

# Carbon Financed Indigenous Reforestation at Scale



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## Indigenous Reforestation For:

- Erosion-prone lands
- Riparian lands
- Marginal farmland

## Purpose:

- Climate resilience
- Water quality enhancement
- Biodiversity protection
- Supporting local communities

At Scale



Carbon-Financed  
Sustainable Land  
Management

# How Does it Work?

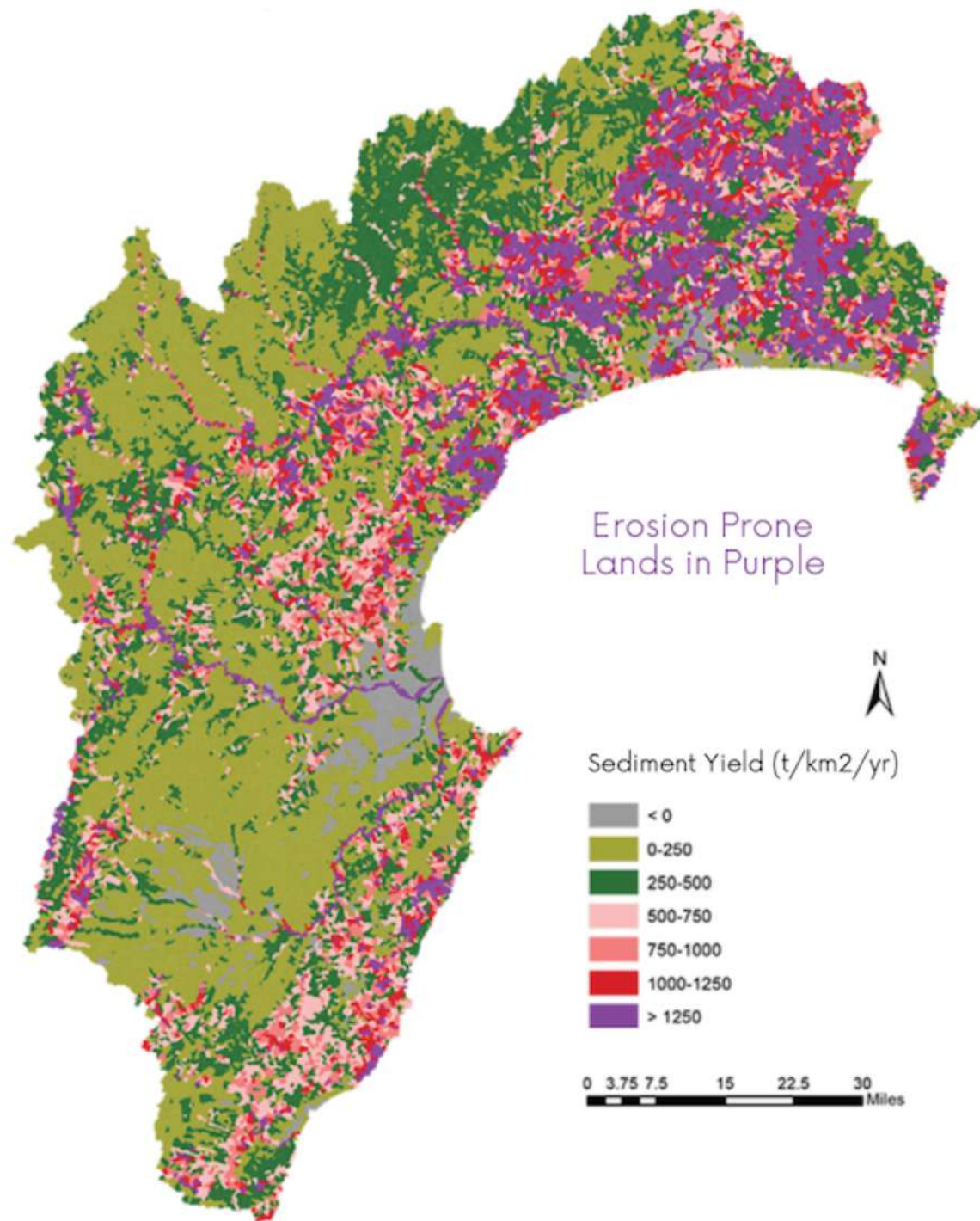
## The Economics of Indigenous Forest Carbon



### Examples:

- Large: Hawke's Bay
- Medium: Corporate insetting
- Small: Tasman District

# HAWKE'S BAY SEDIMENT YIELD





# Hawke's Bay Example

200,000 ha reforested by 2030

We need to turn this...



Baseline Revenue  
= Beef & Lamb

...into this



Project Revenue  
= ?

