What is the Crown Forestry Rental Trust?

The Crown Forestry Rental Trust is an independent trust that was created by Maori and the Crown. It was established in 1990 to receive the rental proceeds from licensees of Crown forest land.

The Trust assists Maori to prepare, present and negotiate Treaty claims which involve Crown forest licensed land. It does this by providing funding and research assistance to eligible groups.

Why was the Trust Established?

In 1988 the Crown decided to sell the 90 State-owned forests. Much of the land on which the forests grew was subject to Treaty of Waitangi claims. Privatisation meant the land would no longer be available for future Treaty settlements.

The NZ Maori Council and the Federation of Maori Authorities, on behalf of all Maori, took the Crown to court to stop the sales. The parties reached an agreement in July 1989, whereby the Crown could sell the trees but not the land.

Forest companies pay an annual rental which is held by the Trust until ownership of the land is determined. Ownership may be determined by either the Waitangi Tribunal or in negotiations with the Office of Treaty Settlements.

The Trust uses interest earned from the invested rental money to help Maori prepare their claims to the disputed Crown forest licensed lands.

What Does The Trust Do?

- Holds and manages annual rental fees for Crown forest licensed lands
- Invests the rentals as per its Trust Deed (Available for viewing on our website).
- Uses the interest earned on the rentals to help Maori claimants access research and other services to prepare, present and negotiate claims involving Crown Forest licensed lands
- Transfers the accumulated rentals to the confirmed beneficiary, when a determination of ownership has been made by the Waitangi Tribunal or when ownership has been resolved by negotiation between the claimants and the Office of Treaty Settlements.

Is the Trust a Government Agency?

No. The Trust is an independent organisation. It receives no taxpayer funding. "The Trust is not an instrument of the Crown, nor of the Government of New Zealand."

How is the Trust Governed?

A board of six Trustees is appointed to the Trust. The current Trustees are Gregory Fortuin, Angela Foulkes, Sir Graham Latimer (Chairman), Paul Morgan, Kingi Smiler and Janet Mason.

How Much Rental Money is in Trust?

As at 31 March 2007, the Trust held a total of $456.7 million in forest rental proceeds. $76 million has been used to assist Claimants Prepared, Present and Negotiate claims.

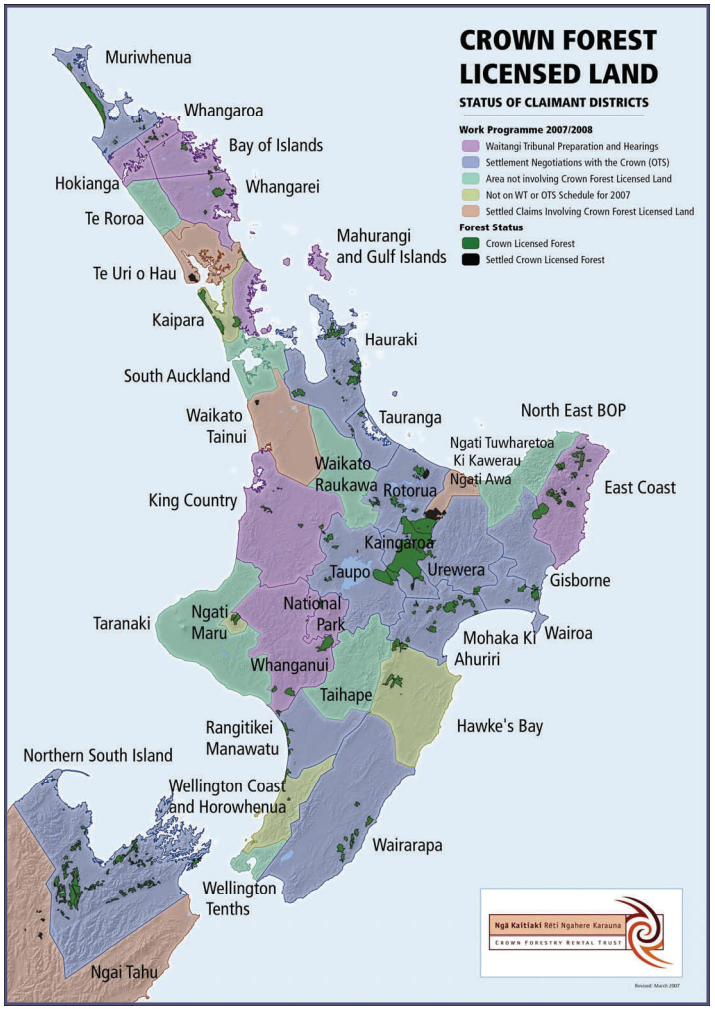
What Does the Trust fund?

The Trust funds historical research so Maori can demonstrate that their claims are well-founded.

