



**\$100,000 Target  
for 2024-25.**

**\$7000 raised.**



## OUR THANKS

You are reading this update through simple curiosity, involvement or interest in Ruahine Kiwi. Thank you for this.

Almost three years in huge inroads have been made in getting the 23,000 hectares of the Ruahine range kiwi ready for the anticipated release date of 2026.

From this point onwards we will be giving you quarterly updates so you can stay abreast of project progress.

You can contact us at any point on [ruahinekiwi@source2sea.org.nz](mailto:ruahinekiwi@source2sea.org.nz) or follow us on Facebook @ruahinekiwi



## THE FUTURE OF THE PROJECT

Strategic planning and future proofing have been at the fore for Ruahine Kiwi as the project nears the end of funding linked to the Department of Conservation 'Jobs for Nature' initiative.

There is a firm understanding that this is a forever project, not something that neatly fits a three-year funding timespan. Though on track to release kiwi in 2026, there is much mahi necessary to keep current traps monitored and get the area kiwi ready beyond mid-2024.

The work undertaken to control predator pests has a huge effect on other species of flora and fauna resulting in a rich, vibrant ecosystem supporting a plethora of life. It's exciting, impactful, necessary work that we do in collaboration with other incredible predator control projects in the region working with other species such as whio.

Our challenge is securing and maintaining sufficient funding to ensure that we can deliver these outcomes.

## OUR CURRENT STATISTICS:

- **Traps in the field: 1868**
- **Total catches: 6997**
- **Mustelids caught: 494**
- **Total traplines: 85**



## RUAHINE KIWI IN THE PRESS.

Much effort has gone on over the last six months celebrating the successes of the project in order to raise awareness about who we are and what we do.

A story penned by talented local writer Carly Thomas about the project has been translated into articles and broadcasts on local and national media. You can read more here:

**[December 11th. Kiwi Project Calls for Funding- Stuff](#)**

**[January 23rd Funding needing to give kiwi project wings- Stuff.](#)**

## KEEP UP TO DATE WITH OUR MAHI

Watch this space for exciting new developments as the project evolves in mid 2024 when our Department of Conservation Jobs for Nature Contract is completed.

**You can find out more about our trap network at [www.trapnz](http://www.trapnz)**

**[You can follow us on Facebook @ruahinekiwi](#)**

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## How can I donate, assist or support?

1. **By donating eggs** through a fantastic scheme set up by local business The Egg Project. We need at least 100 eggs a week to make sure our traps are baited. Donate an egg (or 10!) and support a generous local business that is right behind our mahi.

**[www.theeggproject.co.nz](http://www.theeggproject.co.nz)**

2. **By making a donation.** Large or small it all helps and will contribute to ensuring that predator pests are eliminated so we can make our rohe kiwi friendly by 2026.

**[www.enm.org.nz/manawatu-river-source-sea/donate-ruahine-kiwi](http://www.enm.org.nz/manawatu-river-source-sea/donate-ruahine-kiwi)**

3. **By volunteering.** From July 2024 we will be looking for volunteers to help support our work in the understanding that we may have reduced staff capacity.

There are varied opportunities to get involved.

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