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# East Coast Hawke's Bay Te Tairāwhiti ki Te Matau-a-Māui Conservation Board

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# 1. Chairperson's report

As I reflect on the achievements of this year I feel both frustrated and fortunate to be involved in our Board work in the wonderful region of East Coast Hawke's Bay that we are privileged to represent. In my final Chair Annual Report, I would like to thank all the Board individually for their professional contributions ensuring our representation over the year answered what we were asked. We were affected by the resignation of a newly appointed board member but were able to continue with six board members for the year.

Once again I report that we are frustrated by the elongated progress of our Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) development, though understand how crucial the intertwining of this document with Ngati Porou's Nga Whakahaere Takirua is. We can positively view this delay as providing the DOC writers with a chance to update our CMS document with the latest national changes.

At the 2018 Chair's conference, the Minister reiterated her focus for Boards on:

- Addressing NZ's declining indigenous biodiversity through landscape scale predator control
- Improving enhancement & restoration of freshwater habitats & protection of indigenous fish
- Enhancing and regenerating marine habitats & ecosystems
- Enhancing relationships with Treaty Partners

In addition, this board stated one of our priorities was spreading awareness of conservation in any way that upskill and initiate locals into conservation. We thank departing board member Marijke Warmenhoven who has pestered both board members and staff for three years to bring conservation education and employment opportunities to the East Coast. She enthusiastically introduced the Board to the rangatahi and staff on the Ka Hao Te Rangatahi Ecological Landcare course at our May meeting. This was also an opportunity for local Ngati Porou to personally present the devastation of the Raukumara Conservation region and learn how the community are using their awareness of the serious issues to start planning a way forward. This Board will be supporting them every step along the long path to regenerating their precious ngahere.

The board submitted on a variety of conservation issues from the draft DOC Heritage & Visitor Strategy to following developments of the Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers Water Conservation Order Project that we had supported. In addition, I have ensured all Board members are kept abreast of the long awaited redevelopment of Puhī Kai Iti / Cook's Landing Site National Historic Reserve.

Our board were impressed with the unsung heroes we met during our visit to Maungataniwha to see the work by Forest Lifeforce Restoration Trust. They certainly demonstrated the success of the government's bipartisan support of Predator Free 2050 attracting the private sector and in particular philanthropic organisations. I was pleased the TV One news recently selected Maungataniwha to show NZ their successful kiwi breeding programme and reintroducing young birds to yet another haven Forest Lifeforce Restoration Trust have established through their pest control dedication.

Once again on behalf of the Board I would like to thank both Operations Managers and Acting Managers who expertly manage two great DOC offices, maintaining community links and keeping all of us abreast of developments within our region. Our new Chair Jo Blakeley has already demonstrated her abilities as my very capable deputy for three years so I wish her all the best in as the new Chair and will be supporting her when and wherever required.



Penny Shaw

**Chairperson - East Coast Hawke's Bay Te Tairāwhiti ki Te Matau-a-Māui Conservation Board**

## 2. Introduction

This is the 5th East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board Annual Report. Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires conservation boards to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority) with an annual report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board submits this annual report.

Conservation boards are appointed by the Minister of Conservation under section 6(P) of the Conservation Act 1987. Board functions are outlined in section 6(M) and the powers, which enable the conservation boards to carry out those functions, are under 6(N) of the Act.

Conservation boards are independent advisory bodies, established by statute. They represent the community and offer interaction between communities and the Department of Conservation (the Department), within their area of jurisdiction.

Conservation boards have several statutory roles under various Acts including:

- advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice
- the approval of conservation management plans
- the recommendation of national park management plans to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and Authority on conservation matters, and proposed changes to status of land of national and international significance
- liaising with the regional Fish and Game Council on conservation matters
- carrying out other powers delegated by the Minister of Conservation, the Conservation Act or any other Act.

Conservation boards also have several functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980. These functions include recommending the review or amendment of national park management plans and recommending approval of these plans by the Authority.

### 3. Conservation board region

#### Coverage

The East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers the area of the East Coast Hawkes Bay and extends from Te Araroa (north of Gisborne) to Mangaorapa (Central Hawkes Bay) on the East Coast of the North Island.



Figure 1 East Coast Hawke's Bay Te Tairāwhiti ki Te Matau-a-Māui Conservation Board Jurisdiction

## Conservation features of the area

### HAWKE'S BAY

#### Ōtātara Pā Historic Reserve

One of the largest and most ancient Māori pa sites in the Hawke's Bay. It is significant for the immense size and large number of terraced dwelling sites and food pits. Remnant earthworks of many of these are still evident today.



#### Cape Kidnappers Gannet Reserve

The reserve is managed by Department of Conservation to protect gannet nesting sites, the 13-ha reserve includes the Saddle and Black Reef Gannet colonies.

#### Kaweka Forest Park

The Forest Park is characterised by alpine shrublands, tussock valleys and beech forests with pockets of podocarp. Many native birds can be found in the area including the North Island brown kiwi, New Zealand falcon (kārearea), North Island kākā, and the blue duck (whio). Ten native freshwater fish species have been recorded in the Mōhaka River.

