

## Walking, running or tramping in a Kauri forest?

You can help protect Kauri from the PA pathogen that causes kauri dieback disease



## Why do we need to protect Kauri?

Kauri are a taonga (treasure) of Aotearoa New Zealand, and the third-largest conifer in the world. Kauri are threatened by a soil-borne pathogen called *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA), which causes the fatal condition known as kauri dieback disease.

By stopping the PA pathogen from spreading, or being introduced, we can help protect Kauri for future generations.

Here's how to protect Kauri when you're walking, running or tramping in a Kauri forest:



**Clean** your footwear, hiking poles, dog paws, and all gear that will touch the forest floor, so it is dirt-free before you enter and before you leave the forest.\*



**Stay** on established boardwalks, or gravel tracks, or gravel roads, so you are not touching the forest floor.



**Use** all hygiene stations you come across to clean your footwear and gear.\*\*



**Respect** track closures and rāhui (protective restrictions).

Going off-track endangers Kauri.

<sup>\*</sup>If you go off-track and don't clean these items, you could receive an infringement notice and fine, or a criminal conviction, according to rule 8 of the National Plan for the protection of Kauri.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If you don't use hygiene stations, you could receive an infringement notice and fine, or a criminal conviction, according to rule 9 of the National Plan for the protection of Kauri.

## The National Plan for the protection of Kauri

In August 2022, a National Plan was launched to help protect Kauri from the PA pathogen. The National Plan includes 10 rules that apply to anyone who goes into Kauri forests, grows Kauri, or lives or works around Kauri.

For more information, visit www.kauriprotection.co.nz/national-plan

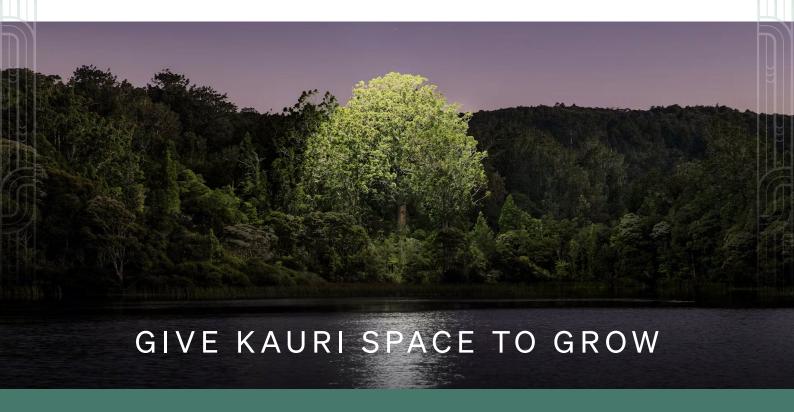


Cleaning your footwear and gear helps protect Kauri

## Going off-track endangers Kauri

If you don't stay on established tracks in a Kauri forest, there is a higher risk you could spread the PA pathogen, so you must carry your own hygiene kit and follow best-practice protocols.

For details, see the 'Kauri Ora: Hygiene Principles' best practice guide on www.kauriprotection.co.nz





Tiakina Kauri is an agency based within Biosecurity New Zealand that provides national direction for the achievement of the objectives of the National Plan for Kauri, through active partnership with mana whenua and collaboration with regional councils and the Department of Conservation.