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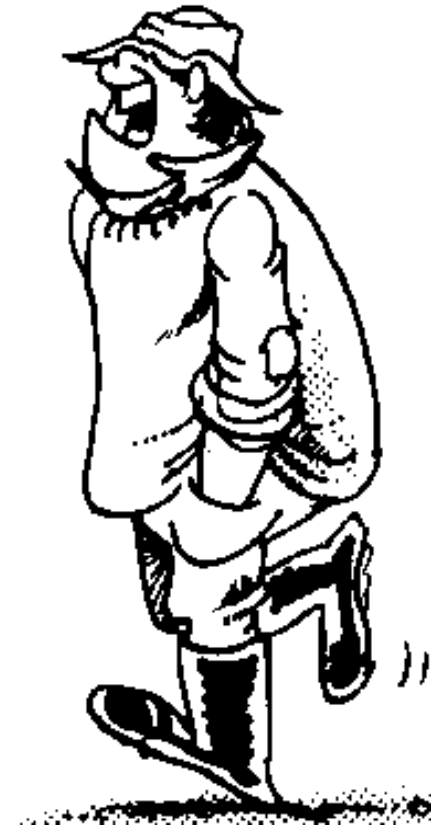
200,000 ha reforestation

I'm not gonna  
retire my back  
paddocks unless  
carbon can match  
my beef & lamb  
income

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# Hawke's Bay Example

200,000 ha reforested by 2030

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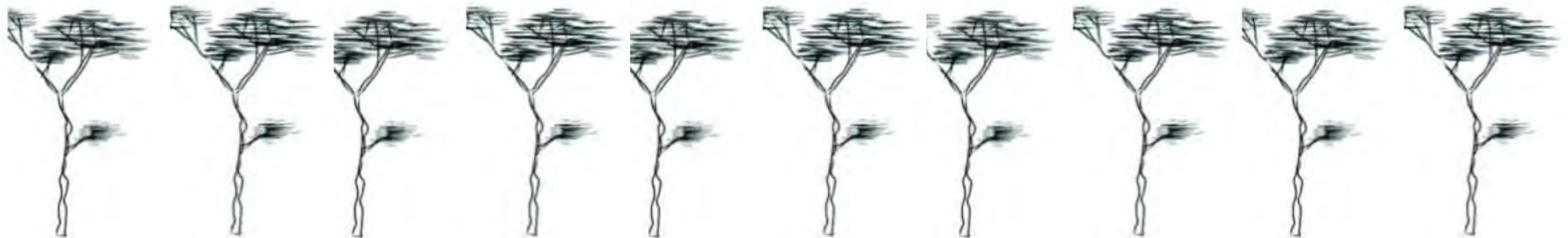
IRR = 0%