#### Boundary Stream Mainland Island

Boundary Stream Mainland Island is home to a number of threatened species including North Island brown kiwi, kākā, kōkako, New Zealand falcon (kārearea) and kereru, as well as walks such as to the Kiwi Guardian Big Matai, pictured to the right when the previous Board visited

#### Te Angiangi Marine Reserve

On the central Hawke's Bay coast approximately 30 km east of Waipukurau and Waipawa, Te Angiangi Marine Reserve protects a piece of coastline of approximately 446 ha.

The reserve is special in that it contains several marine habitat types, including boulder bank area, rocky intertidal platforms and a sheltered bay that is perfect for snorkelling.



## EAST COAST

### PUHI KAI ITI COOK LANDING SITE NATIONAL HISTORIC RESERVE

Puhi Kai Iti / Cook Landing National Historic Reserve commemorates both the arrival of the ancestor Maia on the te Ikaroa a Rauru waka, and the 1769 arrival of James Cook at this site. Upgrade work at Puhi Kai Iti has occurred as part of the Tuai 250 commemoration. The site now tells the full story of the history of this location that spans 1000 years. Significant sculptures, Tuku tuku panelled walls, lighting and signage have created a must-see part of the larger Navigations project that is being implemented in association with Gisborne District Council, Ngati One One and Rongowhakaata.



### Raukūmara Forest Park

The Raukūmara Forest Park is one of the least developed or visited tracts of bush in the North Island. Recreation opportunities include climbing Mount Hikurangi, rafting the Motu River and mountain biking Otipi Road.

### Cooks Cove Walkway

The walkway was named after the Cove and the English sailor and explorer, Captain James Cook. He visited the area in 1769 as part of his circumnavigation of New Zealand.

Cooks Cove Walkway is situated at the southern end of Tolaga Bay, 52 km north of Gisborne.

### Gray's Bush Scenic Reserve

Gray's Bush Scenic Reserve is a small but highly significant remnant of the tall kahikatea (podocarp) forest which once covered much of the Gisborne Plains. Forested areas are rare on the plains which have been extensively cleared and drained for pastoral farming and agriculture.

It is semi-coastal in character and has a dominant canopy of kahikatea, with significant presence of pūriri. It also provides a nesting, resting and feeding habitat for a number of different bird species both native and introduced.

### Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve (North of Gisborne)

Protects approximately 2,450 ha of coastline and contains eight marine habitat types that are representative of the area, including inshore reef, rocky intertidal platforms and sediment flats.

Kelp forests, marine snails, kina, sponges, seaweed and a diverse range of fish can be found in the reserve.



## 4. Board Membership

There were 6 Board members for the reporting year appointed by the Minister of Conservation. Penny Shaw was elected Chairperson and Jo Blakeley was elected Deputy Chairperson.

Table 1: lists the membership of the Board during the 2018 - 2019 and their term of office

Board member	Area	Term start	Term end	Term served
Penny Shaw (Chair)	Gisborne	01/07/2014	30/06/2019	2
Joanne Blakeley	Napier	01/07/2014	30/06/2021	2
Marijke Warmenhoven	Ruatōria	01/07/2016	30/06/2019	1
Lucy Meagher	Havelock North	01/07/2016	30/06/2019	1
T K Hawaikirangi	Napier	01/07/2017	30/06/2020	1
Sam Gibson	Whāngārā	01/07/2017	30/06/2020	1

### 4.2 Members Profiles

#### Penny Shaw (Chairperson)

Penny is a life member and president of Tourism Eastland. She has detailed knowledge of the tourism industry on the East Coast and is experienced as a member, president and secretary of boards and committees. Currently also Group Welfare Manager for Tairāwhiti Civil Defence. Her outdoor recreation interests are gardening, hiking, cycling and travel.

#### Jo Blakeley (Deputy Chairperson)

Jo is on the senior leadership team of the Eastern Institute of Technology and is qualified in horticultural science and management. She has experience in strategic and project management, quality assurance, policy development and environmental education. Her outdoor recreation interests include tramping, cycling, gardening and sailing.

#### Marijke Warmenhoven

Marijke works as a Youth Court Lay Advocate in the Gisborne District Court and also in Te Kooti Rangatahi Marae based Youth Court. She has an Environmental Science with Law degree and has significant experience in Governance, especially Ngāti Porou Health and as an inaugural elected Director to Te Runanganui o Ngāti Porou. She completed a Certificate in Company Direction with the New Zealand Institute of Directors along with many other governance trainings.

#### Lucy Meagher

Lucy is a science teacher at Havelock North High School. She has a degree in agricultural chemistry and has been employed previously by the US Department of Agriculture, Fonterra and AgResearch. She has prior experience as a technical member of the Food Standards ANZ board. Her outdoor interests are in tramping, fishing, and helping in the restoration of wetlands for native birds.

