
New Zealand Statement of Strategic Interest in Antarctica *Revised 2002*

New Zealand is committed to conservation of the intrinsic and wilderness values of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, for the benefit of the world community and for present and future generations of New Zealanders. This will be reflected in active and responsible stewardship, under the Antarctic Treaty System, that promotes New Zealand's interest in:

National and international peace and security through a commitment to keeping Antarctica peaceful, nuclear free and its environment protected;

Continued influence in Antarctic governance through maintaining an effective role in the Antarctic Treaty system, and maintaining its long-term interest, commitment to and credible presence in the Ross Dependency;

Conserving, protecting, and understanding the biodiversity of Antarctica and the Southern Ocean, in particular the biodiversity of the Ross Sea region, including promotion, protection and management of representative special areas, and enhancing bio security;

Conservation and sustainable management of the marine living resources of the Southern Ocean, and in particular the Ross Sea, in accordance with the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR) and the Antarctica Environmental Protocol, and within this context supporting strong environmental standards and sustainable economic benefits;

Supporting and where appropriate leading, high quality Antarctic and Southern Ocean science that benefits from the unique research opportunities provided by Antarctica;

Demonstrating and advocating for best practice in environmental stewardship and all other activities throughout Antarctica, and in particular the Ross Sea region;

Ensuring that all activity is undertaken in a manner consistent with Antarctica's status as a natural reserve devoted to peace and science.
