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Background information

Government grants \$1.55m for biodiversity work on private land

BIODIVERSITY CONDITION & ADVICE FUNDS

Funding decisions for the Biodiversity Condition and Advice Funds have been announced by the Ministers of Environment and Conservation.

These contestable Funds were established under the Government's 2000 \$187 million Biodiversity Strategy Package. The Condition Fund aims to improve and maintain the condition of areas of native vegetation, species and habitats and also broaden community involvement in the management of the country's indigenous biodiversity. The Advice Fund supports providing advice and information on biodiversity to assist land managers and community groups in their management of the indigenous values on areas of private land.

The following amounts of money were available for allocation from the Biodiversity Condition and Advice funds through to 1 July 2005 (GST inclusive).

Table One: Amounts available for allocation from the Condition and Advice funds

	Amount available for allocation 2004/05	Amount available August 04 funding round	Amount distributed in this funding round for 2004/05
Advice Fund	\$1,061,800	\$546,660	\$515,140
Condition Fund	\$2,268,780	\$1,256,059	\$1,036,811

Biodiversity Condition Fund

A total of 75 applications covering 157 projects were received for the Condition Fund for this funding round, with total funds requested over two years of \$3,354,772.

Table Two: Biodiversity Condition Fund: Total Funds Sought 04/05-05/06

Year	2004/05	2005/06
Funds sought	\$2,047,616	\$1,307,156
Funds available	\$1,256,059	\$2,213,000
Recommendations for funding	\$1,036,811	\$35,749

Table Three: Conservancy distribution of Condition Fund applications and allocations

Conservancy	Number of Projects Approved	Allocations this funding round
Northland	14	\$243,756.00
Auckland	6	\$58,526.00
Waikato	7	\$112,826.00
Bay of Plenty	1	\$3,600.00
East Coast / Hawkes Bay	13	\$162,190.00
Taranaki / Wanganui	6	\$95,705.00
Wellington	4	\$21,337.00
Nelson	12	\$85,720.00
West Coast	1	\$2,700.00
Canterbury	5	\$99,861.00
Otago	0	\$0.00
Southland	7	\$98,540.00
Chatham Islands	7	\$52,050.00

Biodiversity Advice Fund

A total of 26 applications covering 37 projects were received for the Advice Fund for this funding round, with total funds requested over two years of \$1,574,042.

Table Four: Biodiversity Advice Fund: Total Funds Sought 04/05-05/06

Year	2004/05	2005/06
Funds Sought	\$783,559	\$790,483
Funds Available	\$546,660	\$1,337,000
Recommendations for Funding	\$515,140	\$46,850

Table Five: Conservancy distribution of Advice Fund applications and allocations

Region	Projects recommended for approval	Allocations this funding round
Northland	1	\$50,000.00
Auckland	5	\$68,215.00
Waikato	2	\$59,000.00
Bay of Plenty	1	\$10,000.00
East Coast / Hawkes Bay	1	\$26,000.00
Taranaki / Wanganui	1	\$8,000.00
Wellington	1	\$36,000.00
Nelson	4	\$13,076.00
West Coast	1	\$14,865.00
Canterbury	4	\$138,850.00
Otago	1	\$2,000.00
Southland	1	\$2,420.00
Chatham Islands	2	\$51,275.00

Biodiversity Condition Fund Project Statistics

Contribution sources	\$
Applicants Contribution	\$634,724.43
Other Contribution	\$491,569.62
Total contribution from other sources	\$1,126,294.05
Biofunds requested	\$1,137,349.28
Biofunds approved	\$1,072,312.00
Total Cost (money invested into biodiversity on private land)	\$2,198,606.05

Participation

The funds were oversubscribed by 1.9 to 1 for the Condition Fund and 1.5 to 1 for the Advice Fund. The previous funding round in August 2004 was oversubscribed by 3.8 to 1 for the Condition Fund and 3.8 to 1 for the Advice Fund. Due to the numbers of applications being received in past rounds for large amounts, in excess of \$100,000, and given the focus for the fund is assisting private landowners to protect the biodiversity values on their properties, a \$60,000 project limit has been introduced. This has affected the scale and number of applications. Large applications for projects such as pest excluder fences cannot be accommodated by these Funds due to the very high costs involved. These types of projects will be able to be considered in the future by the recently announced Significant Community Based Projects Fund administered by the Department of Internal Affairs.