#### Rapihana Te Kaha (TK) Hawaikirangi

TK has been a Project Manager for the Tutira Lake restoration project, an Oiled Wildlife Regional Coordinator, and a DOC ranger. He has been a marae and hapū representative on environmental matters and serves on the Waiohiki Marae Committee and Te Wai Mauri Charitable Trust. Iwi affiliations: Ngāti Kahungunu, Waitaha, Ngāti Māmoe, Ngāi Tahu.

## Sam Gibson

Sam has experience with land and environmental management with DOC, Cape Sanctuary and as a consulting ecologist. He has a close working relationship with iwi and strengths in pest control, outcomes monitoring, and increasing public interaction with the whenua.

### 4.3 Board meetings

The Board varies the location of its meetings to ensure that it meets across the region. This enables the Board to view the issues that are arising in the region and to hear from the public and be accessible to them.

During the 2018/2019 year, the Board's formal programme comprised 4 meetings and 3 field trips, meeting in the locations listed below.

Table 2: Board meeting dates and location

Board meeting date	Meeting location and venue
20 July 2018	Department of Conservation, Gisborne
26-27 October 2018 (Informal)	In quarters at Maungataniwha
1-2 March 2019	Department of Conservation, Napier
3-4 May 2019	EIT Ruatōria (3 May); Te Puia Springs Hotel, Te Puia Springs (4 May)

### 4.4 Attendance

The table below summarises the number of Board meetings attended by members out of the total number of meetings held during the year.

Members also attended CMS working group meetings organised by the Department, subcommittee meetings and representative roles.

Table 3:

Board Member	Number of meetings attended (4 held)	Number of field trips attended (3 held)
Penny Shaw	4	3
Joanne Blakeley	4	3
Lucy Meagher	3	3
Marijke Warmenhoven	4	3
T K Hawaikirangi	3	3
Sam Gibson	2	3

## 4.5 Field trips and site inspections

Field trips are an excellent opportunity for Board members to become more aware of conservation issues within their region.

Table 4: Field trips and site inspections

Field trip date	Field trip destination and purpose
26 October 2019	<p>Maungataniwha - Station Manager and Forest Lifeforce Restoration Trust (FLRT) Trustee Pete Shaw gave the Board a tour around Maungataniwha. Pete explained to the Board that the conversion of the Pine Forest is the largest project of its kind in New Zealand and about a third of the area has been successfully regenerated with native species.</p> <p>During the tour of the property, Pete showed the board sites of some of the various FLRT projects, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Various stages in the native bush regenerations since 2006.</li> <li>● Extensive predator operations and the establishment of a 600ha sanctuary where the predator population has been reduced significantly, creating a safer environment for a variety of native bird species.</li> <li>● Another major project aims to increase the wild-grown population of Kakabeak, an extremely rare native shrub, see pic on page 17.</li> <li>● Pete showed the Board a wonderful specimen of another threatened native plant, the scarlet mistletoe (<i>Peraxilla colensoi</i>).</li> </ul>



Photo from Waiiau Camp from left front: Pete Shaw (Forest Lifeforce Restoration Trustee). East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board members Penny Shaw, Lucy Meagher, Jo Blakeley, Marijke Warmenhoven and DOC regional operations managers Connie Norgate, with John Lucas behind with Gus Garaway (FLRT volunteer), DOC Lower North Island Statutory Manager Chris Visser, and board member Rapihana Te Kaha Hawaikirangi.

Photo taken by FLRT kiwi contractor Barry Crene

<p>1 March 2019</p>	<p>Site Visit to Kaweka Lakes -Rotoroa and Rototuna</p> <p>The board visited these two freshwater lakes packed with a complex and widely diverse range of plants and special native fauna to highlight the biodiversity importance of the area.. These small lakes are 50 km to the north-west of Napier, on the Napier Taihape road, in the Kaweka Forest Park and a short walk from the Lakes carpark through kanuka and hardwood forest.</p> <p>The Board learned much from Matt Brady, DOC Senior Ranger and Fresh Water specialist, and, importantly, that there is still much that needs further research. The Lakes have one of the highest ecological health indexes for a freshwater system anywhere in NZ (based on a rating of submerged plant species) and very few invasive plant species. It is a botanists delight - over 280 native plant species in and around the lakes in the young peat bog.</p>
<p>3 – 4 May 2019</p>	<p>Board meeting at Ruatoria had an education focused agenda by meeting students and staff on the inaugural Ka Hao Te Rangatahi Ecological Landcare course to see how this new conservation course was developing. The course is a result of collaboration between local iwi, landowners, EIT, Department of Conservation, Nga Whenua Rahui and Gisborne District Council and is supported by He Poutama Rangatahi - a youth development fund administered by the Government’s Provincial Development Unit. All accompanied several students to Takamore bush, a private Maori land block under Ngā Whenua Rahui Kawenata to see one of the main outdoor education sites for the programme. Local botanical expert and DOC Ranger, Graeme Atkins, guided everyone through the reserve. The Takamore bush is the only flat land in the area to still have virgin forest so is a valuable asset for the local community. The benefits of over twenty years of fencing out stock was remarkably visible. The lush understory regrowth, and musical bird song contrasted markedly with the adjacent non-fenced farmland.</p> <p>The Board were given an ecological overview of the 180,000 hectares of indigenous forest across the Raukumara ranges from leaders of the recent Raukumara Road Shows. The taonga of the Raukumara including the hochstetter’s frog, the mountain buttercups, the towering podocarps, and the importance of each of the seven ecological zones, were outlined. The community will be deciding together how to halt the loss of biodiversity in these special ranges and bring the ngahere back to health</p>



