotearoa

WWF NZ

Friends of the Earth NZ

Greenpeace NZ

Fish & Game - Quango

New Zealand Ecological Society

Specialist Groups

Sanctuaries NZ

Pest Free NZ

Dune Restoration Trust

National Wetland Trust

Native Forest Restoration Trust

Sustainable Coastlines

Regional & Local Groups & Organisations

Waikato Biodiversity Forum

Taranaki Biodiversity Trust

Environment Hubs - 12

Botanical Societies.

Larger Conservation Groups

Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust

Ark in the Park

West Coast Penguin Trust

Support Organisations

Nature Space

NZ Plant Conservation Network

The Workers



The UK

242,000 sq. kms
65,000,000 Pop.

47 Wildlife Trust
1 National Office

Financial strength
Political influence
Regional Strategy
National Strategy

Aotearoa

268,000 sq.kms
4,500,000 Pop.

1000+ Conservation Groups
No Regional or
National Structure

Financial insecurity
Little political clout
No Regional strategy
No National Strategy

Common Problems

Funding

Fund raising

Resources and Supplies

Volunteers - burnout

Management - Committee members

Support from local and national government agencies

Need to be a legal entity

Attending Enquiries,

RMA mediation sessions

Environment Court - can you afford a lawyer?

Lifespan - Longevity

BBOWT

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Land Area	5641 sq km (2.1% of NZ)
Population	2,338,000 (51% of NZ)
Membership	24,800 (51,000 individuals)
Annual Income	\$12,000,000 NZ
Membership Income	\$ 5,000,000 NZ
Assets	\$25,000,000 NZ
Investments	\$ 4,000,000 NZ

88 Wildlife Reserves 2,424 hectares

Employees

1500 Volunteers in 46 local groups - 3 coordinators

Funding

Long-term funding

One year grants

Bureaucratic Forms - work against smaller groups

Joint Funding - Funders could help but don't

Top Down System - What they want, not what **WE** need

Where to from here

No simple answers

No one solution

Some 20 'Regions' within NZ

Importance of maintaining local connection

Regions may develop differently

Importance of Strategy

Importance of Planning

Importance of People

Bay of Plenty Conservation Alliance Ltd.

T/a Bay Conservation

Will provide:

- Administration Services
- Accountancy
- Training programme
- Education
- PR & Media
- Websites
- Social Media
- Volunteer Register
- Fundraising
- Sponsorship.

Maketu Important Bird Area - IBA



The Future

Competition?

Cooperation?

Unity?

or

BUST!