Payed for itself by = after 2050

Pay farmer & conservation = **-\$217m (NPV)**

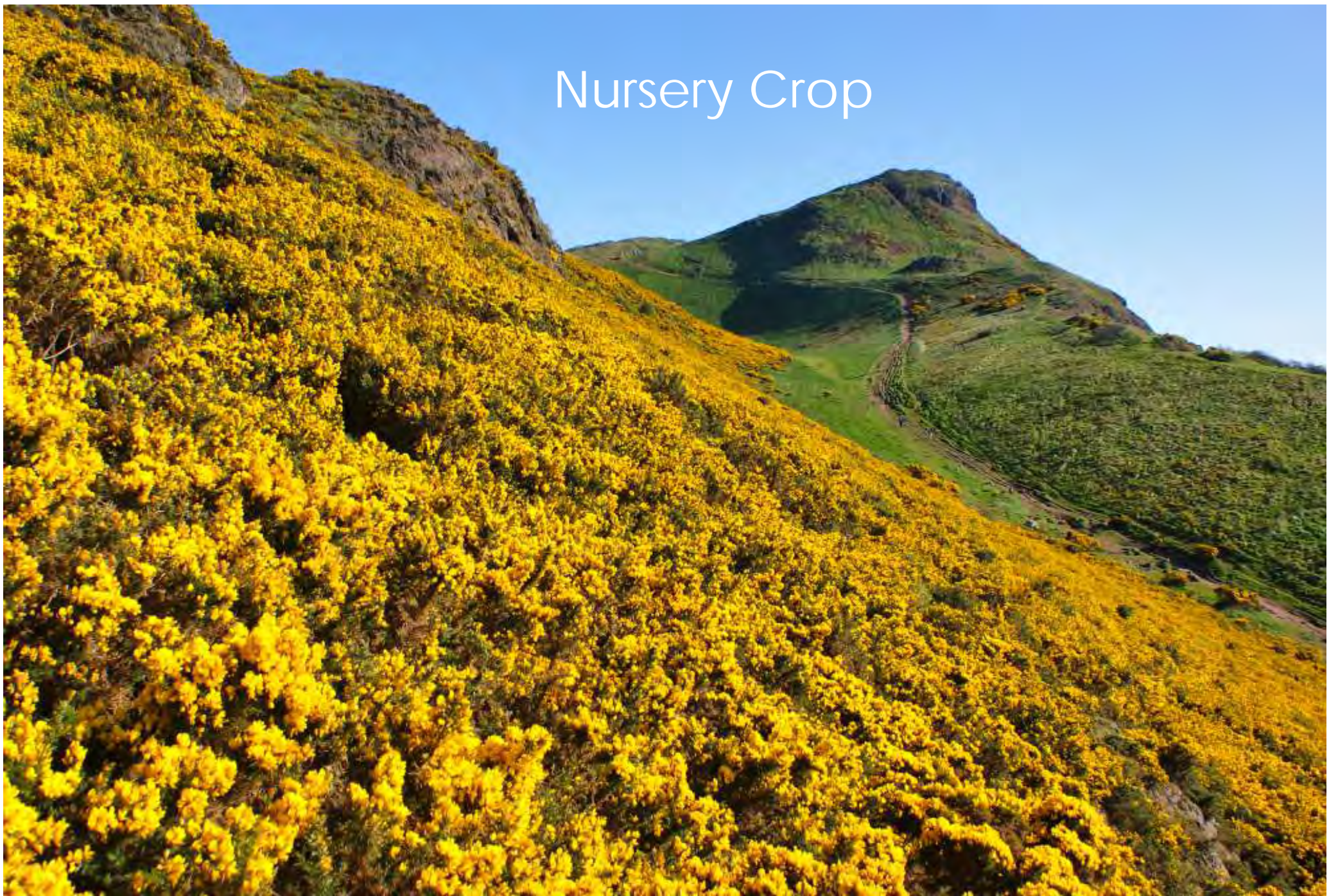


## Indigenous





# Nursery Crop







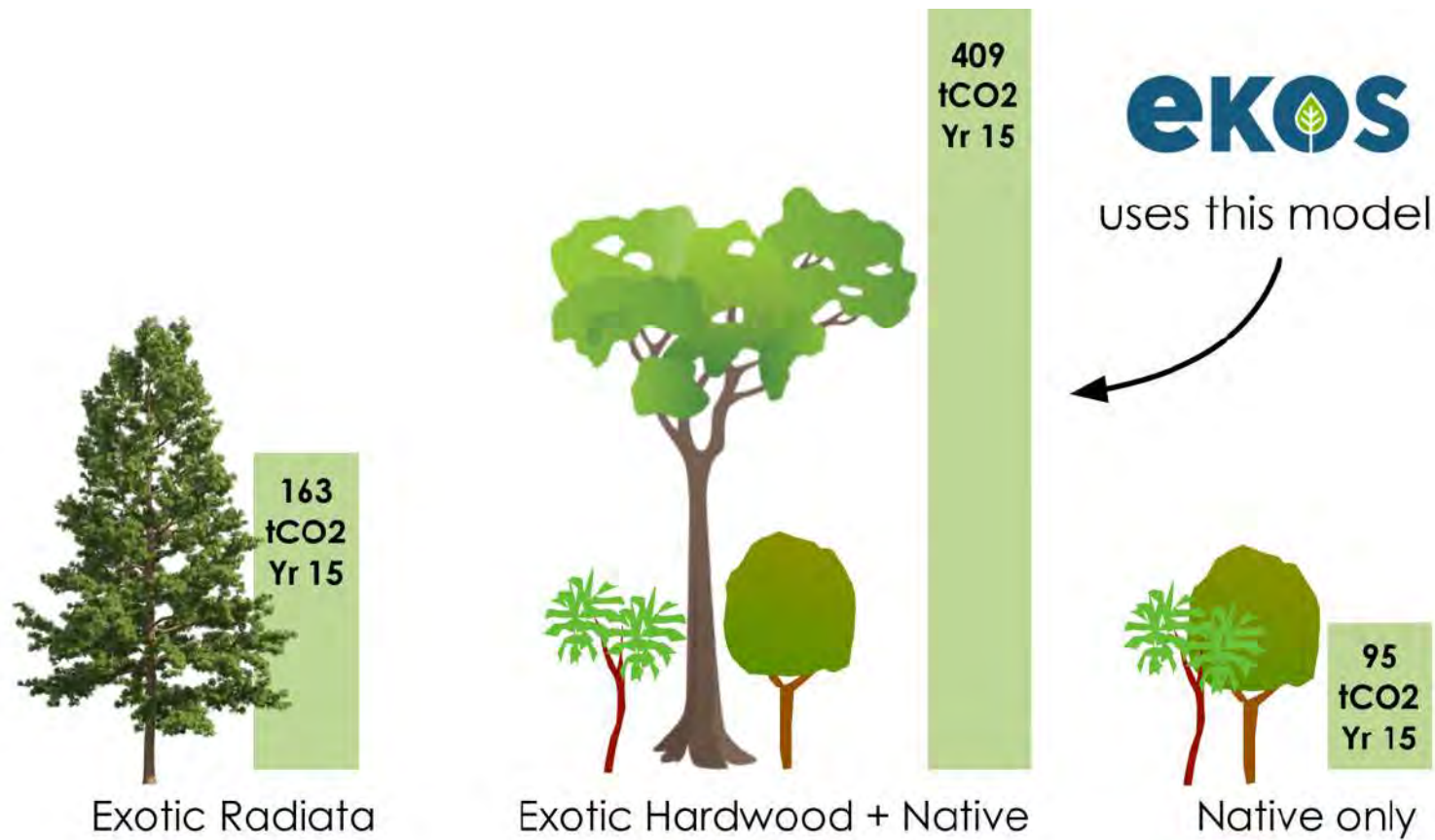
Nursery Crop

**Table 2: Carbon stock per hectare for Douglas-fir, exotic softwoods, exotic hardwoods and indigenous forest** (expressed as tonnes of carbon dioxide per hectare)

Age (yrs)	Douglas-fir	Exotic softwoods	Exotic hardwoods	Indigenous forest
0	0	0	0	0
1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6