There are 257 landowners involved in the projects approved for funding in these Condition and Advice Fund allocations. In many cases the projects are being coordinated on behalf of the landowners by local authorities, the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust and Landcare Trust or by community trusts formed by the landowners. This approach leads to the achievement of outcomes at a wider catchment or community level and thus extends the biodiversity benefits wider.

Fencing

48,175 metres of fencing will be completed.

Minimum length of fence 170 metres

Longest length of fence 5521 metres

Protection of Biodiversity Values

47 of the 83 projects are on covenanted lands or lands with other forms of protection over them. 37 of these are Queen Elizabeth II Trust covenants involving expenditure of \$468,730. Where a project is located on unprotected land funds granted will be made subject to the landowner entering into some form of protective mechanism.

Types of Projects

What the projects were proposing to protect	Number of projects
Blue penguin	1
Bush and indigenous species habitat	32
Coastal habitat and species	4
Coastal forests	3
Forests	14
Kiwi and habitat	5
Riparian margin	1
Rare plant re-introduction	1
Wetlands	20
Native bird or other indigenous wildlife protection	2

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN OF PROJECTS FUNDED THROUGH THE BIODIVERSITY FUNDS AND EXAMPLE PROJECTS APPROVED

Northland:

The Northland Region has had \$293,756 allocated amongst the 16 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-269a	<p>Possum & rat control for Taiharuru Kerr Road and Papakarahi Landcare Groups</p> <p>A possum and rat control project from the New Zealand Landcare Trust, Taiharuru-Kerr Road and Papakarahi Landcare Groups in Northland. This project is supported by these three groups and involves intensive rat and possum control on a core area within 750 hectares of private land.</p> <p>A key outcome for the rat control areas will be the recovery of elements of the forgotten fauna such as lizards, snails and weta. The areas to be treated will provide a significant buffer to prevent re-invasion in an area of high biodiversity values including Breamhead and Manaia. The FORMAK forest monitoring kit and process will be used by the group to gauge improvement.</p>	\$20,850
CON-273	<p>Kaiikanui Kiwi Restoration Project</p> <p>Stoat control project in Kaiikanui Valley to protect kiwi habitat. Paul McDonald, the landowner, has a 25 hectare covenant at Kaiikanui, north of Whangarei, and is proposing to establish trap lines as a first step in implementing a kiwi protection programme within the Kaiikanui Valley.</p> <p>The area contains habitat for kereru, tui, North Island robin and fantail. Kiwi are common in the area and it is the intention to monitor kiwi populations during the control programme with a view to the controlled area being expanded to other private properties in future years.</p>	\$2,005.00
CON-269b	<p>Jack Bisset Wetlands</p> <p>A project that provides on-going weed, predator, possum and rat control, together with restoration planting on the 162 hectare wetland which is owned by the Fish and Game Council of New Zealand.</p> <p>The Jack Bisset Wetland represents a significant Northland wetland habitat and riverine forest remnant that provides important habitat for water birds. The wetland supports a high diversity of wetland birds, with eight threatened species having been recorded there.</p> <p>The proposed work builds on previous restoration works undertaken in the 1980s and will be complemented by a significant contribution from the landowner and community (\$29600).</p>	\$16,911.00

Auckland:

The Auckland Region has had \$126,741 allocated amongst the 11 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-307	<p>Waitapu Stream Head water Catchment</p> <p>A fencing project to protect a natural stream and wetland system at Tomarata in the Rodney District. This project will assist landowners in the preservation of the headwater catchment for one of the perennial tributaries of the Waitapu Stream which is one of the three main streams that flow into the largest river in Rodney District, Hoteo River.</p> <p>The landowners Lance and Jenny Gravatt are working with the ARC Natural Heritage Team and the QEII National Trust representative to complete a restoration project which has also been accepted as part of the Trees for Survival project. The Trees for Survival project involves local school participation in restoration projects nationally.</p>	\$5,500.00
CON-309	<p>Kurth Restoration Project</p> <p>Fencing of a wetland and bush remnant identified in the ARC Protected Natural Areas report as being a high conservation value site. The forest is an area of tanekaha-totara-pohutukawa forest and is the only area of conifer-pohutukawa forest in the Awhitu Ecological District.</p> <p>A fence of 1500 metres is proposed which will protect approximately 5 hectares of wetland and bush.</p>	\$8,000.00
CON-317	<p>Motu-Kaikoura Island</p> <p>The Motu-Kaikoura Trust has applied to the Condition Fund to commence a number of projects focussing primarily on rats located on islands adjacent to the Motu-Kaikoura Island in the Hauraki Gulf.</p> <p>The Trust was recently appointed by the Minister of Conservation to take over the role of management of Motu-Kaikoura Island. The Trust is working with adjacent landowners to commence a programme to minimise the risk of rodent infestation from surrounding lands.</p>	\$21,000.00

