

NEW ZEALAND'S WORLD HERITAGE

"In wildness is the preservation of the world."

The world heritage mirrors the world. Its natural glories possess a value we cherish because they are untouched by human hand.

NEW ZEALAND AT PRESENT has two world heritage sites - South-west New Zealand, a 2.6 million ha area promoted by Forest and Bird since 1985 and Tongariro National Park. Both were granted World Heritage status in December 1990.

The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society is now launching a campaign for a further three World Heritage sites: the subantarctic islands, Kermadec Islands and North-west Nelson. The following photographic essay portrays just a few of the special natural features of the areas that would help qualify them for World Heritage status.