Board beside the 800-year-old Matai tree inside the Takamore Reserve outside Ruatoria with DOC staff Graeme Atkins, Chris Visser, Charles Barrie, John Lucas and EIT tutor Lisa Beach

## **4.6 Training for members**

In addition to the regular updates on the Department's activities provided in the status report which is considered at each meeting, the Board received additional briefings and updates. Topics covered this year were:

- The Board were informed of the local threats from anti-1080 protesters and how the local office had additional security measures installed.
- The board discussed the continued wilding pine work as well as the possible impact on the Kiwi population by the escapee dogs in the Kawekas.
- The board acknowledges the major problem of deer control in the Raukūmara Forest and the need for drastic action.
- The trial of DOC's new education resources at Wainui Beach School was a success so there's a plan to extend this programme to other Gisborne schools.
- The Board was updated on the work of DOC in response to the Supreme Court's decision on the Ngai Tai case.
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The Department also provided an update on conservation activities within the local area at each meeting location.

## **4.7 Department involvement in Board meetings**

Department of Conservation staff attend each Board meeting as required to provide information. The presence of these staff members at meetings has facilitated open dialogue and good working relationships between the Board members and the Department. Board members regularly communicate with DOC staff between meetings and participate in DOC events. DOC staff regularly attending our meetings include:

Reg Kemper, Regional Director, LNI attended meetings and provided a Director's update.

Chris Visser, Statutory Manager, LNI attended meetings.

Connie Norgate, Operations Manager and Moana Smith-Dunlop, Acting Operations Manager (Hawkes) Bay; and John Lucas, Operations Manager (East Coast) attended meetings in person when in their operational District, or through teleconference, to provide District Context and District Operations Report.

Administrative Support was provided to the Board by the Board Support Officer (Sara Robinson). DOC rangers from District Offices organised and supported field trips for the Board: Charles Barrie, Trudi Ngawhare (East Coast Hawkes Bay District), Graeme Aitkens (East Coast District), Matt Bradey, Moana Smith Dunlop and Neil Grant (Hawkes Bay District).

## **4.8 Special events**

Nil

## **4.9 Annual Work Plan**

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the full Board Annual Work Programme.

## 5. Statutory activity

### 5.1 East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The Board worked with the Department on a CMS draft throughout the year. The next step in the process is to have the joint public notification of our Conservation Management Strategy with Ngati Porou's Nga Whakahaere Takirua. The timeline extension demonstrates what a crucial document this will be, as this CMS will outline the co-management of the conservation estate with Nga Whakahaere Takirua implementing Ngati Porou's treaty settlement, covering 22 sites of Department managed Land (nga Paanga Whenua o Ngati Porou).

## 6. Advice and advocacy

All Board members have responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific roles in liaison.

The following liaison roles were agreed for 2018/19:

#### Fish and Game Council

Hawke's Bay	T K Hawaikirangi
Gisborne	Sam Gibson

#### Other Conservation Boards

Bay of Plenty	Marijke Warmenhoven
Tongariro-Taupo	Lucy Meagher
Wellington	Jo Blakeley

#### Territorial Authorities

Gisborne	Penny Shaw
Hawke's Bay	Jo Blakeley

### 6.1 Other conservation boards liaison

The Board allocates liaison roles with their immediate neighbouring Boards, and includes their minutes in the Board papers, and had representatives from both the BOP and Wellington boards attend meetings during the year. These were beneficial when discussing topics of mutual interest. A Wellington Board member attended the March meeting and was able to report on the implementation of its newly approved CMS.. Tongariro-Taupo has learnings on visitor pressure points.

### 6.2 Authority liaison

Rauru Kirikiri is the NZCA member liaison with the Board. Rauru attended two Board meetings during the year, at which time he updated the Board on the activities of the NZCA.

The Board receives the agenda, papers and minutes of the NZCA meetings. The NZCA also communicates on a regular basis with the Board's Chairperson.

### 6.3 Department advice

The Board provided advice to the Department on the following issues:

- the stewardship of crown pastoral lease land;
- the DOC Heritage & Visitor Strategy;
- whitebait

The Chair represented the Board at the DOC Community Fund meeting to assist the department on selecting possible recipients for the Lower North Island region. The original 64 applications showed were from a wide range of projects in the region that demonstrate how communities are increasingly getting more involved in conservation. \$800,000 was allocated to Lower North Island projects.