Waikato:

The Waikato Region has had \$171,826 allocated amongst the 8 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-284	<p>Port Charles Rat Attack</p> <p>A Moehau Environment Group (MEG) project to control rats on 300 hectares of private native forest at Port Charles, Coromandel Peninsula. This work is being undertaken to enable the reintroduction of locally extinct birds such as North Island robin, whiteheads, saddlebacks and kokako.</p> <p>46 individual properties are involved in this project which will increase reintroduction possibilities for birds, in addition to enhancing habitat for the existing populations of native snails, frogs, lizards and other invertebrates. The project involves maintaining a grid of 2400 rat traps with a target of maintaining a rat tracking rate of less than 5%.</p> <p>MEG is a well established group on the Coromandel and the total project will cost \$136,300.00 and compliments the other work being undertaken by the group in the 18,566 hectare Moehau Kiwi Sanctuary. This work is in addition to its existing operations. Over 130 landowners and 75 residents are involved in MEG's current operations.</p>	\$42,862.50
CON-282	<p>Miranda Mammal Predator Project</p> <p>A predator trapping programme aimed at reducing predation on nesting birds at the Robert Finlay Wildlife Refuge (Miranda) in the Firth of Thames.</p> <p>This reserve is a RAMSAR site. Migratory birds congregate on the adjoining tidal flats and the site has international significance due to its importance in the global migratory processes.</p>	\$18,000.00
CON-310	<p>Whenuakite Kiwi Care Project</p> <p>A project by the Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group to continue predator control work on private land on the east coast of Coromandel Peninsula. \$22,000 has been allocated to trapping programmes on private land involving 37 landowners and 2850 hectares of private land.</p> <p>The group has received previous funding from the Biodiversity Fund and currently manages 1200 bait stations and 510 traps over 35 kilometres of trap-lines. The group has caught 411 stoats and 7 ferrets since establishment in 2000.</p> <p>The group has 150 members and 50 volunteers who work with the 52 landowners to protect the kiwi in this area.</p>	\$22,000.00

Bay of Plenty:

The Bay of Plenty Region has had \$13,600 allocated amongst the 2 approved projects. The following is an example of a project, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-280	<p>Pest Control of Stoats in Waikaraka Estuary</p> <p>A project to purchase bait stations and undertake a stoat and rodent control operation around the Waikaraka Estuary in Tauranga Harbour.</p> <p>This project builds on the community group's previous protection activities which focussed on native planting and involved schools and community groups. It is intended to control stoats and rodents along 3 km of foreshore in the south-eastern basin of Tauranga Harbour to protect resident nesting birds such as spotless crane, banded rail and fern bird. This project has high landowner involvement and is following a project plan previously funded through the Biodiversity Advice Fund.</p>	\$3,600.00

Hawkes Bay / East Coast:

