



Forest type
Native



Emission Reductions
20,000 tCO_{2e} total stored
1,300 tCO_{2e} annual removals



Start date
1996



Project Type
Regeneration
99 hectares



Location
Kaikoura



Standard
Permanent Forest Sink Initiative (PFSI) and NZ ETS

Waikene Station

The 2,700-hectare whenua of Waikene Station is located in the heart of the Seaward Kaikoura Range and was acquired by the Summerton whānau in 2010. The Summerton's aim to develop, enhance and preserve the property in a sustainable and diversified way.

The legacy of Waikene is based on a strong sense of duty and care to preserve the cultural, environmental and ecological legacy of the land for future generations. Their commitment to kaitiakitanga and ensuring the whenua is well maintained and protected includes : research into retirement of marginal land across both indigenous and non-indigenous forests; development of sustainable land management principles; engagement, collaboration and project-alignment with mana whenua related properties such as establishment of private access rights for Ngāi Tahu (Tukutuku Iwi); investment in fencing, land retirement and waterways management projects.

The business is undertaking significant afforestation projects prioritising native plants to optimise land use in addition to Mānuka production. Participation in the carbon market will support afforestation, erosion and water quality initiatives on a financial and practical level.

Carbon credits provide a sustainable commercial driver that supports the Summerton's continued progress in their vision for the property. It allows the Summerton's to move away from traditional farming options in the short to medium term.

