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New Zealand's ambition to be predator free

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Many of our species are found nowhere else in the world...



100% of our reptiles, frogs and bats



80% of our trees, ferns and flowering plants



84% of our freshwater fish



70% of our birds



80% of our invertebrates



38% of marine species



Photo: Jack Mace

The state of our native species



4000 classified as in **some trouble**



1000 classified as in **serious trouble**
and/or facing risk of extinction



More than **50 bird species** have
become **extinct** in the 750 years since
human arrival



Possoms, rats and stoats – main
mammalian predators

Predator Free 2050

Possums,
rats and stoats
eradicated
from NZ by
2050



Stoat with a chick.
Photo: David Hallett



What's needed?

- Harnessing the existing community effort and enthusiasm (a social movement – enables the social license)
- Collaborative landscape-scale projects (collective and sustained impact)
- Investment in science and innovation (break through tools and techniques)



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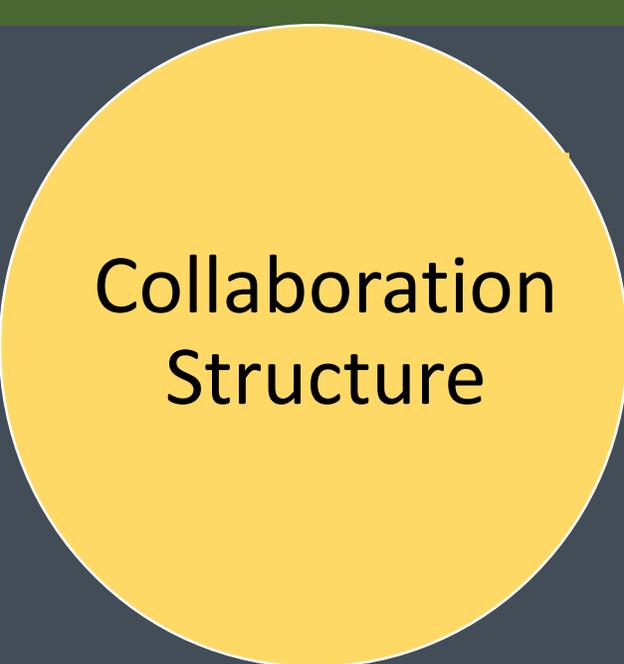
Strategy

- By December develop an overarching strategy for PF2050
- Broader than DOC; how does everyone contribute?
- Nine workshops across March – July
- Discussion document
- Full consultation
- Structure – 5 year outline of action and milestones through to 2050



DOC Plan

- Develop DOC 5 year plan
- Will describe include 4-year milestones for inclusion in 4 year plan
- Will show govt what they are purchasing
- Greater transparency of work and integration
- Will start by describing what we currently do.
- Shift from BAU



Collaboration Structure

- Co-ordinating activity across agencies.
- Workstreams could include science, landscape management, data and monitoring.
- Aim to achieve co-ordination within and across workstreams
- Workstreams develop shared 4-yr workplan to achieve strategic plan
- Other workstreams may include Maturanga; Urban; Production Landscapes; others as required
- DOC facilitates collaboration across workstreams; team leads responsible for collaboration within.



Regional Plans

- Regional Directors to lead local process
 - Iwi, community, council input
 - What are you going to do at place over the next 4-5 years
 - Combined give a national picture to guide investment
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Kia ora tatou

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