

PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION TRUST



**Annual Report
For the year 1 July 2008 - 30 June 2009**

**Trustee
Mr Brendan Boyle
Secretary for Internal Affairs**

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Introduction

The Pacific Development and Conservation Trust (the Trust) was established by Trust Deed on 23 May 1989. The initial capital came from the French Government in recognition of events that surrounded the destruction of the Greenpeace vessel, *Rainbow Warrior*.

The Trust was established with an initial capital base of \$3,213,800. Each year most of the income earned from this capital is disbursed as grants. In order to maintain the real value of the initial capital, some of the accrued income is reinvested. Up to \$300,000 is available annually from the Trust to fund appropriate projects.

Objectives

The objectives of the Trust are to:

- encourage and promote the enhancement, protection and conservation of the natural environment of the South Pacific and of its natural resources
- promote the peaceful economic, physical and social development of the South Pacific and of its peoples, to the extent that the use of any natural or historic resource is not inconsistent with its conservation
- encourage and promote the peaceful conservation and development of the cultural heritage of the peoples of the South Pacific
- encourage and promote peace, understanding and goodwill between the peoples of the South Pacific.

Principles

In addition to these objectives, the Trust has developed a series of guiding principles to which projects must align. These guiding principles are to:

- maintain the life support systems and biological diversity found in New Zealand and the South Pacific through sound conservation and resource management
- promote sustainable development. This is defined as "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"
- promote self-reliance and maintenance of cultural heritage among all peoples of the South Pacific in the pursuit of sustainable development and sound resource management policies
- promote greater awareness of the dependence of peace and security on sustainable development and environmental well-being.

Policies and Priorities

The Trust has formulated policies and priorities for its grants in order to determine the projects most worthy of support.

Priority is given to:

- community-driven projects, which involve and benefit the local communities
- projects that promote cultural/social and economic self-sufficiency and sustainability
- projects that are innovative and/or act as suitable models for other communities
- conservation projects involving representative endangered, threatened or unique habitats and species.

In addition the Trust:

- will not generally fully fund a project
- is particularly interested in encouraging people and groups who endeavour to contribute to the project themselves
- may consider funding for operational costs for non-government organisations with a proven track record
- will focus on granting funding for projects with education and educational publications with a conservation and development focus, through educational institutions and community groups.

Eligibility

Applicants must be from New Zealand or the South Pacific. Eligible South Pacific countries are American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Wallis and Futuna.

Projects must meet the objectives and align with the guiding principles of the Trust. Projects must benefit New Zealand or South Pacific countries.

Disbursement Meetings

There is a two stage application process. Applicants submit an Expression of Interest about their project. Applicants whose projects are aligned with the overall objectives, priorities and guiding principles of the Trust are invited by the Trust to submit a full proposal. Full applications are then considered for funding. Two Trust meetings are held annually. At the meetings decisions are made concerning Trust policy and applications are recommended for approval by the Trustee. In this financial year the Trust met on 9 May 2008 and 31 October 2008.

The Trustee

The Trustee is the Chief Executive of the Department of Internal Affairs, the Secretary for Internal Affairs. The present Trustee is Mr Brendan Boyle.

Advisory Trustees

The primary role of the Advisory Trustees is to make recommendations to the Trustee regarding which applicants should receive funding. Advisory Trustees are appointed for up to three years by the Minister for Disarmament and Arms Control. They are chosen for their expertise and ability to assist the Trust to make transparent and accountable decisions. The Trustees serving in this financial year were:

Mr Dave Bamford

Ms Rae Julian

Ms Eve Coxon

Ms Karlo Mila-Schaaf

Mr Rob Fenwick

Mr Suli Tuvuki

Mr Dermot (Derry) Gordon (Chair)

Chair's Report

The Pacific Development and Conservation Trust, often referred to as “The Rainbow Warrior Fund” in recognition of the Trust’s origins, is administered by a group of Advisory Trustees. This year we welcomed two new Trustees; Eve Coxon and Rae Julian. Both have brought considerable expertise and knowledge to the Trust.

The Trust makes recommendations to the Trustee on the allocation of grants to groups and individuals to help enhance and conserve their environments and heritage, and to promote peaceful and sustainable development in the South Pacific.

The Trust was able to contribute \$260,555 to nine projects throughout New Zealand and the South Pacific. The full list of projects granted funding is provided in the body of this report. The Trust is pleased that the projects funded will contribute to improving the sustainability of communities and enhance peace and conservation.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the many individuals and organisations working in New Zealand and the South Pacific. I look forward to hearing about the outcomes from the projects that the Trust has been able to assist.

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Derry Gordon
Chairperson

2008-09 GRANTS

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme **\$33,770**

To purchase tagging and awareness materials to continue the marine turtle tagging programme and gain a better understanding of populations and migrations of marine turtles in the Pacific Islands region.

Fred Hollows Foundation of New Zealand **\$35,000**

To strengthen eye care networks and address low vision in Papua New Guinea.

Manawahe Kokako Trust **\$1330**

To fund the cost of poison licences enabling bait to be laid, to purchase an ipod and speakers so birds can be called, and to buy a global positioning system device.

Whenuakite Kiwi Care Group **\$5500**

To replace fenn traps with 200 Department of Conservation traps.

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme **\$66,000**

To continue and extend the Pacific Invasives' Learning Network, an invasive species workers' network, to all 22 countries/states/territories in the Pacific region, and to develop a strategy to ensure its long-term sustainability.

Nga Uruora – Kapiti Project Charitable Trust **\$17,150**

To set up a long-term, research and monitoring programme to develop more effective ecological restoration, management techniques and strategies.

Otanewainuku Kiwi Trust **\$12,805**

To fund pest eradication in the Otanewainuku conservation area and protect the critically endangered population of North Island Brown Kiwi.

Live and Learn Environmental Education **\$24,000**

To improve health through access to safe water and sanitation for 12,000 people in four communities in the West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea.

Yela Environment Landowners' Authority **\$65,000**

To sustainably conserve and manage the Yela Ka Forest and its ecosystems so that it promotes ecotourism and educates people around the world about the natural services it provides.