The Hawkes Bay / East Coast Region has had \$188,190 allocated amongst the 14 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-281	<p>Te Aroha Station Biodiversity Enhancement Project</p> <p>A project involving the erection of 350 metres of fencing and animal pest control and weed control on Te Aroha Station, Pehiri, Gisborne. The fencing being funded in this project will complete 5400 metres of fencing around native forest remnants on the Te Aroha Station property.</p> <p>Funds have also been granted for pest control and weed control. The animal pests targeted will be possum, deer, stoats, cats and rats. The weed control monies will be focussed on blackberry, barberry and crack willow.</p>	\$3,850.00
CON-271	<p>Kowhai-Nui Native Bush Protection</p> <p>Fencing of bush areas on Kowhai-Nui Station, Te Karaka, Gisborne, protecting 15.23 hectares of proposed QEII covenant. The two bush remnants include kahikatea, totara, kowhai, lace bark, lancewood, tawa and kanuka / manuka.</p> <p>2646 metres of fencing are involved and this work is being complemented by bulldozing fence line and laying out materials, as well as possum, rabbit and hare control operations which are being undertaken by the landowner, Mr C Savage, costing \$13,300.</p>	\$27,783.00
CON-272	<p>Maharahara Station Native Bush Retirement Project</p> <p>Fencing of bush areas on Maharahara Station, Te Karaka, Gisborne, protecting 17 hectares of proposed QEII covenanted land. The indigenous bush involved is lowland forest mainly comprising tawa, titoki and kanuka.</p> <p>This is a significant fencing project involving 2360 metres of fencing and the landowner will be assisting in the project by laying out the materials and undertaking pest control following completion of the fence.</p>	\$27,140.00
CON-259	<p>Puahanui Bush Weed Control</p> <p>Spraying of ivy and Japanese honeysuckle in a Nature Heritage Covenant area, located on the Hudsons' property at Tikokino, Central Hawkes Bay.</p> <p>This 130 hectare covenant is the largest tract of lowland podocarp forest and ecosystem left within Central Hawkes Bay. The area contains 146 plant species including locally rare mistletoes, <i>Illesostylus micranthus</i>, and is the habitat of long-tailed bats, bush falcon, kaka, and kereru.</p> <p>The forest area was awarded a Norsewear of New Zealand Natural Heritage Award in recognition of the protection of this important piece of forest and the effort that had been put into it by its owner.</p>	\$23,670.00

Taranaki / Wanganui:

The Taranaki / Wanganui Region has had \$103,705 allocated amongst the 7 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-288	<p>Kiwi Protection Purangi and Matau area</p> <p>A project in the Purangi-Matau area of Taranaki involving freehold and Maori land to protect kiwi over approximately 2800 hectares.</p> <p>28 private landowners are involved in this project which will see \$20,000 being invested in trap equipment as a prelude to major trapping proposed for year two. The Trust's work will be complementing work undertaken by Taranaki Regional Council which has ear-marked \$60,000 for a major 1080 possum operation in the locality. It also complements work being undertaken by DOC in the adjacent Pouiata Forest.</p> <p>DOC experts rate a kiwi call count of 4-5 in an hour as being very good for this area - the sites involved in this operation are recording higher numbers of kiwi calls with one site recording over 10 in one hour.</p>	\$20,000.00
CON-308a	<p>Rotokura Christie's Lake</p> <p>A project to construct 1530 metres of fence around Lake Rotokura (Christie's Lake) to enable water quality and wetland habitat values to be enhanced through stock exclusion.</p> <p>This is one of a number of projects submitted by the He Tini Awa Trust and Horizons Regional Council to increase the protection of the region's significant wetlands. A Regional Wetland Action Plan identified that the Manawatu-Wanganui Region has lost more than 97% of its original wetland habitat with a consequent loss of species. The Trust and Council are now working with landowners and the Condition Fund to see better protection of the high priority wetlands.</p>	\$16,437.00

Wellington:

The Wellington Region has had allocated \$57,337 amongst the 5 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
ADV-174	<p>Threatened Plants</p> <p>A joint project by the QEII National Trust and NZ Plant Conservation Network to provide landowners with covenants and advice on the status and management requirements of nationally threatened plants. This will provide baseline information for future monitoring and will help inform landowners on the management requirements necessary to maintain these unique plant populations.</p> <p>It is intended that an ecological contractor will be engaged to accompany landowners and the QEII Regional Representative on inspections of QEII covenants known to have high priority threatened plants on their properties.</p> <p>The aim of the project is to provide detailed ecological management advice to landowners to ensure that these threatened species do not disappear over time from these covenants on private land.</p>	\$36,000.00
CON-297a	<p>Pigeon Bush Reserve</p> <p>A goat control project on 1175 hectares of private land owned by the New Zealand Forest Restoration Trust comprising mature beech and podocarp broadleaf forest at Featherston, in the Wairarapa.</p> <p>The Pigeon Bush Reserve is the largest of 25 reserves owned and managed by the New Zealand Forest Restoration Trust. The goat control will be carried out by a DOC hunting team or professional contract hunters depending on the outcome of a competitive tender. The area has recently been subject to the GWRC Bovine TB operations for possum control.</p> <p>The Reserve connects the Rimutaka and Tararua Forest parks and the GWRC's Pakuratahi Forest, thereby creating a large overall conservation area and forest corridor for flora and fauna.</p>	\$5,000.00
CON-301a	<p>Pike's wetland willow control</p> <p>A Greater Wellington Regional Council project to assist the landowner in the control of Willow at Pike's wetland, Gladstone, Wairarapa. This project is being undertaken by the landowners, Bruce McKenzie and John McKinstry, the Wairarapa Land Protection Forum and GWRC.</p> <p>The area of wetland is currently under negotiation for a QEII covenant and adjoins the Carters Scenic Reserve which is a significant wetland remnant in the region. Less than 2% of the vegetation type present in the project area remains within the Wairarapa plains ecological district. The work will build on the previous willow control which has been undertaken using the GWRC's Wetland Incentive Programme.</p>	\$11,250.00