2	0.1	1	3	1.2
3	0.4	3	13	2.5
4	1	12	34	4.6
5	2	26	63	7.8
6	4	45	98	12.1
7	7	63	137	17.5
8	20	77	176	24.0
9	33	87	214	31.6
10	50	95	251	40.2
11	69	106	286	49.8
12	90	118	320	60.3
13	113	132	351	71.5
14	138	147	381	83.3
15	165	163	409	95.5

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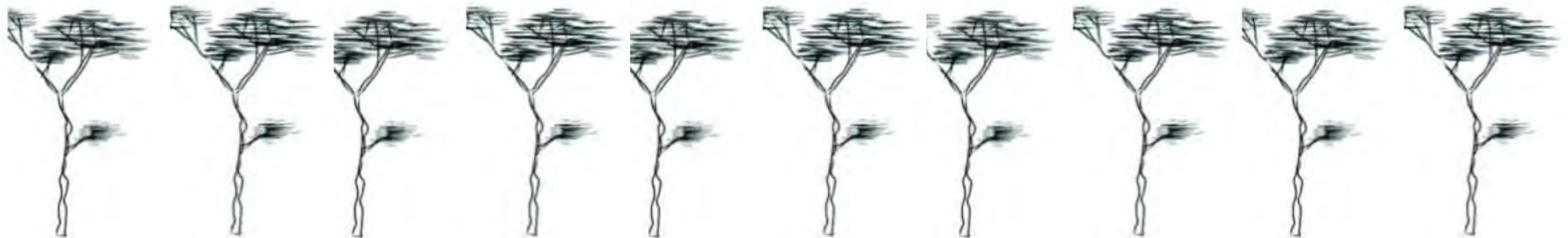
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## Indigenous



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200,000 ha reforested by 2030