### 6.4 Community advocacy and involvement

The Board believes that working with conservation organisations and members of the public is very important. Meetings were held in different parts of the East Coast/Hawkes Bay region and opportunities for the public to attend Board meetings were advertised.

Members of the public attended the Public Forum at several of the year's meetings and a range of issues were raised. The Board appreciated their input and efforts made to attend the meetings and responded by letter with a response to questions asked or concerns raised.

The Board has a practice of inviting representatives from community organisations to present meetings. Speakers this year have represented:

- Nick Tūpara attended the meeting held on 20 July 2018 and gave a presentation on the proposed Puhī Kai Iti / Cook's Landing Site development.
- The Board continues to support DOC with its partnership work such as the Poutere ao o Tane project, including translocations of many of our vulnerable and endangered birds occurs in association with local Hapu and community members. This year a focus will be on teacher education using the environment as a context for learning.
- Discussing the wider East Coast conservation matters with leaders of the recent Raukumara Road Shows provided the Board with an ecological overview of the 180,000 hectares of indigenous forest across the Raukumara ranges. The taonga of the Raukumara including the hochstetter's frog, the mountain buttercups, the towering podocarps, and the importance of each of the seven ecological zones, were outlined. The community will be deciding together how to halt the loss of biodiversity in these special ranges and bring the ngahere back to health

These were predominantly voluntary groups carrying out huge amounts of conservation work within the community. The Board recognises and appreciates volunteers and thanks them for the work done in this area. Matters raised by volunteers with the Board included the need for conservation dog training for those working with kiwi recovery projects in the Kawekas. This is an ongoing area of concern for these workers that DOC staff are addressing nationally.

The Board made submissions on the Predator Free 2050 Strategic Plan; the Napier City Council 10 year Plan.



## 6.5 Community visibility

The Board maintains a presence on the Department's website. Updates from the Board were provided throughout the year on activities undertaken. Members were active in the rohe over the year. Events and groups supported by Board members include:

- the Eastwoodhill Biodiversity Education Day (May 2019)
- Waipatiki Community Working Group
- Waimata Catchment Restoration
- Raukumara Roadshow- this was a major liaison activity that highlighted ecological facts on the degradation of the Ranges for the community.
- Forest and Bird tree planting activities (Havelock North/Hastings)
- HB Biodiversity strategy promotional activities, eg for International Biodiversity Day
- National Aquarium of NZ - shapeshifter project discussions
- Cape to City and Poutere Ao o Tane - collaborative large scale ecological restoration projects.

## 6.6 District and regional council advocacy and advice

The Board appreciates the opportunities to meet with representatives of the four local Councils as there are several regional issues in which it is interested.

During the year, the Board were kept up to date with conservation endeavours and developments across the regional council areas. The Gisborne District Council has introduced the use of Farm Environment Plans (FEP); invested for the next 9 years into the Waingake Waterworks bush restoration, concentrating on best pest control methods; and has restructured their environment section;

The Hawke's Bay Regional Council has submitted on a variety of Bills, including the Stage 1 of the RMA. The Ngaruroro and Clive River water Conservation Orders were key work areas. The Erosion Control Scheme has many applications. Predator Free Hawkes Bay has expanded into Whakatipu Mahia. A feasibility assessment for a groundwater replenishment scheme continues for the Ruataniwha Basin.

## 6.7 Iwi liaison and advocacy

The Board are continually updated on several crucial wetlands in the region as well as both marine reserves, recognising the importance of local hapu involvement.

## 7. Acknowledgements

The Board thanks the Department's District Operations Managers John Lucas (Gisborne) and Connie Norgate and Moana Smith Dunlop (Napier) for providing the Conservation Board with quality reports that kept the Board aware of progress across the region and organising field trips to sites of importance in our region. We also thank the Lower North Island Regional Statutory Manager (Chris Visser) for keeping the Board informed with regular updates on events, submissions and organising Board meetings, and the Regional Director Operations Reg Kemper for his attendance and attention to our meetings. Lastly we also thank Sara Robinson, Board Administrator for preparing essentials for every Board meeting and the necessary paperwork. It was wonderful to have a permanent and very committed Board Support Officer after several years of regular change.

## 8. Appendix 1 – Conservation Act / Board Functioning

### Board Functions Under Section 6m of the Conservation Act 1987

The functions of each Board shall be—

- 1) to recommend the approval by the Conservation Authority of conservation management strategies, and the review and amendment of such strategies, under the relevant enactments:
- 2) to approve conservation management plans, and the review and amendment of such plans, under the relevant enactments:
- 3) to advise the Conservation Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of conservation management strategies and conservation management plans for areas within the jurisdiction of the Board:
- 4) to advise the Conservation Authority or the Director-General—
- 5) on any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance; and
- 6) on any other conservation matter relating to any area within the jurisdiction of the Board:
- 7) to liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board:
- 8) to exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act.

