

IN DEFENCE OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION AS A NATURAL CLIMATE SOLUTION FOR REGENERATIVE TOURISM IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

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Demand for long-haul flights and high carbon tourism in Aotearoa New Zealand has consequences for its unique biodiversity. In response, ecological restoration has become an indispensable strategy to address climate and ecological breakdown within the emerging regenerative tourism paradigm. It focuses on terrestrial and marine programs, discussed in relation to green carbon (eco-sanctuaries) and blue carbon (coastal and marine protected areas) respectively. This research project will draw on recent work by environment philosophers to provide evidence that ecological restoration can respond to the human and biophysical systems and approach the task from an Aotearoa New Zealand viewpoint. By looking at regenerative tourism and its reactions to environmental matters, this research project will contribute to understanding of the role of ecological restoration in achieving the cooperation between climate change and biodiversity and debate in such areas which span the biophysical and social sciences.

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