

Olsen FSC News

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Olsens Maintain Robust FSC Group Scheme

Our last newsletter reported on indications of a steady gain in FSC traction in the New Zealand Market. Since that time it has become apparent that in the near future, there are likely to be further corporate additions to the New Zealand stable of FSC Certified Companies. This continues the trend toward all the major companies and forest owners becoming FSC Certified and continues to motivate Olsens to maintain a robust Group Scheme system, providing a service option to clients that is likely to become increasingly relevant in the New Zealand market at both large and smaller scales.

In recent months Olsens;

1. Achieved an excellent 2006 Audit result with all past corrective actions closed and no new ones issued.
2. Welcomed into the Group Scheme portfolio another 10,000 hectares of plantation from the Gisborne area as well as another forest from the Napier region.
3. Reviewed its base pricing structure providing greater flexibility in pricing to potential new members to reflect scale and the nature and division of work involved in achieving and maintaining the FSC standard. At medium and larger scales of operations significant savings are possible.
4. Significantly upgraded sections of its website – www.pfolsen.co.nz (FSC section) to provide better reporting of key FSC aggregated information.
5. Embarked on a revision and simplification of the Group Scheme Manual to make it easier to use while better linked to Olsens foundation databases and website to further improve the efficiency of Group Scheme management and to assist in communications with Group Scheme Members and Stakeholders to better service our FSC obligations at lower cost.

N.I Brown Kiwi – Benefiting.



Over a period of some months, Olsens has been coordinating with one of our Group Scheme clients, DoC, Iwi and Environment Bay of Plenty in a joint approach to the management of a population enclave of seriously threatened N.I Brown Kiwi present in at least two forests. This species has suffered enormous declines in the Bay of Plenty region to the extent that it is on the threshold of local extinction.

N.I Brown Kiwi

The location of Kiwi following surveys undertaken as part of FSC related programmes has led to recovery of eggs from breeding pairs and subsequent successful captive breeding of chicks, as well as the capture and subsequent release to the protected predator free Tuhua (Mayor) island of 7 adult birds (3 pairs). This release – representing the first release of Kiwi to the Island – has been undertaken with high hopes that it will mark the start of a rebuilding of the Kiwi numbers in the area.

Kiwi start a new life – Tuhua Is

