

# GIVING THE WHIO A FIGHTING CHANCE

With whio numbers around 2500, the whio is officially vulnerable.

## GENEROUS GENESIS ENERGY

Genesis Energy and the Department of Conservation have partnered together in a five year programme to secure the future of this threatened native bird. Operating under the name of Whio Forever this partnership is implementing a national recovery plan to protect whio and promote whio conservation and awareness.

### WHIO FOREVER TOOLS

Whio Forever workers use their own special tools to help secure the whio's future.

#### TRAPS

The Whio Forever focus is on trapping predators and lowering pest numbers in areas of healthy fast flowing rivers. Predator traps are a vital tool for the future of whio



#### DOGS

Conservation Dogs are specially trained for tracking and finding different native birds, including whio in the wild. They can sniff out whio from 1km away, making it easier to find and monitor them.



#### BANDS

It's important to monitor and keep track of whio. At the security sites they are banded or micro-chipped so whio rangers can identify each bird and track their progress.



#### TRANSMITTERS

Many female whio have been fitted with radio-transmitters. During the breeding season, Whio Forever workers use aerials to pick up birds' signals and find their nesting sites.



#### WHIONE - WHIO NEST EGG

The WHIONE (Whio Nest Egg) programme involves removing whio eggs from the wild nests early in the breeding season to allow wild pairs to re-nest and raise their ducklings.

The eggs collected through WHIONE are taken to captive rearing facilities where they are incubated, hatched and reared to a survivable weight.