### Powers of the Board under Section 6n of the Conservation Act 1987

- 1) Every Board shall have such other functions as are conferred on it by or under this Act or any other Act.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), each Board may –
  - a) Advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
  - b) Appoint committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegate to them functions and powers.
- 3) The power conferred by subsection (2)(a) shall include the right to appear before courts and tribunals in New Zealand and be heard on matters affecting or relating to the Board's functions.

### Board Functions under section 30 the National Parks Act 1980

**Kakabeak or Ngutukākā  
(*Clianthus maximus*) taken  
at one of Forest Life  
Force Restoration Trust  
enclosures at  
Maungataniwha**



## 9. Appendix II –Annual Work Plan

### East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board Work Programme 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2020

#### Work Programme Overview

This East Coast Hawke's Bay Te Tairāwhiti ki Te Matau-a-Māui Conservation Board (ECHB) work programme is structured in three parts, namely:

- Part A: Planned Board activities aimed at meeting the regional work programme contained in the letter<sup>1</sup>:
  - Review/development/monitoring of statutory management plans including Conservation Management Strategies (CMS);
  - Other statutory functions for the Board;
  - Advocacy; and
  
- Part B: Planned Board activities aimed at general expectations contained in the letter:
  - working with the Department;
  - taking account of the Ministerial priorities for the Department as contained in the Department's Four-year Plan;
  - working with adjoining Boards and the NZCA;
  - understanding the Board's contribution to giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;
  - general engagement with the community, including raising the profile of the Board and bringing a strong, well informed community voice to the table; and
  
- Part C: risks/issues from the Board's perspective, and opportunities for conservation growth that are not covered above.

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<sup>1</sup> The Minister of Conservation provides an Annual Letter of Expectation to Conservation Boards. This letter sets out a framework for success within which both the Board and the Department can operate. The basis for the expectations is the statutory functions set out in Section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987, the National Parks Act 1980, and the Reserves Act 1977.

## Priorities for 2018-19 year

### PART A: REGIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

#### 1 Development of statutory management plans including Conservation Management Strategies

1.1 Board Objective: *Develop the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) draft for joint publication with the Ngāti Porou Nga Whakahaere Takirua.*

##### Planned Board Activities

- (a) Engage with the Department and Ngāti Porou as appropriate to ensure clarity in the relationship between the CMS and the Ngāti Porou Nga Whakahaere Takirua including Hapū.
- (b) Review and confirm the draft CMS in conjunction with the Department in preparation for public notification in 2019.
- (c) Participate in relevant Hui when the draft CMS is publicly notified.
- (d) Ensure engagement of key stakeholders at critical stages of the CMS consultation.
- (e) Approve the CMS as a final draft for NZCA approval, following public consultation, in 2019/20 year.

1.2 Board Objective: *Determine priorities for implementation of the draft ECHB Conservation Management Strategy, in conjunction with the Department.*

##### Planned Board Activities

- (a) Identify key accepted priorities emerging from the CMS development process and provide guidance as required for the Department on incorporating these into business planning.
- (b) Monitor actions taken to implement these priorities through regular Department reports to the Board.

#### 2 Other statutory functions<sup>2</sup>

2.1 Board Objective: *Nurture working relationships with Fish and Game Councils regarding issues of mutual interest.*

##### Planned Board Activities

- (a) Continue to have at least one representative liaise with the Fish and Game Councils in the ECHB area, and receive minutes of their meetings.
- (b) On occasion, invite the Senior Fish and Game representative for the ECHB region (or NZ) to present at a Board Meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> This section should include Board functions relating to statutory functions under section 6M of the Conservation Act

- 2.2 Board Objective: *Provide advice to the Department on the Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve.*

#### Planned Board Activities

- (a) Annually appoint a member to serve on the *Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve* committee and regularly report to the ECHB on the Marine Reserve Committee's activities, identified risks and opportunities.
- (b) Actively engage with Department staff managing the Marine Reserve and receive regular reports on its development, values and threats.

- 2.3 Board Objective: *The Board will advise on proposed changes of status for nationally and internationally important areas, when sought by the Department*

#### Planned Board Activities

- (a) Continue to support the community to engage with the Department on areas of potential international and national interest, such as the Ahuriri Estuary and the Puhī Kai Iti / Cook's Landing Site National Historic Reserve.

### 3 Advocacy

- 3.1 Board Objective: *Pursue all reasonable opportunities to advocate at hui and community forums and in any statutory planning processes relevant to conservation*

#### Planned Board Activities

- (a) Board members will be alert and responsive to opportunities to attend and advocate for conservation initiatives in the community at appropriate hui and community forums, with the approval of the Chair.
- (b) Board members will engage in statutory planning processes and use these as opportunities to advocate for the Board's priorities.

