

Nga Ngahere Momona

This project will see Māori Land Trusts and industry representatives working together to investigate viable options for bringing Māori land blocks together to create scale and to develop business opportunities to establish a sustainable forestry approach for Māori in Te Taitokerau.

Challenge

Approximately 75% of Māori owned forestry land in Te Taitokerau is leased to forestry companies whose management is often undertaken by 3rd party forestry management companies. Until now, Māori have managed their forestry interests individually.

Throughout 2014 Ngati Hine Forestry Trust undertook the Te Taitokerau Māori Forestry Project and led discussions to ascertain the willingness of Māori to collectivise Māori land/forestry interests, to build confidence with landowners and to determine if there was an appetite to collaborate with industry for greater influence and interaction across the whole value chain.

The primary outcomes of this project was the strong call from Māori to collectivise and collaborate.

Nga Ngahere Momona focuses on the next steps that will confirm a Māori forestry collective for Te Taitokerau and to develop a business model and plan for the collective to operate from.

Outcomes

The outcomes will see a Māori collective established in Te Tokerau that is business ready. It is intended that solutions will be identified and the owners will have a clear understanding of a viable and sustainable value chain that compliments Māori forestry businesses and their long term intergenerational ownership aspects.

Key Facts

MPI's involvement: April 2015 – October 2016

MPI support: MPI will invest \$40,000 and access to expertise.

Partners: Te Taitokerau Māori Forestry Collective: Ngati Hine Forestry Trust, Te Taitokerau Forestry Ltd, and Iwi for Te Aupouri Forest and Te Taitokerau Māori Forestry owners.

Proposed Benefits: A forestry collective is established which is business ready. Solutions are identified to any barriers. A viable and sustainable value chain is identified that compliments Māori forestry businesses and their long term intergenerational ownership aspects.

Tribal Affiliation: Te Taitokerau

Te Arawa River Iwi Trust Native Plant Nursery

Through setting up a native plant nursery and establishing 50,000 native plant seedlings in the Upper Waikato River, this project will generate economic returns and improve environmental outcomes.

Challenge

The Te Arawa River Iwi Trust (TARIT) owns large areas of Māori land within the Upper Waikato River Catchment. There are a number of regulatory changes due to come into effect within the next 5 years which require greater protection of waterways.

Solution

Through this project, TARIT will establish a native plant nursery along the Waikato River catchment which will create commercially viable crops. The plantings will improve water quality, increase skills, experience, and understanding of native plant production, provide employment opportunities, and generate increased economic returns.

Key Facts

MPI's involvement: March 2015

MPI funding: \$40,000 contribution from MPI and \$60,000 contribution from TARIT

Partners: Te Arawa River Iwi Trust; Ngati Tahu-Ngati Whaoa; Tuhourangi-Wahiao; Ngati Kearoa-Ngati Tuara; Tuaropaki Maori Land Trust; Rotorua District Council