Net Investment = \$400m

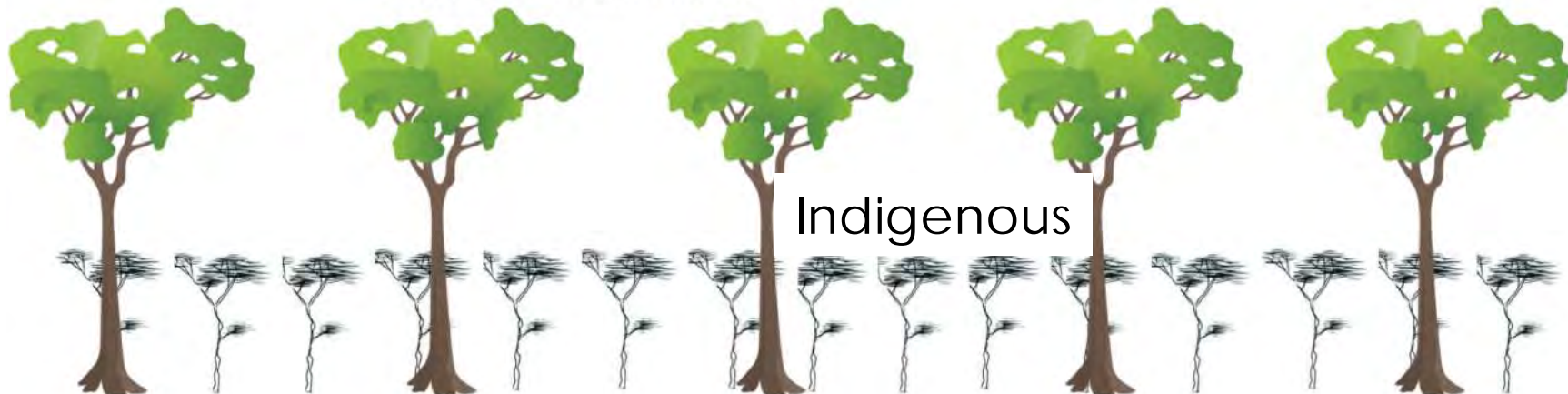
IRR = 13.5%

Payed for itself by = 2035

Pay farmer & conservation = \$136m (NPV)



Exotic Hardwoods



# Hawke's Bay Example

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Net Investment = \$400m

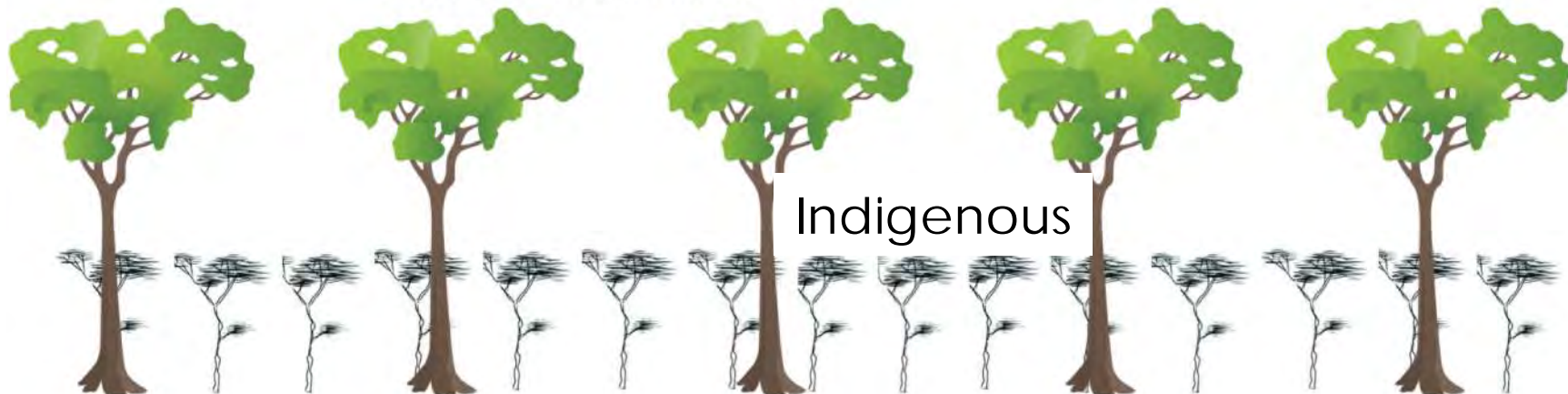
HB Regional Council = \$100m

Central Government = \$200m

Private Sector = \$100m (Green Bond)



