

Draft recommendations from the Options Development Group for the partial reviews of the general policies

Theme	Recommendation	Sub-recommendations
<i>Fundamental reform</i>	A. Undertake a fundamental reform of the conservation system as a whole.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and replace the Conservation Act 1987 and all associated schedule 1 Acts (and associated policies, strategies and delivery) to honour Te Tiriti/the Treaty and provide for the meaningful exercise of rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga by Tangata Whenua, to ensure that Papatūānuku thrives. 2. Redraft chapters 2 of the general policies¹ on Treaty of Waitangi responsibilities, and progress related changes to other chapters. 3. Ensure adequate time and resource is provided to ensure a successful change process for both Te Papa Atawhai and Tangata Whenua throughout the reform process.
<i>Purpose of conservation</i>	B. Reframe the purpose of conservation to ensure it is fit-for-purpose for Aotearoa.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Embed a new understanding of conservation that is specific to Aotearoa New Zealand that reflects both Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti perspectives and supports thriving indigenous biodiversity.
<i>Tikanga</i>	C. Centre tikanga and mātauranga within the conservation system.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure the conservation system and decision-making within it gives weight to mātauranga and upholds tikanga. 2. Ensure that the terms and key principles under conservation legislation, policies and strategies reflect Te Ao Māori. 3. Ensure the relationship between Tangata Whenua and conservation lands, waters, wāhi tapu, resources, species and other taonga (including tikanga and mātauranga relating to that relationship) is determined by Tangata Whenua.
<i>Lands, waters, resources, species and other taonga</i>	D. Recast the legal status of conservation land and waters, resources, and indigenous species.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reform the ownership model of public conservation lands and waters to reflect the enduring relationships Tangata Whenua have with these places and the resources/taonga that reside within them. 2. Undertake a review of all classifications applied to public conservation lands and waters to recognise Tangata Whenua relationships. 3. Revoke Crown ownership of indigenous species. 4. Resolve Tangata Whenua rights and interests in the fresh water and marine domains. 5. Ensure Tangata Whenua access to and use of all species and resources managed within the conservation system, including within the context of permissions and concessions.
<i>Tiriti/Treaty partnership</i>	E. Reform conservation governance and management to reflect Tiriti/Treaty partnership at all levels.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and reform all conservation governance entities including the New Zealand Conservation Authority, Conservation Boards, and other statutory bodies to reflect Tiriti/Treaty partnership. 2. Adopt appropriate models for mana to mana relationships, planning, and decision-making at the appropriate geographic scale. 3. Honour and implement existing Tiriti/Treaty settlement commitments and arrangements, noting these do not limit the full expression of te Tiriti/the Treaty partnership. 4. Make immediate changes to make sure that Tangata Whenua are engaged in decision-making that affects their interests, including in the context of permissions and concessions.
<i>Tino rangatiratanga</i>	F. Enable devolution of powers including decision-making functions to meaningfully recognise the role of tino rangatiratanga.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide for the delegation, transfer, and devolution of functions and powers within the conservation system to Tangata Whenua.
<i>Resourcing</i>	G. Build capability and capacity within Te Papa Atawhai and with Tangata Whenua.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide resourcing to build capability and capacity for the expression of Tiriti/Treaty partnership for both Te Papa Atawhai and Tangata Whenua, including but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Development of planning documents b. Participation in decision-making c. Delivery of conservation at place d. The connection of Tangata Whenua to conservation lands and waters.

¹ The general policies refers to the Conservation General Policy and the General Policy for National Parks