Claimants seeking to settle historical claims must prove Crown action or omission has breached the promises made in the Treaty of Waitangi and that they have suffered prejudice as a result (Section 6 – Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975).

The Trust works closely with eligible claimant groups to design research plans that cover relevant claimant issues within a Waitangi Tribunal district. The Trust contracts professional research and mapping contractors on behalf of claimant groups.

Further information, including the Trust Deed can be found on our website at http://www.cfrt.org.nz



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NZ ESRI GIS Users Group Conference

Rotorua 7- 9th November 2007

Why is the Trust at the UG Conference?

Mapping forms an integral part of the Treaty Claim Settlement process, providing a visualization and analysis of both historical and contemporary geographical data.

The Trust is sponsoring a number of interested claimants to this years conference from Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngaiterangi, Waikato Tainui, Ngati Porou, and Hauraki Iwi. The Trust is also sponsoring a GIS Intern student this summer.

We are supporting the User Group Conference this year as a Bronze Sponsor, to assist the development of our contracting networks, and to illustrate the Trusts activities throughout Aotearoa to other interested parties and stakeholders.

Are there Opportunities for Contractors?

The Trust funds a significant number of research and mapping projects each year. We are continually seeking to develop our contractor base.

We are always looking for talented contractors and companies with skills and experience in working with Maori groups, historical research, and that have a high level of Cartographic expertise. Please refer to the map indicating our "Work Programme for 2007/2008" on the cover of this flier for our areas of particular interest over the coming months.

What Types of Projects are Available?

All mapping projects are contracted to suitably skilled and experienced mapping contractors. Projects normally involve working with claimants to undertake data capture, historical research and cartography .

Projects usually are 2-15 weeks in length, and involve working closely with claimant groups, with about 1/5 of that time being direct claimant contact.

We also prepare a range of maps to assist historical reports, the series below depicts land alienation from 1840 to 2000 for the Waitangi Tribunal's Whanganui Inquiry.

What GIS systems Does the Trust Have?

The Trust's Mapping Facilitator maintains a large geographic data warehouse to support the many projects within each district throughout the country.

ESRI ArcGIS formats are our base software and database types, and ArcReader projects promoted as "ArcFlax" are widely distributed to contracted clients and specialists throughout New Zealand.

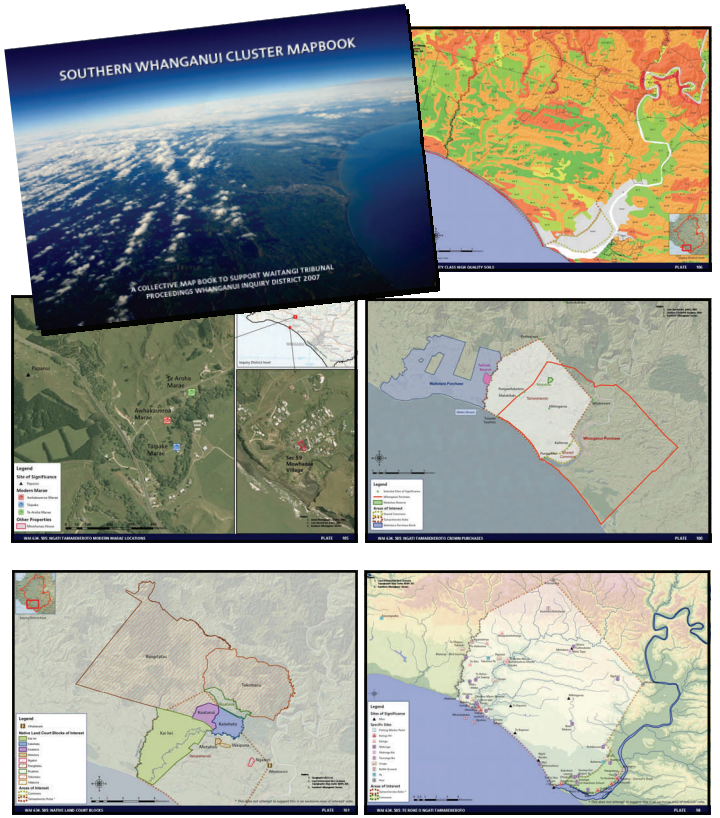
Can we get Copies of the Trusts Maps?

We never distribute claimant specific maps, however within the normal process of a Waitangi Tribunal hearing, a number of historical maps are collected and district wide contemporary maps can be made available digitally on request.

Where can I find more Information?

Look out for our display here at the ESRI GIS Users Conference, where you can see a range of maps.

You are welcome to stop by for a look, and pick up further information about the Trust and publications regarding the Historical Treaty Claim Settlement Process.



Ngati Tamareheroto - Claimant Map Selection

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