Exotic Hardwoods



# Nelson Example: Wakapuaka

20 ha reforested by 2020

Net Investment = \$190k

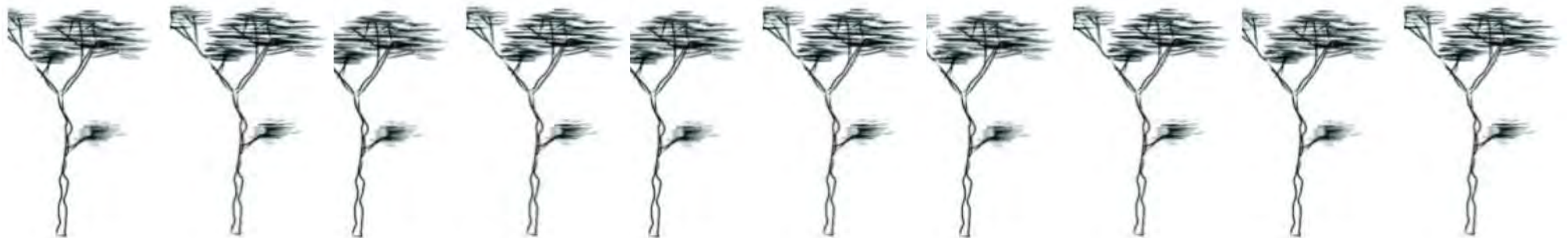
IRR = 0%

Payed for itself by = never

Pay farmer & conservation = **-\$150k (NPV)**



## Indigenous





# Nelson Example: Wakapuaka

20 ha reforested by 2020

Net Investment = \$170k

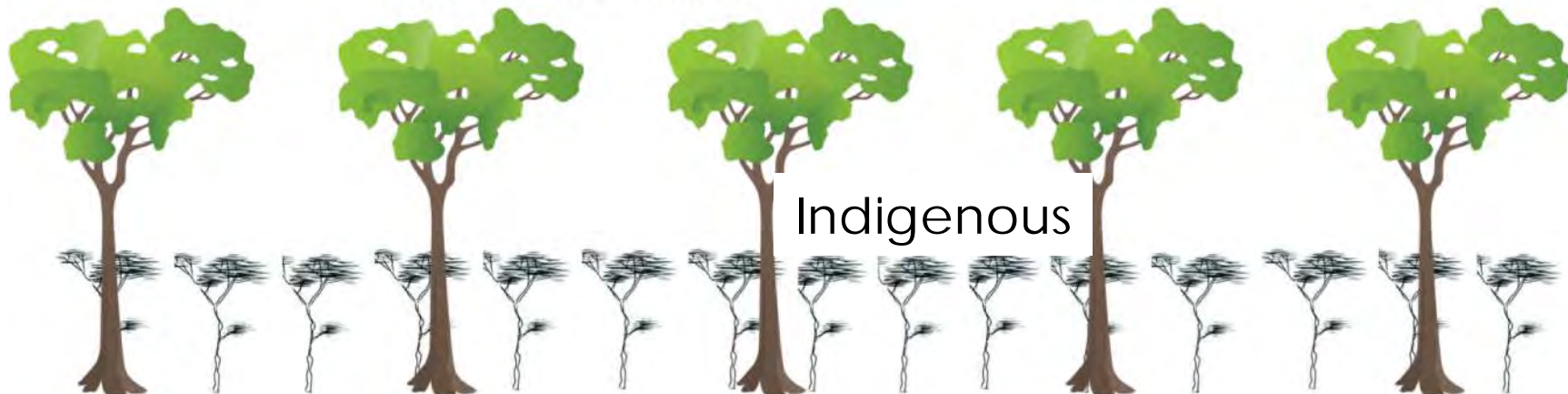
IRR = 5.6%

Payed for itself by = 2034

Pay farmer & conservation = \$15k (NPV)



Exotic Hardwoods



# Nelson Example: Wakapuaka

20 ha reforested by 2020

Net Investment = \$120k

IRR = 8.1%

Payed for itself by = 2031

Pay farmer & conservation = \$61k (NPV)



If no  
fencing

Exotic Hardwoods



# Nelson Example: Wakapuaka

20 ha reforested by 2020

Net Investment = \$120k

IRR = 9.8%

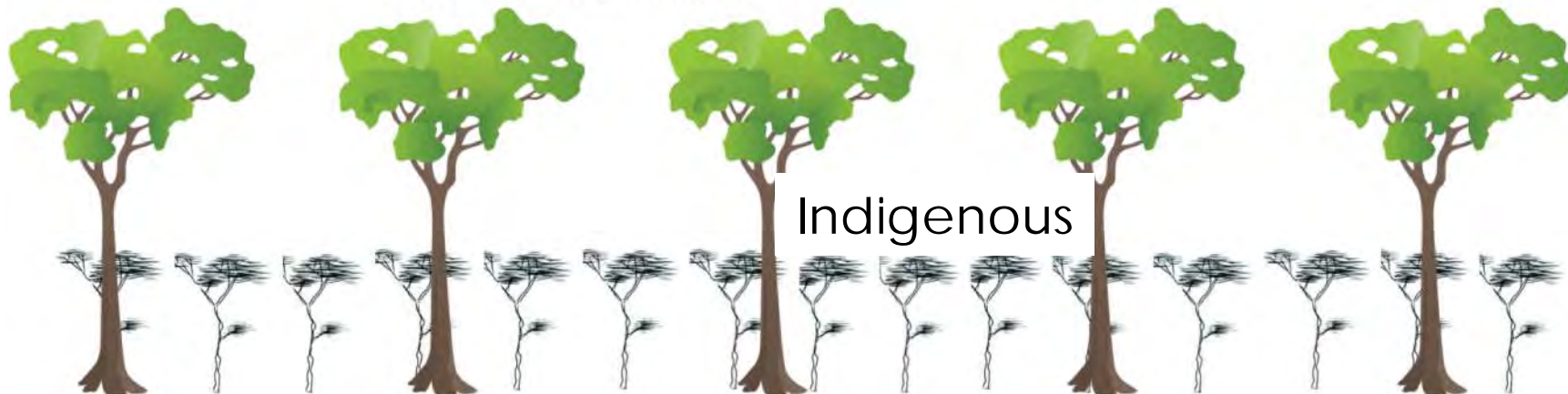
Payed for itself by = 2030

Pay farmer & conservation = \$110k (NPV)



