



SEASONS GREETINGS

The team at MPI wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and holiday season. Please note our offices will be closed over the Christmas period from Monday 24 December, reopening Monday 7 January.



SONG OF THE KAURI DOCUMENTARY

Song of the Kauri is a unique documentary that mixes music, politics, ecology, and economics.

It explores the current perspectives and tensions surrounding the sustainable planting of Kauri, and the latent economic and creative potential of our sleeping giants.

Karamea Davis is a kaitiaki of the forest block Waingarara, a man who holds the stories of generations past. He welcomes us into his world, shows us the mighty kauri and talks of a land before European settlement. Aotearoa, the land of the long white cloud.

Steve Lane, a forester (previously a registered sawmiller with MAF) with several generations of history in the NZ bush fells and mills a kauri destined for the tops of guitars and violins which will travel the world. Steve takes us on a journey into the past and future of the New Zealand native bush.

www.songofthekauri.com



A Laurie Williams kauri violin

SIGNIFICANT FINE FOR ILLEGAL MILLING OF NATIVE TIMBER

A Whakatane man has been fined \$15,000 plus a further \$15,000 in reparation to the Ministry for Primary Industries for milling indigenous timber. Ministry investigations found the defendant was milling and selling matai and rimu from the Waimana area without approval of any kind, and offering a quantity of milled totara, rimu and matai for sale. The defendant Stuart McKenzie Neilson pleaded guilty to illegally milling approx 17 m³ of rimu and matai at the Whakatane District Court.

Over \$50,000 worth of seized timber was also forfeit to the Crown with a judicial recommendation that it be returned to the local Hapu. "The nature of this offence is serious. The laws relating to our indigenous forests should be vigorously applied and should be complied with for a range of reasons, most significantly to protect New Zealand's natural resources and environment." (MPI Northern Compliance Manager Greg Keys).

Volumes of indigenous timber milled in the 2011/2012 year (over 20 m³)

Rimu	2525
Kauri	1385
	(predominantly swamp kauri)
Totara	396
Matai	739
Kahikatea	66
Miro	35
Tawa	150
Silver Beech	9156
Red Beech	1129
Hard Beech	326
Hinau	22

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