

# ‘Global strategies but local action: Multi-stakeholder partnerships for conservation of the endemic kea (*Nestor notabilis*) of New Zealand’

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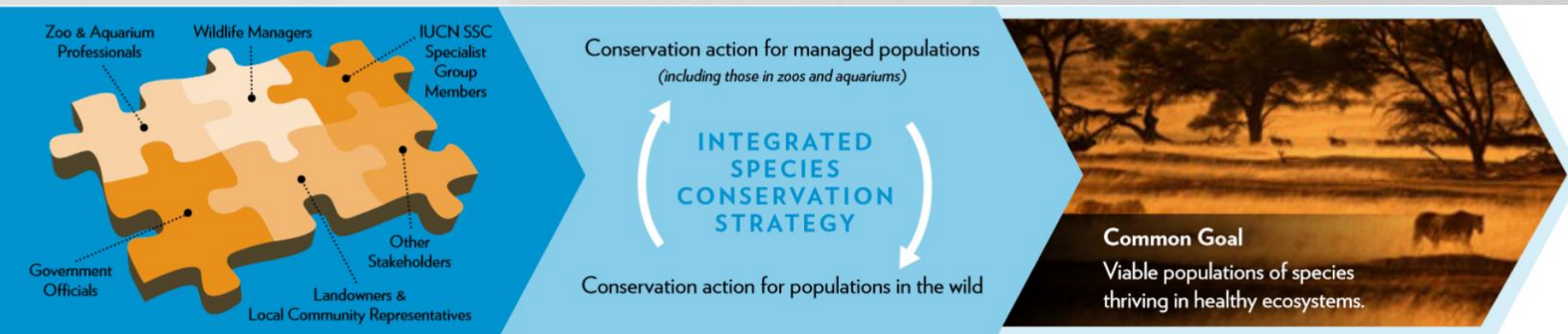
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# A 'One Plan Approach'

Requires engagement of “...all responsible parties and resources from the start of the conservation- planning initiative.”

Barongi, R., Fiskin, F. A., Parker, M. & Gusset, M. (eds) (2015) *Committing to Conservation: The World Zoo and Aquarium Conservation Strategy*. Gland: WAZA Executive Office, 69 pp.



# But where does one start?

# And who starts the process?

Such problematic questions may be exacerbated by factors such as:

- Species where human-animal conflict has been one of the main causes for the species population decline;
- Species that are endemic to only one area of one country

One Possible Answer:

A Non-Governmental Organisation  
(NGO)



# Enter the bird - Kea (*Nestor notabilis*)

- Unique mountain parrot, endemic to the Southern Alps of Aotearoa (New Zealand)
- Highly intelligent and neophilic
- Nine identified anthropogenic threats
- Historic conflict with New Zealand high-country farmers (estimated loss of 150,000 birds due to a government bounty)
- Continued conflict with numerous industries, organisations and communities within the kea range
- Less than 7000 individuals (Endangered)



# Enter the NGO - Kea Conservation Trust

- Formed 2006
- Based on lack of current wild data for Kea
- Lack of standards for keeping Kea in captivity
- No central repository for all Kea related information
- No connectivity between stakeholders



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# Seventeen Years Later

## The Trust has led and coordinated:

- 13 Research projects
- 12 Education and Advocacy programmes
- 7 Community Engagement projects
- 7 Threat Mitigation programmes
- 3 Kea Conferences
- Partnering with Iwi (Ngāi Tahu) and Dept of Conservation (DOC) on a Kea Recovery Programme
- Peter Hillary as our Patron
- Chair, Tamsin Orr-Walker, who has been recognised as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.



# Lessons Learned - for NGOs to 'weave' relevant conservation stakeholders

- Be objective and research led
- Small gains early on can be leveraged to engage larger organisations – so take any funds on offer
- Consult with indigenous people from the beginning. In Aotearoa, Māori practices and values (Tikanga), and Māori knowledge (Mātauranga) are integral requirements for successful conservation outcomes.
- NGO and board of trustees should remain as apolitical as possible
- Create a funding structure and organisational system where pivotal staff are paid
- Ensure motivated members/trustees and have a clear organisational strategy
- Create trusted and close relationships with all stakeholders
- Start local, bring communities together, create a sound base before expanding





# And that was the start of the One Plan Approach



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Thank you – Kia ora

