

## VISION

**Partnerships between the department and tangata whenua are achieving enhanced conservation of the natural and historic heritage of New Zealand.**

<b>Principle<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Goals for DOC</b>	<b>Implementation</b>
<b>Partnerships</b>	The department builds and recognises partnerships which are appropriate to local circumstances and are based on good faith, co-operation and respect.	The department will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) build and support partnerships with tangata whenua which are based upon good faith, co-operation and respect;</li> <li>(ii) seek to negotiate and implement protocols and agreements with tangata whenua which will support the partnerships;</li> <li>(iii) work co-operatively with tangata whenua to achieve conservation outcomes following consultation processes.</li> </ul>
<b>Governance</b>	The department implements conservation legislation and works effectively and efficiently to achieve conservation outcomes.	The department will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) make decisions and take actions in accordance with the legislation and the circumstances which apply in any particular case, including government's conservation goals and section 4 of the Conservation Act;</li> <li>(ii) develop, maintain and monitor the capabilities within the department required to give effect to the principles of the Treaty in its work.</li> </ul>
<b>Citizenship</b>	The department achieves conservation outcomes for the benefit of all citizens.	The department will, in relation to the areas and resources which it manages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) ensure that all citizens receive fair and equitable access to conservation benefits;</li> <li>(ii) ensure that all citizens have fair and equitable access to participation in conservation management.</li> </ul>
<b>Tino Rangatiratanga</b>	The department recognises the exercise by tangata whenua of traditional authority over their lands, waters, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga, in accordance with the concepts of mana whenua and mana moana.	The department will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) in relation to areas and resources which it manages, work with tangata whenua to determine and implement a reasonable and practicable degree of tangata whenua involvement in any particular case, covering a range of options from a right to be consulted to the exercise of tangata whenua control;</li> <li>(ii) affirm the right of tangata whenua to determine the way they relate to the department;</li> <li>(iii) affirm the right of tangata whenua to determine the way they manage lands, waters, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga under their control in accordance with mana whenua, mana moana and conservation legislation.</li> </ul>
<b>Kaitiakitanga</b>	The department recognises the exercise by tangata whenua of their customary duty as kaitiaki over their natural and historic taonga according to tikanga.	The department will, in relation to areas and resources which it manages, support the kaitiaki role of tangata whenua and be clear about applicable accountabilities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) recognising and respecting Maori conservation practices and associated cultural values;</li> <li>(ii) recognising and providing for the customary use of indigenous species by Maori, consistent with kaitiakitanga, wise conservation and conservation legislation;</li> <li>(iii) affording to tangata whenua an effective degree of participation and control in the protection and management of waahi tapu.</li> </ul>
<b>Active Protection</b>	The department actively protects the interests of tangata whenua in the land, resources and other taonga managed by the department or affected by the department's work, and does this in co-operation with tangata whenua.	The department will work with tangata whenua to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) understand their interests and needs in relation to areas and resources which the department manages or which are affected by its work;</li> <li>(ii) ensure that reasonable and practicable steps are taken to protect those interests<sup>1</sup></li> <li>(iii) ensure that actions which might undermine those interests are avoided wherever practicable.</li> <li>(iv) recognise the role of matauranga Maori in conservation management.</li> </ul>
<b>Informed Decisions</b>	The department makes informed decisions which have regard to the interests and needs of tangata whenua.	The department will work with tangata whenua to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) involve tangata whenua fully in decision-making processes relating to their interests and needs, to ensure that these are recognised and had regard to.</li> </ul>
<b>Redress</b>	The department avoids actions which would prevent the redress of Treaty claims, and seeks to avoid creating further grievances.	The department will, in relation to conservation matters and its responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) avoid actions which would create a grievance or prevent the redress of claims;</li> <li>(ii) address any contemporary grievances which tangata whenua might bring to the attention of the department, and seek solutions;</li> <li>(iii) participate in negotiations on Treaty claims settlement, providing creative options that will help to address grievances in accordance with the Department's statutory functions, powers and obligations;</li> <li>(iv) implement and monitor settlements reached between the Crown and tangata whenua.</li> </ul>

**Note:** These principles, goals and implementation statements are all closely inter-related, and should not be considered in isolation.

<sup>2</sup> These principles are derived from those identified by the Waitangi Tribunal, the Government, the Courts and Conservation Management Strategies.