

The Nature Conservancy Aotearoa, New Zealand

The Nature Conservancy Aotearoa New Zealand (TNC NZ) is an organisation of dedicated staff, scientists and members advancing effective, lasting conservation in New Zealand - as well as being part of an international organisation working in more than 70 countries around the world.

Its priorities are climate, land, waterways and coasts. TNC NZ works in partnership with iwi, local communities, universities, private industry, other environmental NGOs and central and local government. As well as specific projects, the organisation focuses on innovative financing models, combining global expertise with local knowledge, and seeking solutions that will create benefits for both biodiversity and the climate.



Pukehina Cutwater Road site May 2024, credit Anna Menendez Bay of Plenty Regional Council

Their Mahi:

The Nature Conservancy Aotearoa New Zealand is working to advance coordinated action for coastal ecosystems in Aotearoa.

Coastal wetlands are effective carbon sinks, provide vital habitats for native endemic species, and also protect communities from the impacts of climate change. TNC NZ is laying the groundwork for a comprehensive roadmap for blue carbon coastal ecosystem restoration and preservation.

Other TNC NZ work includes regenerative agriculture, marine aquaculture, restoring native flora and fauna, and invasive species control.



Waimea Inlet, Tasman Bay - Erik van Eyndhoven, TNC Aotearoa

Approach: TNC NZ will collaborate with coastal communities, iwi/hapū and those engaged in coastal mitigation and adaptation efforts, with a particular focus on communities that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and the transition to a lower-carbon society.

This work builds on recommendations from a series of community engagement hui in 2023 involving researchers, practitioners, resource managers and mana whenua.

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Their initiative recognises that Marae and communities located near coastal areas and waterways are vulnerable to flooding from increased severe weather events.

Prioritising disadvantaged communities: Kaupapa of National Significance Fund understands that supporting local communities, hapū and iwi to restore coastal wetland areas will boost community resilience and protection from storm surges, enhance carbon sequestration, increase biodiversity, improve water quality, and support the retention of cultural resources and practices.

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