

# YOUR VOICE FOR NATURE

## TŌ REO MŌ TE AO TŪROA

2018	ANNUAL REPORT TE PŪRONGO Ā-TAU
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**Forest & Bird**

TE REO O TE TAIAO | *Giving Nature a Voice*

# YOU ARE A VOICE FOR NATURE HE REO KOE MŌ TE AO TŪROA

Thank you for your support of Forest & Bird. Over the past financial year, we have been busy defending nature on a number of fronts, and we certainly have plenty to share in this Annual Report.

We celebrated 14 important legal wins for the environment during 2018. For example, working in partnership with the Bay of Plenty's Motiti Rohe Moana Trust, we secured a landmark High Court ruling that means regional councils anywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand can use the Resource Management Act to establish coastal marine protected areas.

Last year also saw a big boost for conservation on land, with government funding for the Department of Conservation returning to levels not seen for a decade. We are proud of our role in helping secure this win, which places DOC fair and square back at the frontline, defending nature.

Forest & Bird helped develop a "game changing" draft National Policy Statement for Biodiversity last year and achieved significant improvements in the government's response to kauri dieback. We advocated for strong national rules to protect our freshwater and demonstrated how nature needs liveable rivers with a native fish awareness campaign.

We worked to make sure decision-makers understood the devastating impacts on nature of the current climate crisis. We lobbied hard for a strong Zero Carbon Act, gave evidence at the Environment Select Committee, and secured thousands of submissions on our website in support of legislation committing New Zealand to being carbon neutral by 2050.

In every corner of Aotearoa, our members and supporters continue to actively maintain our natural world, protect threatened species, and speak up for nature in their communities. While the work of Forest & Bird flourishes, there's still plenty more to be done. Through the generosity of our supporters and volunteers, we have strong roots and a good foundation to continue to grow.



Kevin Hague

Chief Executive  
Kaiwhakahaere  
Matua



Mark Hanger

President  
Tumuaki



# YOUNG VOICES FOR CONSERVATION NGĀ REO RANGATAHI MŌ TE TIAKI TAIAO



## Forest & Bird Youth - Ngā Māhuri Tiaki

Last year we established two new youth hubs in Christchurch and Dunedin.

The Christchurch Hub featured in the national news for their campaign to remove exotic lupins from Canterbury's braided rivers.

Wellington Hub's Sophie Handford was one of the leaders for the Schools Strike for Climate march.



## Kiwi Conservation Club - Hakuturi Toa

Bennet shared his voice through KCC when he saw two small octopus being stuffed into containers with no water. His petition to stop this gathered 700 signatures.

In 2018/19, a grant from Cornerstone OnDemand meant 35 schools with limited resources could receive complimentary KCC memberships, including a class set of *Wild Things* magazines. It also helped train 20 volunteer co-ordinators to create the best possible nature-based experiences for children.

# YOUR VOICE AT SEA TŌ REO KI TAI

Up until recently, it looked like New Zealand's very own species of blue whale and 33 other marine mammals, including Hector's and Maui's dolphins, and humpback whales, were hardly in for a whale of a time.

Trans-Tasman Resources (TTR) hoped to move in on the home of these magnificent mammals, commencing experimental seabed iron sand mining. Their plan was to spend the next 35 years sucking up 8000 tonnes of seafloor every hour - a plan that would have seen 65km<sup>2</sup> of seabed between South Taranaki and Golden Bay destroyed.

*When TTR came knocking, Forest & Bird took legal action.*

In August 2018, the High Court agreed that TTR's 'suck it and see' risk management model was 'adaptive management', prohibited under the Exclusive Economic Zone Act.

The door was shut, putting an end to the mining plans, thanks to our supporters.

