

Mohua Charitable Trust

Financial Statements

For the period ended 31st March 2011.



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Trust Directory

For the period ended 31st March 2011

Nature of Business Charity

Date of Formation 31 May 2010

Charities Commission registration No. CC44741

Date of Charities registration 22 July 2010

Registered address 329 Mt Pleasant Road

Mt Pleasant, Christchurch

Settlor Nigel Babbage

Trustees Dr Graeme Elliott (Chairman)

Associate Professor Ian Jamieson (Founding

Trustee)

Mr Nigel Babbage (Treasurer)

Banker Westpac

Ferrymead

IRD number Restricted

Annual Report



For the period ended 31st March 2011

The trustee presents their Annual Report for the period ended 31st March 2011.

The Trust was launched on the 31st May 2010.

The purposes of the Trust are to provide benefits to the public of New Zealand;

to aid preservation and rehabilitation of native birds and wildlife, especially the Mohua in the South Island of New Zealand;

to promote education about native birds in New Zealand and their preservation;

to provide funding for the discovery, collection, relocation and rehabilitation of native birds including the Mohua.

to engage, promote and assist in any manner directly or indirectly, individuals, movements, groups and organisations which are endeavouring to preserve native birds and wildlife in New Zealand or engaged in any charitable activity in New Zealand with similar objects as approved by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue and/or the provisions of the Charities Act 2005;

to do all such things as are conducive to the provision, supply and promotion of the above objects and any other charitable purpose which the Trustees desire and which are acceptable to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue and/or the Charities Act 2005 or any Act in substitution.

Projects

In October 2010 the trust together with the Birdlife International Community Conservation Fund successfully helped fund a

MOHUA TRANSLOCATION TO THE EGLINTON VALLEY

Mohua (or yellowheads) (*Mohoua ochrocephala*) are small forest birds found in the South Island of New Zealand. They were once common, but since the introduction of stoats and rats in the 1800s they have disappeared from most of the South Island. They have been introduced to five predator-free islands as an insurance against their extinction.

Up until the 1980s, the Eglinton Valley in eastern Fiordland was one of the Mohua's strongholds, but by 2010 only 18 birds were known to live in the valley.

The Eglinton Valley now has a comprehensive programme of rat and stoat control but the mohua population is so small that recovery to historic levels will take a long time. The road

through the Eglinton Valley is one of New Zealand's main tourist routes and it is one of the best places to see native forest birds. For these reasons the Mohua Recovery Group decided to transfer some mohua from the thriving Chalky Island population in western Fiordland back into the Eglinton Valley to speed the recovery of the population there.

On 21 October a party of 10 flew by helicopter to Chalky Island where they camped overnight. At first light on 22 October they started catching mohua in mist nets using recorded calls to attract birds into nets. 69 mohua were caught and at 2pm they were flown 170km by helicopter for immediate release in the Eglinton Valley at Kiosk Creek. A party of about 30 locals had gathered to witness the release.

All the birds released appeared in good condition, and all flew straight up into the trees.

Mohua were closely monitored in the Eglinton Valley after release. Although 57 of the released birds were re-sighted, they dispersed widely so that by March only 34 birds were still known to be in the valley. The released birds quickly paired-up and nested. Twenty-four paired and nested with other released birds, and five paired and nested with birds already in the valley. A total of 62 new mohua fledged during the summer of 2010-2011, and 39 of them were produced by pairs comprising at least one released bird. By March 2011 the mohua population in the Eglinton Valley comprised 18 existing residents, at least 34 released birds and 62 fledglings – a total of 114 birds.

The transfer has been a resounding success.

We would like to sincerely thank the **Birdlife International Community Conservation Fund** for their generous donation towards the translocation of the Mohua. The effective use of helicopters in the translocation minimised the duration the birds were held captive and thus resulted in a zero mortality rate for this translocation.

Report by : Graeme Elliott Chairman of the Mohua Charitable Trust - May 2011

Due to the biological timeline of the mohua settling and nesting in a new habitat, further studies of the area will take place in October 2011 and a detailed report will be available in December 2011. This report will help verify the success of the Mohua Translocation in October 2010.

The Trust is currently developing a website and it is expected to launch this website in September 2011.

The Trust is extremely passionate and committed to aid preservation and rehabilitation of native birds and wildlife, especially the Mohua in the South Island of New Zealand. The Trust is currently working on funding a project on conservation genetics of rock wren (Xenicus gilviventris) and a predator control programme in Wanaka.

For and on	behalf of the Trustees;
Trustee	
Date	

Statement of Financial Performance

For the period ended 31st March 2011



2011

\$

Revenue

Donation Income

Mohua Limited 9,980.00
Birdlife International Community Conservation Fund 6,000.00
Interest 106.95

Total Revenue \$16,086.95

Expenses

Translocation Project 22 Oct 2010 Helicopter flights 9,108.00

Total Expenses \$9,108.00

Net Surplus \$6,978.95

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31st March 2011



	2011
	\$
Trust Equity	
Opening Balance Plus Net Surplus	20.00 6,978.95
Total Trust Equity	\$ 6,998.9 \$
This is represented by:	
Current Assets	
Westpac Cheque account	1.82
Westpac Savings account	6,997.13
Total Assets	\$6,998.95
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Net Assets	<u>\$6,998.95</u>
For and on behalf of the Trustees;	
Trustee	Date

Notes to the Financial Statements

As at 31st March 2011



Reporting Entity

Mohua Charitable Trust is a registered charitable trust under the Charitable Trust Act of 1957 and the Charities Act 2005.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice. The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of the financial performance and financial position on a historical cost basis are followed by the Trust. The information is presented in New Zealand Dollars.

There are no comparative figures in this report as the trust was established on the 31st May 2010. The reporting timeframe in this report is the 12th October 2010 to 31st March 2011.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies what materially effect the measurement of the Financial Performance and Financial Position has been supplied.

- (a) Cash based accounting method is used.
- (b) The Mohua Charitable Trust qualifies as a charitable entity registered under the Charities Act 2005 and as such is exempt from Income Tax and RWT Tax.
- (c) The Trust is not registered for GST.
- (d) There are no capital commitments at balance date.
- (f) At balance date there are no known contingent liabilities. The Mohua Charitable Trust has not granted any securities in respect of liabilities payable by any other party whatsoever.