

He whakaoho i te whenua ki ngā hua o Tāne, kia toitū a Papa, kia whai oranga mō te iwi, mā te iwi me ngā uri whakatipu.



WHENUA OHO

Whenua Oho presents its March newsletter to inform you about important developments in forestry as relates to whenua Māori.

Proposed changes to the ETS

In early March the Government released a discussion document on proposed changes to the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), [Managing Exotic Afforestation Incentives](#). One of the changes proposed is the removal of the permanent exotic forest category. Both Whenua Oho and Ngā Pou a Tāne (a National Māori Forestry Association) oppose this proposed change as it will impact significantly on Māori landowners and our tino rangatiratanga to decide how we use our whenua. Click on this [link](#) for Te Kapunga's presentation (Forestry – A Māori Perspective) on behalf of Ngā Pou a Tāne as part of a webinar considering the proposed changes.

Client testimonial

As part of our monthly newsletter, we will be sharing testimonials of Māori landowners who Whenua Oho have supported over the past year. This month's client [testimonial](#) comes from Jackie Harrison of Ōtaua, South Hokianga. Jackie shares her Trust's journey with regards to their land block and how Whenua Oho empowered them with information about various forestry options not previously considered.

Native understorey – Tokarāangi Forest

The images below are photos taken of Tokarāangi forest on the East Coast of the North Island, east of Te Araroa. These images show a native understorey flourishing beneath a pine forest canopy. Tokarāangi was established as a production forest in partnership with the Crown during the late 80's in response to the devastating effects of Cyclone Bola. This is evidence that, in the right conditions, indigenous plants can thrive in a pine forest which supports the viability of transitioning a pine forest into native over time. Click on this [link](#) to view our wānanga bite on common misconceptions about pine forests.



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Noho ora mai rā.