

THE FOREST BRIDGE TRUST STRATEGY 2020-2025

Vision

A connected landscape with healthy forest and flourishing indigenous wildlife from the Kaipara Harbour to the Pacific Coast

Purpose

Through practical landowner-centred support, enable the protection, enhancement and connection of forest remnants, wetlands and other landscape to provide safe habitat for indigenous wildlife.

Values

Respect. Integrity. Empathy

STEPS TO VISION

TFBT has a geographically staged approach to achieving its vision.

For the five years of this strategy, focus will be on achieving a predator-controlled corridor of land, the **Central Bridge**; an area of 54,000 hectares connecting the existing wildlife sanctuaries at Mataia Restoration Project in the west to Tawharanui Regional Park in the east.

From 2025 to 2030 growth of our work extends to the **North and South Flanks**; an area of 40,000 hectares that adjoins the Central Bridge, creating connectivity from the Kaipara Harbour to the Pacific Coast.

Our long-term vision encompasses work to create and maintain the **Entire Bridge**, an area of 130,000 hectares encompassing both rural and residential Rodney.

THE WAY WE WORK

We create interconnected networks of landowner engagement that expand from clusters of landowner engagement and commitment to landscape-scale predator control and habitat creation.

Hubs of protected biodiversity, engaged landowners and a supportive community are created along with:

Targeted landowner support - one to one pest control support for strategically important landowners. Targeted Landowner Support along with hubs create:

Halos of protection, created and expand outwards from each hub to form:

Networks of protected terrestrial biodiversity.

THEMES TO 2025

Theme 1: Complete the Central Bridge

Outcomes:

1. 80% of the Central Bridge is included within predator-controlled networks
2. Within the Central Bridge, five kilometres of new fencing per year is improving connectivity for indigenous terrestrial wildlife
3. 80% key landowners within the Central Bridge are included in the programme
4. Key species indicators show biodiversity outcomes are trending positive from predator control
5. Three kiwi translocations are supported into predator-controlled areas within the Central Bridge

6. External partnerships are effectively supporting the work of TFBT and value and understand TFBT's role.

Theme 2: Operational and governance enabling factors are in place

Outcomes:

1. Key strategic and operational documents are in place and being implemented
2. Effective, diligent governance is advancing TFBT
3. High performing operations team is in place with the capability and capacity to complete work plans
4. Strong and effective external partnerships support TFBT's outcomes and welcome TFBT's contribution
5. Funding sources are diverse and income is sufficient to achieve desired outcomes
6. Monitoring and evaluation are informing programme direction, decision-making and priority-setting
7. Future opportunities to prepare for expansion beyond the Central Bridge and into the North and South Flanks are explored and planned for.