Nelson / Marlborough:

The Nelson / Marlborough Region has had \$98,796 allocated amongst the 16 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-290a	<p>Mapua Wetland Restoration (Beere Property)</p> <p>A project involving weed control and restoration planting to restore a historic wetland on the Beere Family property in Aranui Road, Mapua, Tasman. This project has the benefit of a restoration plan prepared by wetland consultant John Preece, and this is guiding the Beere Family in their endeavours to restore an area of lowland kahikatea and Pukatea forest and its associated wetland.</p> <p>The project will link with the Tasman District Council's planting programme on the adjoining Aranui Park and will build on the significant work already undertaken in past years by the Beere and Mitchell families.</p>	\$10,260.00
CON-290b	<p>Rare plant re-introduction and reinforcement plantings</p> <p>A project to re-introduce rare plants and reinforce existing rare plants where they already exist into forest areas protected by QEII covenants. This is a QEII Trust and Tasman District Council sponsored project which recognises over half of New Zealand's threatened plants are confined to lowland sites.</p> <p>Nelson/Marlborough has an unusually large number of species that are regionally and locally endemic (found no-where else) or are at the edge of their distribution limit. DOC lands are poorly represented in lowland areas whereas the reverse is true of covenanted areas on private land. Covenants therefore are valuable refuges for rare plants and animals.</p> <p>This project will see the Council and Trust working with private landowners to increase the numbers of rare plants by propagation planting and monitoring. It is a co-operative project involving private landowners, TDC, QEII and DOC.</p>	\$1,000.00
CON-283	<p>Whakarewa Wetlands</p> <p>A project to restore a wetland south of College Street, Motueka by removal of pest weeds and fencing. This project by NRAIT is aimed at restoring 1.16 hectares of iwi land to a state where it can be planted with plant species that will have both ecological and cultural values to the iwi and the community. The project builds on advice from wetland consultant John Preece.</p> <p>Lowland forest swamp areas are seriously under represented in the Moutere ecological district and this will see an element of this forest/wetland type restored.</p>	\$4,375.00
CON-279	<p>D'Urville Vineyard Private reserve</p> <p>A restoration project on private reserve linking areas of native vegetation with the adjacent McKee Scenic Reserve on SH60 at Ruby Bay, Tasman.</p> <p>The Condition Fund has allocated \$4780 for weed control to assist the owner in undertaking a restoration project that will link highly valued remnant areas of coastal titoki forest with public reserve areas administered by the Tasman District Council.</p>	\$4,780.00

West Coast:

The West Coast Region has had \$17,565 allocated amongst the 2 approved projects. The following is an example of a project, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-252	West Coast Blue Penguin Project The West Coast Blue Penguin (Korora) Project was established in 2004 as a result of increased threat to the blue penguin population. A West Coast wide group are looking at establishing a predator control programme and also provide penguin boxes for nesting penguin. In addition to this project \$14,865 has been awarded to the group for coordination, training and raising awareness on the West Coast related to Blue Penguin through the Biodiversity Advice Fund (ADV-153).	\$2,700.00

Canterbury:

