

# ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES FUND

## PROJECTS FUNDED IN THE 2024 FUNDING ROUND

### ABOUT THIS FUNDING ROUND

A total of 38 applications were received in the 2024/25 Environmental Initiatives Fund (EIF) round, totalling \$1,191,383.99 in requested funds. 8 applications were ineligible, and 18 applications were declined. Grants totalling \$372,873.18 were made to 12 projects.

#### MOKAIHAHA KŌKAKO TRUST

Project:	Mokaihaha Kōkako Trust Predator Network Maintenance and Upgrade
District:	South Waikato/Rotorua
EIF Contribution:	\$25,969.55
Duration of Funding:	1 year

The Mokaihaha Kōkako Trust was formed in 2017, with the goal of protecting and restoring the Mokaihaha Ecological Area to a thriving ecosystem, with a particular focus on kōkako. This funding will be used to enhance the existing predator control network within Mokaihaha by increasing the number of traps and adding and improving tracks to provide year-round control of rodents and mustelids, to further protect kōkako and other native species.

#### KAKEPUKU MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Project:	Smart trapping of predators on Kakepuku Mountain
District:	Waipa
EIF Contribution:	\$25,310.85 (\$13,485.95 in 2024/25; and \$11,824.90 in 2025/26)
Duration of Funding:	2 years

Kakepuku Mountain Conservation Society was formed in 1995 by a group of local landowners and volunteers dedicated to the preservation and long-term enhancement of the native flora and fauna on Kakepuku maunga. This funding will be used to replace and upgrade a portion of the trapping network to allow for more efficient and effective trapping and monitoring.

#### NGĀTI HINERANGI under MANAAKI KAIMAI MAMAKU TRUST hub umbrella

Project:	Wairere Mahi Pest Control
District:	Matamata-Piako
EIF Contribution:	\$40,000 (\$20,000 in 2024/25; and \$20,000 in 2025/26)
Duration of Funding:	2 years

Ngāti Hinerangi's restoration project started in 2021 and spans 1029 hectares on the western side of the Kaimai-Mamaku ranges, currently targeting rats, possums and mustelids. This funding will be utilised to fund practical field labour including pest animal control and monitoring over a 2-year period.

### **HABITAT TUATEAWA INCORPORATED**

**Project:** Enhancing the efficacy and sustainability of trapping for biodiversity  
**District:** Thames-Coromandel  
**EIF Contribution:** \$25,477.96 (\$12,738.98 in 2024/25 and \$12,738.98 in 2025/2026)  
**Duration of Funding:** 2 years

Habitat Tuateawa is a community group in the northern Coromandel that has focused on pest control for biodiversity conservation since 1997. This funding will be used to purchase trapping materials and support the part-time employment costs of coordinating Habitat Tuateawa's trapping volunteers and operations including the deployment of additional re-setting traps.

### **NGĀTI TUMUTUMU under MANAAKI KAIMAI MAMAKU TRUST hub umbrella**

**Project:** Tumutumu Kaitiaki Taiao  
**District:** Matamata-Piako  
**EIF Contribution:** \$40,000 (\$20,000 in 2024/25; and \$20,000 in 2025/26)  
**Duration of Funding:** 2 years

Ngāti Tumutumu's 'Tumutumu Kaitiaki Taiao' Project was established in 2021 and operates over 600 hectares focusing on pest plant control at on the western side of Te Aroha Maunga and along the public tracks at Waiorongomai. This funding will be utilised to fund practical field labour including pest plant control and monitoring over a 2-year period.

### **THE COLVILLE PROJECT TRUST**

**Project:** The Colville Project Site - Ecological Restoration Program  
**District:** Thames-Coromandel  
**EIF Contribution:** \$34,544.00 (\$24,384 in 2024/2025 and \$10,160 in 2025/2026)  
**Duration of Funding:** 2 years

The Colville Project Trust was formed in 2017 with the aim of purchasing a 35-hectare land block to build a multi-purpose community facility in Northern Coromandel. This funding will be utilised to support targeted pest plant control throughout regenerating podocarp-broadleaf forest.

### **KAPOWAI KIWI GROUP INCORPORATED**

**Project:** KKG Predator Control Program  
**District:** Thames-Coromandel  
**EIF Contribution:** \$6,000 (\$3,000 in 2024/25; and \$3,000 in 2025/26)  
**Duration of Funding:** 2 years

Kapowai Kiwi Group was set up in 2003 to provide a community-based, low cost and low intervention program to protect Coromandel Brown Kiwi in the Kapowai Valley catchment. This funding will go towards regular servicing and maintenance of the 3000-hectare predator control area.

#### **RINGS BEACH WETLAND GROUP INCORPORATED**

**Project:** Wilding Pine Regrowth Control - Southwestern Slopes  
**District:** Thames-Coromandel/Coromandel  
**EIF Contribution:** \$32,292.00  
**Duration of Funding:** 1 year

The Rings Beach Wetland Group was established in 2008 by volunteers with a vision of restoring the 270-hectare Matarangi Bluff Scenic Reserve with community led pest plant and pest animal control. This funding will go towards the removal of wilding pine on the southwestern slopes of the Reserve.

#### **NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL FIELDAYS SOCIETY INCORPORATED**

**Project:** Mystery Creek Community Catchment (MCCC) Youth Environmental Education Programme  
**District:** Waipa  
**EIF Contribution:** \$40,000 (\$20,000 in 2024/25; and \$20,000 in 2025/26)  
**Duration of Funding:** 2 years

The Mystery Creek Community Catchment was formed out of the sustainability arm of New Zealand National Fieldays Society Incorporated, to bring together stakeholders in the area and focus on environmental impacts and biodiversity within the catchment. This funding will be used to develop and implement an environmental education programme in collaboration with local schools, iwi, and the community and aims to be rolled out to local schools and other youth events hosted by Fieldays.

#### **TE TAIAO O KĀWHIA MOANA INCORPORATED**

**Project:** Coastal Kaitiakitanga in Kāwhia  
**District:** Otorohanga  
**EIF Contribution:** \$28,794.43  
**Duration of Funding:** 1 year

Te Taiao o Kāwhia Moana Incorporated was formed in early 2023 with the aim of protecting Kāwhia's diverse ecosystems through community-led initiatives. This funding will go towards setting up a community trap library and trapline as well as hosting a community trapping workshop. Funds will also go towards undertaking targeted pest plant control in the area.

#### **TE MOATA CHARITABLE TRUST**

**Project:** Predator Free Te Moata  
**District:** Thames-Coromandel/Coromandel  
**EIF Contribution:** \$39,984.39 (\$20,000 in 2024/25; and \$19,984.39 in 2025/26)  
**Duration of Funding:** 2 years

Te Moata Charitable Trust manages 344 hectares of regenerating native bush protected by a QEII covenant since 1987, with the aim of protecting indigenous biodiversity throughout the property and a key focus on kiwi protection. This funding will go towards the development, managing, and monitoring of trap lines as well as training predator control volunteers.

#### **KA PIHI KA PUA CHARITABLE TRUST**

Project:	E Ora Tane Pest Management
District:	Taupō
EIF Contribution:	\$34,500
Duration of Funding:	1 year

Ka Pihi Ka Pua Charitable Trust was established to manage and administer the Lake Rotoaira Forest Trust Fund which aims to promote and enhance social, cultural, health, welfare, education and general wellbeing of whanau, hapū and the general community. Funding will be utilised to support pest management activities in this high biodiversity value site including monitoring, baiting and trapping across the 5489-hectare project.