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## HOW TO LEAVE A LASTING GIFT to the West Coast Penguin Trust – a gift that will live on for years after you

A gift in your will can help future generations of the *Nationally Endangered* Fiordland crested penguin, *Declining* populations of blue penguin and our precious Westland petrel to survive and thrive in their natural West Coast habitat. Thank you for considering such a valuable and valued bequest.

Ongoing conservation work to protect penguin breeding habitat and understand and control threats to penguins, seabirds and the coastal environment generally includes research, predator control, advocacy, education, and promotion. Ensuring the survival of penguins and other declining seabirds on the West coast is a long-term task.

Bequests will help secure their survival.

## Leaving a legacy to protect wildlife on the West Coast

Bequests are for everyone, ordinary hardworking people who want to make a difference, just like us. Once you have put your loved ones first, there may be room for our much loved penguins and there are several ways you can remember the West Coast Penguin Trust in your will to support the Trust's many conservation programmes:

- 1. You may wish to leave a stated amount of money;
- 2. You may wish to leave a share (percentage) of your existing assets;
- 3. You may wish to leave a specific asset; or
- 4. You may wish to leave part or all of the residue of your estate.

What does this involve?

All this requires is a simple provision in your will. Your solicitor or legal advisor will help you and can suggest the appropriate wording to ensure you achieve all you wish for your family and others. Please consider leaving your bequest for general purposes so that it will be best used for our various conservation programmes.

## Suggested wording:

"I give and bequeath to the West Coast Penguin Trust of New Zealand, Charity Registration Number CC35412  $\dots$ 

- the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, or
- % of my estate, or
- the residual of my Estate after all prior provisions have been met, or
- the following property or assets: ......

... for the general purposes of the said charity, and I direct that the receipt of a duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors".

## If you'd like to link giving now to giving later

When you plan a gift through your long-term estate or financial plans, you can strengthen your connection to the West Coast in a way that will endure even after you are gone.

However, rather than waiting for maybe 20 or 30 years or more, you may also like to do something now. If you have a bequest in mind, you may like to consider providing a little interest income on that sum to the Trust now. The beauty of this is that you enjoy the connection to the Trust that the on-going gift offers and at the same time can be kept informed of programmes that are directly benefitting from your gift.

It also helps with the final bequest ......the forever gift.

Whoever you are, whatever your situation, you can help make a difference and help create a better world by including a gift to a charity in your will.

It's easy to leave a gift in your will, and a gift can be as big or as little as you wish, it just needs to be meaningful to you.

Thank you again - you can be confident that your gift will make a difference and will always be remembered.

Please let us know thus enabling us to thank you now, rather than your Executor later. Simply write to us or send an email and please contact us if you would like to discuss this further with our Manager or with a Trustee.