- 3.2 Board Objective: *Supporting Biodiversity Improvement Actions for and in our region*

#### Planned Board Activities

- (a) Support collaborative landscape scale projects promoting local ecological networks (core areas, corridors, and buffer zones) and strengthening biodiversity in PCL.
- (b) Support regional large-scale pest management strategies on PCL, including Predator Free NZ 2050 projects (PF2015 Hawke's Bay), management of wilding pines in the Kawekas.
- (c) Advocate for effective ungulate<sup>3</sup> control on PCL and support the Department to develop a publicly visible regional ungulate management plan.

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<sup>3</sup> Ungulates are a diverse group of primarily large mammals and include deer and goats

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| (d) | Engage with regional and national work that promotes ecological integrity of aquatic <sup>4</sup> ecosystems, e.g. shore plover populations  |
| (e) | Support community actions with respect to landscape scale pest and weed control and its contribution as a mitigating factor in climate change – improving ecosystem health/resilience. |

## PART B: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

### 4 Working with the Department

*Board Objective: Board members will maintain good working relationships and open dialogue with Directors, Managers and Board Support Officers in order to engage strategically in conservation for the region*

#### Planned Board Activities

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| (a) | Engage constructively with DOC staff when opportunities arise, including by attending events at DOC offices and training opportunities, and by calling-in to DOC offices when they have the opportunity.<br>Board advice on any matters will be at a governance level. |
| (b) | Board members will allow their professional profile to be on Conservation Board communications media, including the website and any relevant brochures, in order to raise the profile of the Board's Members with DOC staff, and within the community.                 |
| (c) | Board members will advocate for conservation initiatives in our communities - supporting DOC staff and spreading awareness of conservation in a way that enables people to upskill their own ecological literacies and animal, land and aquatic regulatory knowledge.  |
| (d) | The Board will invite experts from the Department to meetings in order to be informed and up to date on relevant conservation matters, regulations and legislation, including the rules for Historic Icon sites and visitor experiences.                               |

### 5 *Board Objective: Identify opportunities for Engagement with Youth*

#### Planned Board Activities

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| (a) | Support and promote initiatives that give particular regard to deepening youth awareness of conservation and the natural environment in which they live, study, play and work. E.g. activities in Conservation Week, Sea Week and Kiwi Guardians' programme. |
| (b) | Undertake communication and educational activities that profile biodiversity, and animal and plant pest control in PCL, working with youth in education and employment.  |

**Board Objective:**

*Identify opportunities to support North Island community conservation targeting kiwis*

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<sup>4</sup> Aquatic ecosystems include both marine and fresh waters

## Planned Board Activities

(a)	Support the development of partnerships with kiwi targeted community funded projects.
(b)	Raise the profile of good kiwi recovery and conservation practice within the community where appropriate.

### 6 Working with adjoining Boards and the NZCA

Board Objective:

*Board members will liaise with neighbouring conservation boards in order to progress cross boundary CMS issues and other matters of mutual interest*

## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

(a)	Continue to have nominated Board members to be liaison points with all neighbouring Boards.
(b)	Ensure advance notice and any relevant materials are given to liaison nominees from neighbouring Boards, in order to support timely and meaningful engagement.
(c)	Consider neighbouring Board views on relevant issues, challenges and opportunities

### 8 Understanding the Board's contribution to giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

Board Objective:

*The Board will have particular regard to and support the Department's obligations under Treaty settlements as well as principles under section 4 of the Conservation Act*

## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

(a)	Request regular reports (from the Department) on the implementation of the Department's obligations under Treaty Settlements and receive these in a specific section of the report for the Board.
(b)	Have particular regard to Treaty Settlement and Section 4 obligations in the review of the Conservation Management Strategy.

### 9 Engaging with the community

Board Objective:

*Board members will liaise regularly with the general public and entities that have a role in conservation on issues of mutual interest and concern and to gauge community reaction to conservation initiatives planned or implemented by DOC.*