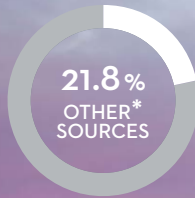
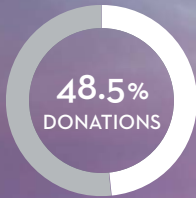
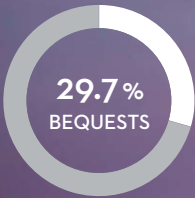
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## GROUP INCOME



\* Other sources =  
Membership 3.0%,  
Grants 5.6%,  
Sponsorship 2.0%,  
Ruapehu Lodge 0.5%,  
Other Operating Income 5.5%,  
Other income 5.2%

## GROUP EXPENDITURE



CONSERVATION



CONSERVATION  
SUPPORT



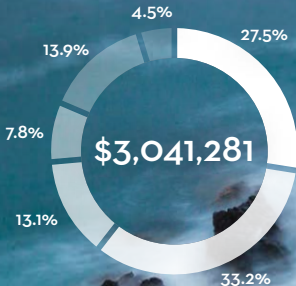
COST OF  
RAISING INCOME



OTHER  
EXPENDITURE

## GROUP ASSETS/INVESTMENTS

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018



CASH AND CASH  
EQUIVALENTS

National Office 27.5%

Branches 33.2%

Restricted funds 13.1%

JS Watson Trust 7.8%

Endowment fund 13.9%

Nelson Endowment Fund 4.5%



INVESTMENTS /  
TERM DEPOSITS

National Office 16%

Branches 84%

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The summary financial statements comprising of National Office, branches, and subsidiaries together ("the Group") are presented for the period ended 31 December 2018.

The information was extracted from the full financial statements as audited by BDO Wellington, which were approved by the Board on 29 March 2019. They cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial report.

Full accounts are available on application to National Office: PO Box 631, Wellington 6140 or email [finance@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:finance@forestandbird.org.nz).

The presentation currency is in New Zealand dollars. All amounts are stated in \$.



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inspected for  
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## YOUR VOICE FOR FRESHWATER TŌ REO KI TE WAI MĀORI

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Regional councils should be protecting our rivers, lakes and wetlands, but last year Forest & Bird exposed a dirty secret – the rules around dairy effluent management aren't being enforced.

One in five dairy farms that broke the rules were not penalised for the pollution.

Half of all regional councils have neglected to inspect all of their dairy farms. Our damning report revealed 5000 dairy farms weren't inspected for compliance in 2016/17. Southland and Waikato regional councils couldn't even tell us how many dairy farms were operating in their regions.

*“When councils don't address poor farming practice, it's unfair to the many farmers who are doing great work and following the rules.”*

ANNABETH COHEN,  
FRESHWATER ADVOCATE.

With thanks to our supporters, Forest & Bird is working with the new Resource Management Act's Oversight Unit to ensure councils properly monitor, audit and, report on their performance and consistently address poor practice.



# YOUR VOICE ON LAND TŌ REO KIUTA

Life isn't a box of birds for the 80% of our native bird species threatened with extinction. In areas without pest control, four out of five kiwi chicks don't survive their first year.

During 2018 Forest & Bird raised public awareness about New Zealand's biodiversity crisis. We explained how local populations of native birds, lizards, insects, and bats are being threatened with extinction every day.

Thankfully, in May last year, we received some very welcome news. Conservation Minister Eugenie Sage announced an increase in conservation funding that will see nearly 10 times more New Zealand conservation forests managed for predators.

*"This funding for the Department of Conservation is critical for the survival of our native birds, bats, lizards, and insects killed by predators such as stoats, rats, and possums."*

KEVIN HACKWELL, CHIEF  
CONSERVATION ADVISER.