The Canterbury Region has had \$238,711 allocated amongst the 9 approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-260	Feral Pig Pest Control The Coastal Conway Landcare Group area covers approximately 22000 hectares between the Waiau and Conway Rivers in North Canterbury. There are 18 major properties involved in the group which intends to implement a feral pig pest control programme which has been developed by Landcare Research to protect and enhance the biodiversity values within the regenerating bush remnants. This programme design was funded in 2004 by a Biodiversity Advice Fund Grant. The Landcare group has achieved significant success in controlling possums and now intends to focus on feral pigs. The operation will involve aerial shooting, trapping, spotlight shooting and targeted ground hunting. The landowners are contributing \$35,000 to the programme also.	\$60,000.00
CON-287	Hossack Station fencing (wilding conifer control) A fencing project to erect a 3970 metre fence around a proposed QEII Covenant at Hurunui, 12km south-east of Hanmer Village. There are two areas proposed for fencing, one of 11 hectares and the other of 24 hectares. Fencing these areas will exclude stock and assist in the regeneration of bush and protection and enhancement of habitat for species such as kereru. A request for funds for removal of wilding pines was deferred pending some further investigations into the wilding pines problem within the district. When completed it is hoped this will provide some guidance for consideration of future applications.	\$22,896.00

Otago:

The Otago Region has had allocated \$2,000 for the Tahakopa Kakariki Protection and Enhancement Project (ADV-184). The Advice Fund allocation is a prelude to a possible pest management programme focussing on kakariki, the Fund offered \$2000 to the landowners to provide a project plan. This plan might form the basis of a future Condition Fund application for the proposed pest management control.

Southland:

The Southland Region has had \$136,459 allocated amongst eight approved projects. The following are examples of some of the projects, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
CON-302g	<p>Dune Restoration</p> <p>A dune restoration project on Rarotoka Island which is located in Foveaux Strait, 7km off the South Island. Rarotoka Island, which is 96 hectares in area, was returned to the Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu Runanga as part of the Kaitahu settlement claim in 1998.</p> <p>The island was heavily modified during the period it was used for a lighthouse and the local Oraka Aparima Runaka intends to undertake a dune restoration project as part of a comprehensive restoration programme the Runaka has for the Island.</p>	\$15,310.00
CON-269h	<p>Borthwick's Bush Gully fencing</p> <p>Chilean flame creeper control project on the Borthwick's property at Waitane, Gore, Southland. This control programme will involve weed control on 5.27 hectares. In addition to the weed control, 3169 metres of fencing will be constructed together with restoration planting. It is intended to use the FORMAK forest monitoring kit to monitor the progress of the forest recovery following the weed control programme.</p> <p>The project proposes to use techniques trialled by the Biodiversity Southland Forum over the last year which involves aerial spraying of organic interceptor using a localised spray machine from a helicopter.</p> <p>Similar techniques will utilised at the Buckingham's (CON-269g) for the control of the Chilean flame creeper on their property at Tepeka. This pest plant covers 1 hectare of the 2.44 hectares of QEII covenanted area.</p> <p>The programme for these projects is over a two-year period.</p>	\$41,032.00

CON-269e	Keen protection and weed control Protection fencing of red tussock wetland and regenerating bush area at Longridge North, Gore. This wetland area is predominantly red tussock in good condition and represents a good example of the wetland vegetation that was once typical of this area but is now poorly represented. At 4.6 hectares the wetland is considered to be a viable area for protection and restoration.	\$17,500.00
CON-267	Halfmoon Bay Habitat Restoration Project This project aims to control possums, cats and rats on private land around Halfmoon Bay on Stewart Island. The area is covered in podocarp forest and supports large numbers of threatened bird species including flocks of tui (70+), bellbird, kaka, kiwi, kararieki, and long tailed bats. The project involves a tracking programme and employment of a full-time project manager to oversee its implementation. This project has received funding in previous rounds of the Fund.	\$43,031.00

Chatham Islands:

The Chatham Islands has had \$103,325 allocated amongst the 9 approved projects. The following is an overview of the projects been undertaken on the Chatham's, for the full list refer to attachment one.

Project no:	Project description and contact:	Allocation:
ADV-176 and CON-312	Chatham Island Possum Control Programmes A series of possum control programmes on 7 properties on the Chatham Islands which will see improved biodiversity outcomes through pest control. The project has been submitted by Environment Canterbury which is working with the Chatham Islands Council in relation to the control of animal and plant pest threats to biodiversity on the Islands. ECAN is working with farmers, Federated Farmers and DOC to undertake this work. In addition to the possum funding provided, the Advice Fund has funded a part-time Biodiversity Coordinator to promote biodiversity values on private land and facilitate advice to landowners on the management of these.	\$103,325.00