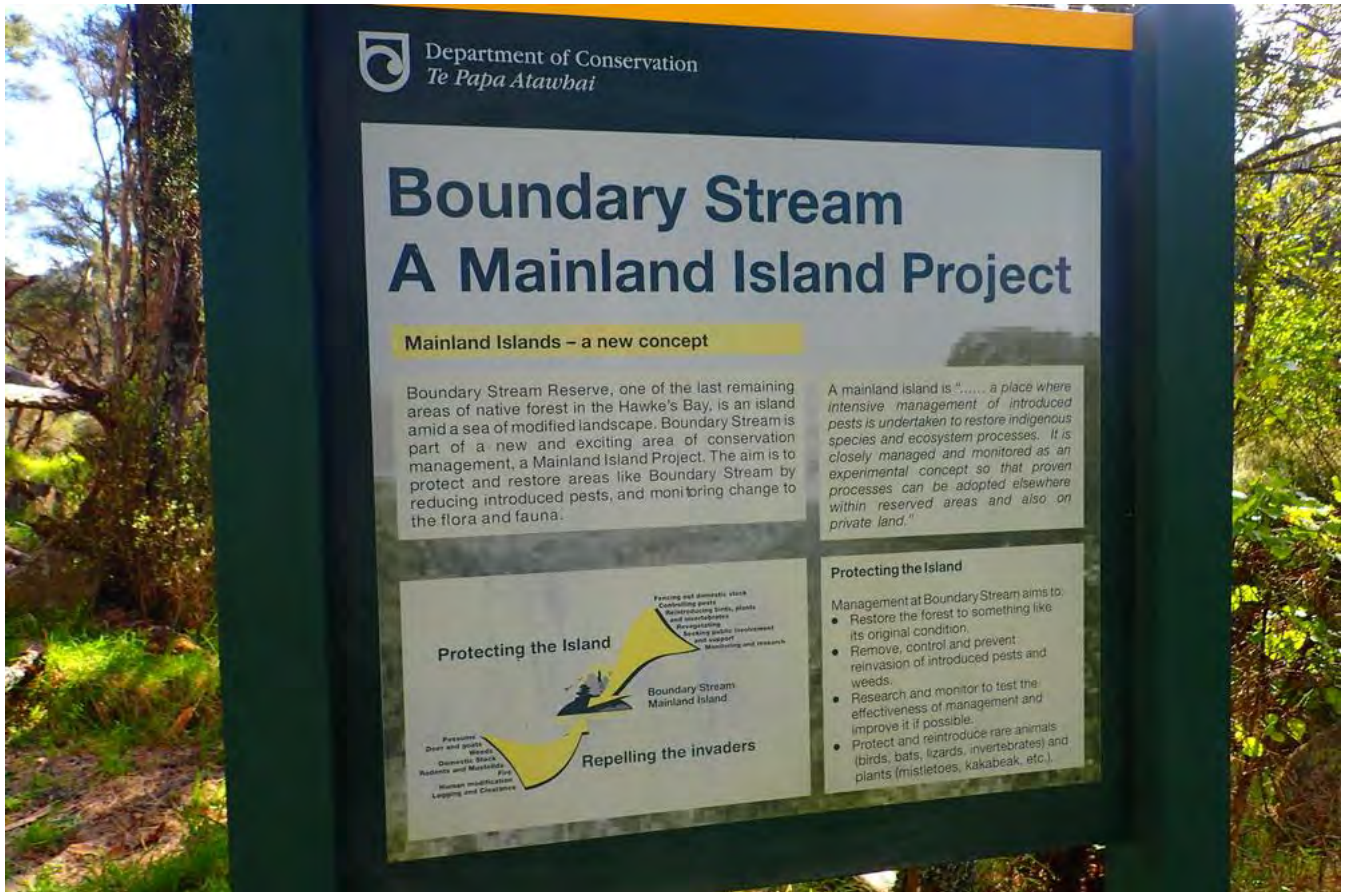
### Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

(a)	Engage with formal community and government conservation management entities through invitations to Board meetings and other activities to acknowledge significant achievements and ways to work together on conservation goals e.g. QEII Trust, Nga Whenua Rauhi.
(b)	Allocate specific members to be the Board's lead representative in engaging with groups. Liaison representatives will provide a verbal update at each meeting of the Board.
(c)	Maintain relationships with Councillors across the rohe and report relevant matters to Board meetings, as required.
(d)	Explore new ways to effectively engage with the community and improve existing mechanisms.
(e)	Actively seek out opportunities to meet and connect with the wider community to gauge reaction to conservation initiatives planned or implemented by DOC.
(f)	Engage with concerned parties on ungulate management to ensure implementation is best for conservation in our region.

## PART C: RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

	OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSERVATION GROWTH
(a)	Increased alignment between work of the Department and partners (education organisations, including conservation groups, conservation agencies, Councils, farmers, and organisations such as OSPRI).
(b)	Advocacy for improved aquatic management.
(c)	Working more closely with whanau, hapū and iwi.
(d)	Further development and enhancement of urban conservation through community partnerships on pest management and biodiversity strategy implementation.
(e)	Securing and developing business partnerships with ECHB businesses and landowners.

	RISKS	MITIGATION
(a)	<b>Inability to maintain the momentum in the CMS development process.</b> Having an up to date relevant CMS is critical to the Department understanding community priorities and the Board being able to monitor and support the Department in achieving objectives relating to these.	Maintain pressure on the Department to progress the CMS development and meet milestones. Keep close to community understandings of conservation priorities during the CMS process.
(b)	Implementation of Treaty Settlement and section 4 obligations. Continual improvement is sought in the meeting of Department obligations to whanau, hapū and iwi through the CMS.	Openly engage with the Department to explore options to improve meeting its obligations, including increased resourcing and/or prioritisation. Work with the Department to engage community in support of section 4 obligations.
(c)	Late appointments of Board members by Minister.	The Board Chair will liaise with other Chairs and the Department on the process issues. Second expertise to fill gaps in Board skills.
(d)	Board not having enough visibility and opportunity to add sufficient value and not able to encourage the community to use it as a voice for conservation to the department. Failure to do this adequately will reduce its value.	Fulfil tasks identified in this work programme. Complete Media Releases. Encourage public participation at conservation board hui.



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