



Forest type Native



Emission Reductions 162,000 tCO_{2e} total stored 14,040 tCO_{2e} annual removals



Start date 1995



Project Type Reforestation 1,394 hectares



Location Chatham Islands



Standard **Permanent Forest** Sink Initiative (PFSI)

Owenga Reserve

Owenga is the largest private conservation reserve on the Chatham Islands. 1,400 hectares of land have been covenanted for conservation and carbon sequestration under the PFSI. The owners are descended from Moriori, the original inhabitants of the Island dating back to 1500 AD.

The project is critical to the protection and restoration of the indigenous flora and fauna of the Chatham Islands. On top of acting as a permanent carbon sink, the project promotes the recovery of the Chatham's unique indigenous biodiversity including rare native bird species and plant species, found no where else on earth.

Income from the sale of carbon credits allows the owners to commit increasing resources and land to conservation management, including fencing, pest control, and fire prevention measures such as fire breaks. It also is important to enable the landowners to diversify income away from livestock farming.









