

**Table S1.** Percentages of responses from community groups ( $n = 291$ ) for further support needed from project partners in order to meet project objectives. More than one support partner is possible per support type. A 'not applicable' category (N/A) was also included.

Support types	Project partners supporting community environmental groups							Response % (excl. N/A)
	N/A	DOC	Councils	Iwi	Scientists	Businesses	Contractors	
Site visits	38.1	18.6	18.2	8.9	16.8	6.9	3.8	17.3
Technical support	39.2	16.2	10.0	1.7	14.4	2.7	3.1	11.4
Data management	41.6	7.9	9.3	1.0	8.9	4.1	2.1	7.9
On-ground works	33.7	15.1	23.0	4.8	3.4	10.0	8.6	15.4
Cultural advice	38.5	5.8	3.8	22.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	7.9
Funding	25.4	16.8	25.4	6.9	6.9	37.8	5.8	23.6
Administration	44.3	4.1	7.2	1.7	0.7	7.2	4.1	5.9
Equipment loans	36.8	9.6	13.7	3.1	3.1	11.0	4.5	10.7
Response %	41.3	13.1	15.4	7.0	7.6	11.1	4.5	

**Appendix S1.** Online questionnaire emailed to 540 community environmental groups**Community Group and Project Information**

1. What is the name of your community environmental group? If your group doesn't have a name, write the name of your restoration project(s):
2. Is your group formally established (e.g. Incorporated Society, Trust)? [Yes; No; Don't know]
3. What are your group's main aims/objectives in the immediate and long-term? Please list up to 5
4. How long has your group been in existence for? (Add TOTAL years if group existed prior to becoming a Trust or Inc. etc.) [Less than 1 yr; 1–2 yrs; 3–5 yrs; 6–10 yrs; 11+ yrs]
5. How many group members and/or volunteers participate in at least 30% of all activities (e.g. trapping, committee meetings, administration, planting)? [1–5; 6–12; 13–20; 21–50; 51–100; 101+]
6. What age are MOST group members and/or volunteers? [18 yrs and under; 19–30 yrs; 31–50 yrs; 51–65 yrs; 66+ yrs]
7. Does your group have any partners/ supporters (e.g. DOC, Councils, Iwi, Businesses) [Yes; No; Don't know]

**PART 2: Group partners / Support**

*Partners and supporters help groups achieve their aims by providing goods and services, either paid for, or in kind.*

8. Which partners currently support your group's needs? Please click any that apply  
[Matrix column headings: Not applicable; DOC; Regional/District Council; Iwi; Scientists, e.g. NIWA or Landcare; Business/Corporate; Private contractor]  
[Matrix row headings: PROJECT SITE VISITS (e.g. discuss restoration options); TECHNICAL SUPPORT (e.g. species ID); DATA MANAGEMENT (e.g. analyses, storage); ON GROUND WORKS (e.g. pest/weed control); CULTURAL ADVICE; FUNDING/SPONSORSHIP; ADMINISTRATION; EQUIPMENT/VENUE LOANS]  
Please list OTHER SUPPORT needed and WHO may provide it:
9. If NOT currently supported, or FURTHER support is needed, who could help fulfil your group's aims/objectives? Please click any that apply  
Matrix column and row headings as above  
Please list OTHER SUPPORT needed and WHO may provide it:

**Restoration project outline**

10. In which region(s) are your project(s) located? [all regions listed]
11. Which best describes where MOST of your project(s) are located? [Urban, Periurban (within a 5–10 km radius of a town or city centre), Rural]
12. Who owns MOST of the land your project(s) are on? [Private, DOC, Council/LINZ or other Crown entity, Māori, Other]
13. Which ecosystems are your group restoring? [Forest; High country; Stream; River; Freshwater wetland; Lake; Estuary; Other]

14. What is the TOTAL AREA covered by ALL of your group's current restoration project(s)? [*Less than 0.8 hectares (1 acre); 0.8–4 hectares (2–10 acres); 4.1–8 hectares (11–50 acres); 8.1–40.5 hectares (51–100 acres); 41–100 hectares (101250 acres); 101–500 hectares (251–1240 acres); More than 501 hectares (1240+ acres)*]  
Unsure about ACRES or HECTARES? Please specify total area in m<sup>2</sup> or km<sup>2</sup>
15. Which activities has your group (or contractor) carried out? Click any that apply  
[*Planting natives; Weed control; Riparian planting; Pest animal control; Advocacy/education (e.g. school/community visits); Writing submissions; Fencing; Reintroducing native bird species; Changing water levels (e.g. building weirs); Covenanted (e.g. Council, QE2); Amenity development (e.g. walkways, signage); Other activities (please specify)*]