

Summary of carboNZero certification:



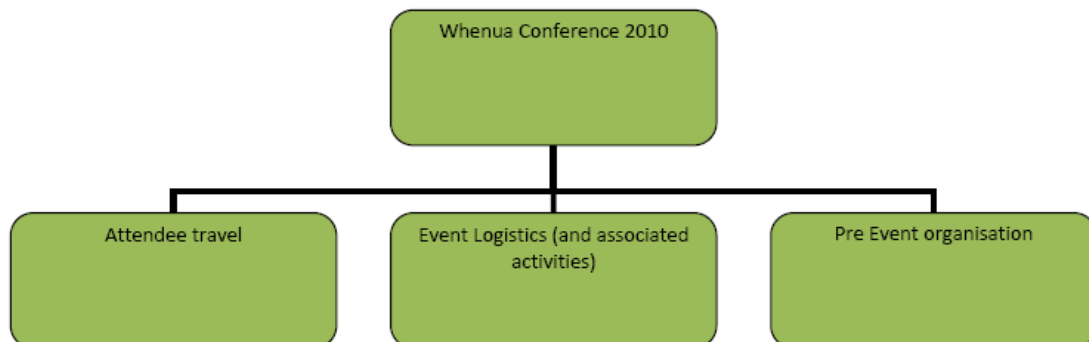
Whenua Conference 2010

Whenua Conference 2010 meets the requirements of carboNZero^{Cert™} certification having put in place a greenhouse emissions management plan prior to the event, measured the emissions in accordance with the requirements of ISO 14064-1:2006 during the event and neutralised the remaining unavoidable emissions through cancellation of an appropriate number of verified carbon credits in respect of the event held in Rotorua from 21-23 July 2010.



Introduction¹ – The Whenua Conference 2010 had the objective to explore a range of sustainability and use of natural resources in an increasingly challenging environment. Industry, government, academia, research institutions as well as international indigenous groups spoke at the conference, with interactive presentations and workshops. The Whenua Conference 2010 was organised by Massey University, with collaborative partners being Massey University, Landcare Research, and AgResearch. The conference was held at the Distinction Hotel and Conference Centre, Rotorua.

Boundary – The diagram below shows the organisational structure used for describing the conference's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory, and what business units were included in the carboNZero certification.



Consolidation approach – operational control

Event Period – 21/07/2010 to 23/07/2010

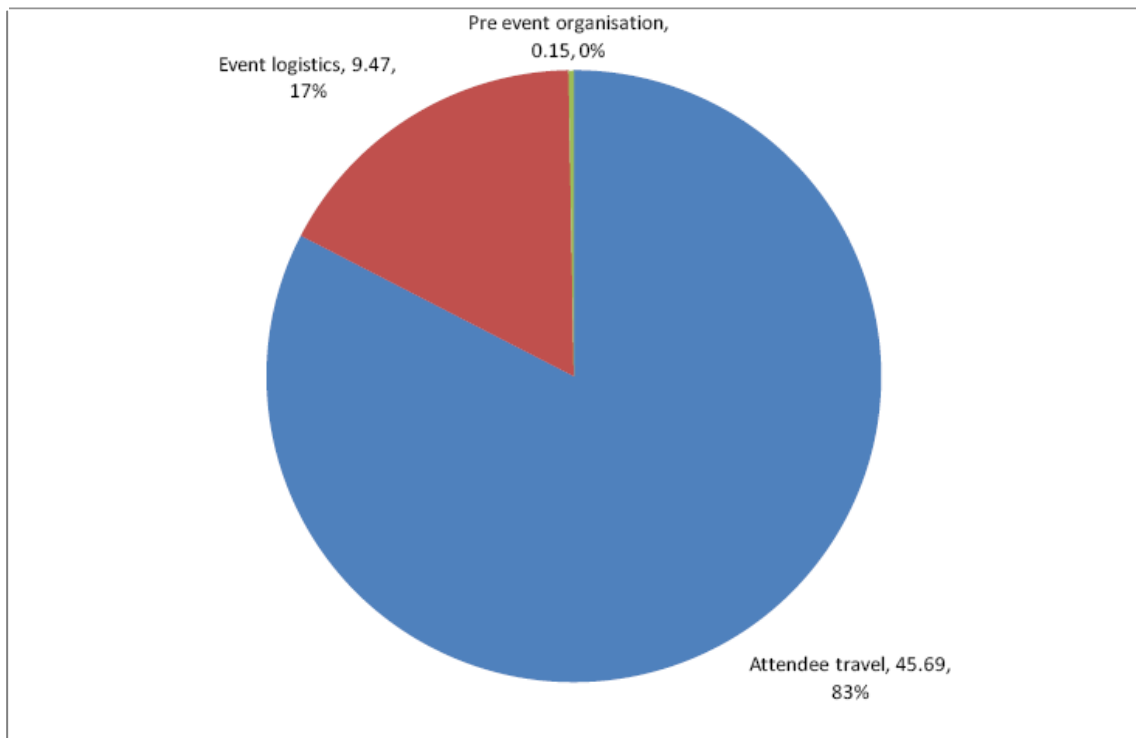
¹ **Disclaimer:** This Disclosure Statement is a summary of the verified information considered for certification and the certification decision. It should not be taken to represent the full submission for certification. While every effort has been made to ensure that the information in this Disclosure Statement is accurate and complete, Landcare Research does not, to the maximum extent permitted by law, give any warranty or guarantee relating to the accuracy or reliability of the information.

Summary of carboNZero certification:



Whenua Conference 2010

GHG emissions source inclusions – The diagram below shows the operational GHG emissions for the Climate Change and Business Conference 2010 by emissions source. The Conferences total emissions for this period were 55.30 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e) all comprising of Scope 3. The following graph is of GHG emissions by business activity (tCO₂e, %).



GHG emissions source exclusions –

- Event Organiser office energy use – data was unable to be obtained and was judged likely to be insignificant
- Travel of attendee to and from air port from place of residence is not included as it's considered to be outside of scope
- Waste to landfill was not included as no waste data from event venue was available

GHG emissions reduction commitments – The conference organiser has developed a GHG emissions reduction plan. Some projects in this plan include:

- Reducing disposable catering materials with crockery, glassware and cutlery.
- Video and teleconferencing for pre-event organisation.
- Electronic registrations and expressions of interest.

Summary of carboNZero certification:



Whenua Conference 2010

Offset – 10 tCO₂e. EBEX21 Native Forest Regeneration Projects (PSI Compliance). Serial numbers 801134-801143 have been cancelled (or equivalent) on the New Zealand Emissions Unit Register. In line with the carboNZero programme principles and approach for events, emissions from attendee travel were excluded from the offset required for certification.

Verified by – Green Fox Consulting Limited.

Threshold of materiality – excluded emissions do not exceed 5% of the total footprint for organisation and product boundary stated.

Level of assurance – Limited assurance

Certification status – carboNZero certified “conference” covering the organiser, event and delegate logistics of the conference.

Certificate number – 2011077J

Valid Until – 23 July 2010

Whenua Conference, c/o Conference Services, Massey University Private Bag 11 222, Palmerston North 4442, New Zealand. Tel: +64 (0)6 350 5117, Web: www.whenuaconference.co.nz , Email: S.M.Siebert@massey.ac.nz