If no  
fencing  
+  
Manuka  
honey

Exotic Hardwoods



Indigenous

# Tasman Example: 4 Properties

## Investment Analysis (no timber harvesting)

Landowner:	A	B	C	D
Area:	3.4 ha	16.8 ha	41 ha	3.9 ha
IRR:	2.3%	14.5%	15.3%	10.5%
NPV:	(\$7,167)	\$94,841	\$229,475	\$17,190
Capital required:	\$16,279	\$43,014	\$98,912	\$16,768
Capital required / ha:	\$4,788	\$2,560	\$2,412	\$4,300
Payback period:	26 yrs	9 yrs	9 yrs	11 yrs
Trees Planted:	3,155	8,064	19,680	1,872

Exotic Hardwoods





# Tasman Example: 4,000ha

## Project returns summary

Net Present Value	Total Project	Farmer	Private Capital	Public Capital
Present Value of Discrete FCFs	\$8,531,069	\$2,840,846	\$5,986,868	(\$296,645)
Present Value of Terminal Value	-	-	-	-
<b>Total NPV</b>	<b>\$8,531,069</b>	<b>\$2,840,846</b>	<b>\$5,986,868</b>	<b>(\$296,645)</b>
Internal Rate of Return (IRR)				
IRR (explicit cashflows)	7.3%	7.3%	13.0%	4.8%
Payback Period				
Total capital expenditure	\$18,276,800	\$6,086,208	\$3,551,775	\$8,629,779
Cashflow breakeven	14 years	14 years	9 years	18 years
Discounted cashflow breakeven	22 years	22 years	22 years	
Other tangible project benefits				
Area (ha)	4,000.0			
Number of trees planted	4,240,000			
Average carbon credits per year (yrs 1-10)	95,111			
Average carbon credits per year (yrs 11-20)	116,400			
Average carbon credits per year (yrs 21-30)	72,000			

