NHNZ Worldwide has recently added new 4K clips of Aotearoa New Zealand’s unique animals and landscapes to its extensive archive library. From glacier-covered mountains to the rain-drenched native forests and rough frigid seas, Aotearoa New Zealand has spectacular landscapes, but is also a sanctuary for distinctive creatures.

Below New Zealand’s tallest mountain range, the Southern Alps, lies the Okarito Lagoon, a mecca for birdlife. Thousands of native birds visit Okarito, including the famous white heron, and our new footage includes the only place in the country where these white heron breed, performing elaborate courtship displays with elegant white plumage. This Westland region of New Zealand is like nowhere else on earth.

Tucked in between one of the most treacherous stretches of ocean in the world and some of the highest mountain ranges in the southern hemisphere, it is a jurassic land full of rare endemic animals such as alpine parrots, shy penguins and ancient eels. Surviving in a place where no parrot should be, we have footage of the world’s only alpine parrot, the kea, turning their natural inquisitive nature in all new directions!

New footage is now available of the homecoming of one of the planet’s rarest and most unique birds, the little blue penguin. We also capture the spring-time northern royal albatross breeding. Watching the fickle mating game amidst the dangers of the high seas
makes for great viewing. Down on the rocky beaches, we filmed a large New Zealand fur seal bullfighting for dominance. Waving and stretching his neck out, he tries to drive other males out of his territory. The reason for this aggression is soon revealed - female fur seals. It’s breeding season for the seals too, and the males need to conquer challengers, control their territories and mate with as many females as possible during this time!

We have added to our New Zealand collection by gaining access to our two wild ‘fortresses’ that were established to protect vulnerable native animals: Orokonui and Little Barrier Island/Te Hauturu o Toi. And don’t forget our recent additions of 4K Bornean Orangutan and Chinese wildlife clips, adding to our 15,000 hours of specialist footage and 50,000 online clips shot around the globe. Our site continues to grow its natural history content offering, so check out these new collections at https://footage.nh nz.tv or contact our team directly by email at images@nhnz.tv. Our renowned personalized service is offered by our experienced team of researchers and content specialists, led by senior archivist Jamie Thorp.