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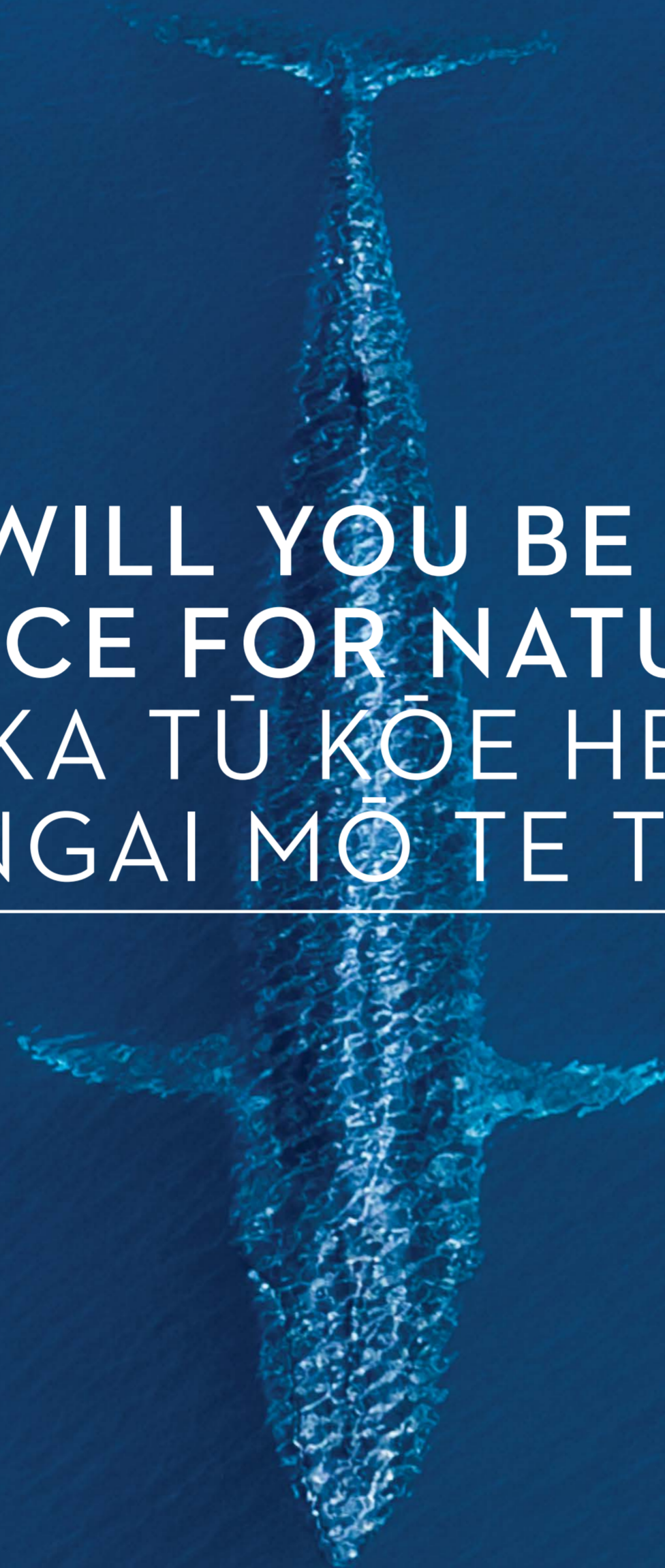
Thank you to our partners:







WILL YOU BE A  
VOICE FOR NATURE?  
KA TŪ KŌE HEI  
MĀNGAI MŌ TE TAIAO



*Give the best gift  
to nature in 2019*

This is our chance to turn things around. This is the year when election promises are made. Now is the time for a transformational plan for nature.

Will you help us protect and restore the wildlife and wild places you love? Please make a donation today by visiting [www.forestandbird.org.nz/restoringnature](http://www.forestandbird.org.nz/restoringnature).



LOST AT SEA

**90%**

OF OUR  
SEABIRDS ARE  
THREATENED  
WITH  
EXTINCTION



A DROP IN  
THE OCEAN

**0.4%**

OF NEW  
ZEALAND'S  
SEAS ARE  
FULLY  
PROTECTED



IN TROUBLE

**79%**

4000 OF OUR  
LAND-BASED BIRDS,  
BATS, REPTILES,  
AND FROGS ARE  
IN TROUBLE



BATTLE FOR  
THE BIRDS

**94%**

OF NEW ZEALAND  
LAND POPULATED  
WITH STOATS,  
POSSUMS, AND  
RATS



MELTING AWAY

**12x**

THE NUMBER OF  
TIMES WE COULD  
FILL WELLINGTON  
HARBOUR WITH  
LOST GLACIER ICE



SOLD UP  
THE RIVER

**82%**

OF WATERWAYS  
ON FARMLAND  
IS UNSAFE  
FOR  
SWIMMING