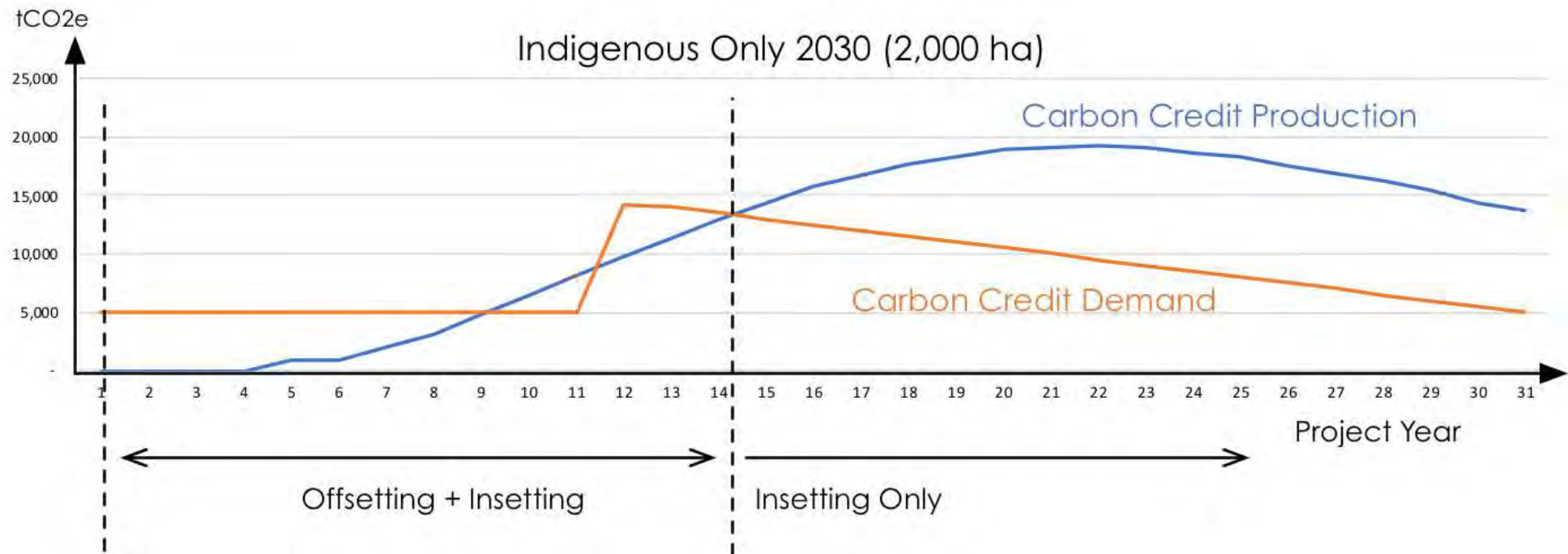


Reforestation area delivered by public grant



Reforestation area delivered by PPP

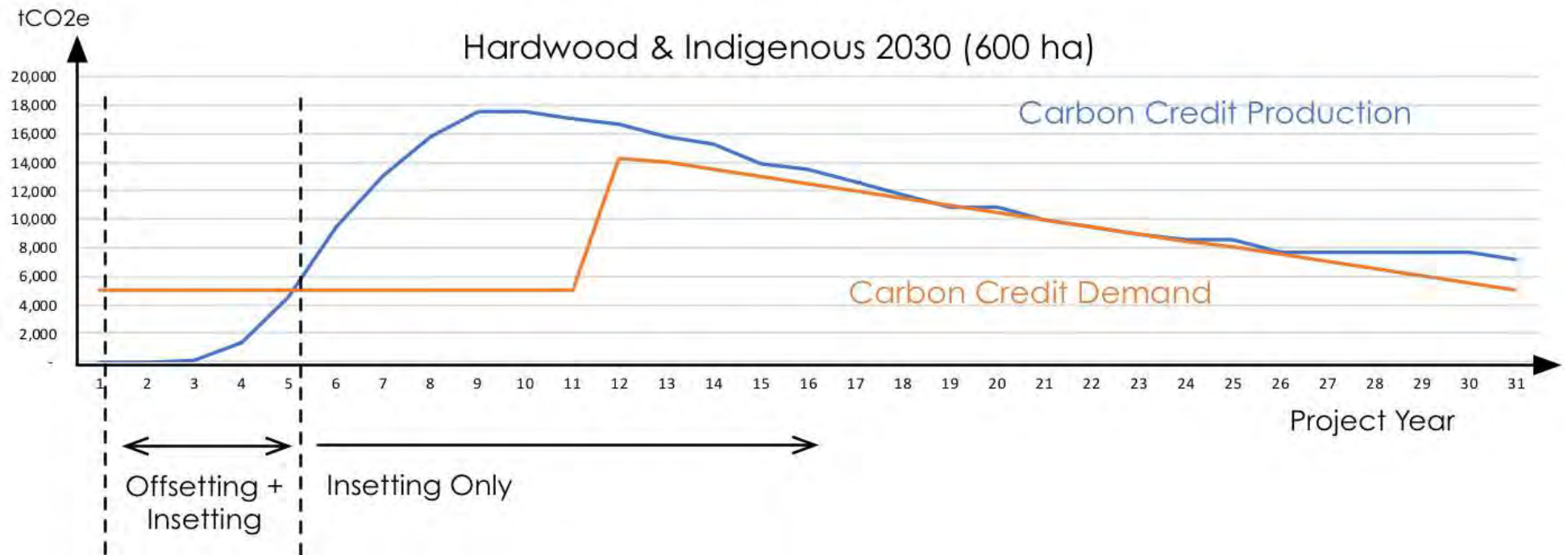
# Carbon Insetting Project



**Table 3.2.2.2a: NPV Net Zero Carbon by 2030 on 2,000 ha**

Total Insetting Project Costs (NPV)	(\$15,858,570)
Total Offsetting costs (NPV) (i.e. buying offsets only)	(\$2,936,691)
Cash Flow Winner: Offsetting (NPV benefit)	\$12,921,879
Effective insetting carbon price	\$58.25

# Carbon Insetting Project



**Table 3.2.3.1b: Leased Land - NPV Net Zero Carbon by 2025 on 600 ha (exotic hardwood & indigenous)**

Scenario	Insetting NPV \$m	Offsetting NPV \$m	Effective Insetting Carbon Price <sup>5</sup>
Base Case <sup>1</sup>	(\$4.2)	(\$3.7)	\$13.04
Severe downside <sup>2</sup>	(\$4.5)	(\$1.9)	\$13.91
Moderate downside <sup>3</sup>	(\$4.3)	(\$2.8)	\$13.48
Moderate upside <sup>4</sup>	(\$4.1)	(\$4.6)	\$12.61

# Carbon Insetting Project

Area required for indigenous forest carbon project



Area required for exotic hardwood + indigenous forest carbon project





Because this  
replaces my beef  
& lamb income I'll  
do it

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Nature  
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Thanks



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