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**Northland Conservation Board**

**Annual Report 2022-2023**



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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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Tēnā koe Edward

On behalf of the Board, it is our pleasure to present, in terms of section 6O of the Conservation Act 1987, the Annual Report of the Northland Conservation Board (the Board) for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

It was another challenging year, both working within the covid environment and sadly, personal challenges - the board have not been able to achieve their objectives for the year.

A highlight for the Board was a joint noho wananga attended by members of Te Rūnanga Papa Atawhai o Tāmaki Makaurau and Te Tai Tokerau/Northland Conservation Board at Te Hana, during which a range of issues were discussed including conservation management planning and managing the effects of climate change.

We acknowledge the departing members, Tania McInnes, Georgina Garon, Edward Ashby and unfortunately Lydia Draper. We thank you - those whose tenure has ended or those who have resigned. These roles are paid a small meeting fee and the commitment expected from members significantly exceeds this. Therefore - our thanks for making time in-between your jobs, whanau and other commitments.

The Board extends their gratitude and thanks to all the Department staff who have worked throughout the year operating in the Whangarei, Kauri Coast and Pēwhairangi offices. Also, to staff in other regions who have presented at our meetings, or with whom we have had interactions. Special thanks to our Board Support Officer, Niki Clark for her ongoing commitment to our Board.

No reira

E noho ora mai



Nyree Manuel  
Chairperson  
Northland Conservation Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This is the 32nd Conservation Board Annual Report. Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires conservation boards to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (**Authority**) with an annual report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the Northland Conservation Board (**Board**) submits this annual report.

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

Conservation board members are appointed by the Minister of Conservation under section 6(P) of the Conservation Act 1987 (**Act**). 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. The Board has several statutory roles under various Acts, including:

- the recommendation of the Northland Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice.
- reporting on the implementation of the CMS
- 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.

## 2. ROHE

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Te Runanga Papa Atawhai o Te Tai Tokerau/Northland Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers the area of 3,009,950.76 hectares. The jurisdiction covers the area south of Rangaunu Harbour to Hokianga Harbour, and down south to Kaipara Heads and across to Mangawhai Heads. It includes groups of offshore islands, Taranga, Marotiri and Tūturu / The Hen and Chickens and Tawhitirahi and Aorangi / Poor Knights. Although the Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board sits above it, Te Rūnanga Papa Atawhai o Te Tai Tokerau/Northland Conservation Board still manages the coastal area around the Te Hiku rohe. The area extends out to the 12-nautical mile limit with respect to coastal and marine issues and out to the 200-nautical mile limit with respect to protected species.



Figure 1. Northland Conservation Board Jurisdiction

## 2.1 Tangata whenua

**Ngāti Kahu** – Matarahurahu, Ngāi Tohianga, Ngāti Ruati, Ngāti Tara, Ngāti Taranga, Patu Koraha, Pikaahu, Pikaahu/Te Paatu, Te Paatu, Te Rorohuri, Te Tahawai, Te Whānau Moana, Whānau Pani/Ngāi Tauurutakaware

**Ngāpuhi** – Ngāti Hao, Ngāti Hau, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Kahu o Torongare, Te Kapotai, Te Parawhau, Te Patuharakeke, Te Uri o Hau, Te Uriroi, Ngāti Horahia, Ngāti Moe, Ngāti Te Rino, Ngāti Toki, Ngāti Whakahotu, Ngāti Whakaminenga, Te Kumutu, Te Parawhau, Ngāi Tāwake, Ngāi Tāwake ki te Waoku, Ngāitu te Auru (Ngaitu), Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Hinemutu, Ngāti Kura, Ngāti Māhia, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Tautahi, Ngāti Ueoneone, Ngāti Whakaeke, Takoto Kē, Te Uri o Hua, Kōhatutaka, Ngāti Hao, Te Honihoni, Te Uri Mahue, Ngāi Tāwake ki te Tuawhenua, Ngāti Tāwake ki te Moana, Ngāti Korokoro, Ngāti Pakau, Ngāti Rauwawe, Ngāti Te Pou, Ngāti Toro, Ngāti Wharara, Te Hikutu, Te Māhurehure, Te Ngahengahe, Te Roroa, Ngāti Tupango, Ngāti Hineira, Ngāti Kawa, Ngāti Kirihi, Ngāti Korohue, Ngāti Kura, Ngāti Mau, Ngāti Miru, Ngāti Moko, Ngāti Rāhiri, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Rēhia, Ngāti Tautahi, Ngāti Torehina, Ngāti Whakaeke, Te Māhurehure, Te Popoto, Te Uri Hoatau, Te Uri Taniwha, Te Whanauwhero, Whanautara, Ngāti Kuta, Ngāti Manu, Patukeha, Te Rauwera, Te Uni Ongaonga, Ngāti Kopaki, Ngāti Ngāherehere, Ngāti Te Ara, Ngāti Te Tāwera, Te Kau I Mua, Te Orewai

**Te Roroa** – does not have hapu

**Ngatiwai** – Ngati Korora, Ngāti Kura, Ngāti Manuhiri, Ngāti Rehua, Ngāti Taka, Ngāti Toki, Te Patuharekeke, Te Uri o Hikihiki, Te Whānau o Rangiwahaakahu, Te Whānau Whero

**Ngati Whatua** – Ngāi Tahuu, Ngāti Kaiwhare, Ngāti Kauae, Ngāti Mauku, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Tāhinga, Te Uri o Hau

## 2.2 Conservation features of the area

The main features of Public Conservation Land and Waters within the Board's boundaries are:

- Hōuto Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 941.17 ha
- Hūkerenui Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 405.38 ha
- Kaihū Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 2,405.17 ha
- Kaiikanui Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 1,157.30 ha
- Marlborough Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 3,981.86 ha
- Mataraua Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 5,402.55 ha
- Maungataniwha Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 1,156.91 ha
- Ōmahuta Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 6,588.71 ha
- Ōpua Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 1,923.83 ha
- Pukenui Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 594.50 ha
- Puketī Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 7,325.26 ha
- Ruapekapeka Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 384.70 ha
- Russell Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 7,121.22 ha
- Tangihua Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 3,218.37 ha
- Waikino Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 973.95 ha
- Waimā Forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 4,352.23 ha
- Waipoua forest (Pt Northland Conservation Park) – 12,291.83 ha

- 1 Ecological Area - 33.54 ha
- 175 Scenic Reserves - 18,663.77 ha
- 18 Historic Reserves - 195.18 ha
- 42 Recreation Reserves - 1,672.15 ha
- 179 Stewardship Areas - 19,143.73 ha
- 324 Marginal Strips - 2,013.30 ha
- 1 Specially Protected Area - 547.60 ha
- 2 Marine Reserves - 2,161.8 ha
- 1 Sanctuary to protect Marine Mammals - 286,021.13 ha

### 2.3 Conservation issues in the area

Approximately 2.73% of all public conservation land in Aotearoa lies within the region. The large number of issues which are of interest to the Board include:

- Hokianga Harbour Wellbeing
- Kauri Ora / Kauri Dieback Disease
- Myrtle Rust Disease
- RMS Niagara Shipwreck
- Bay of Islands Marine Mammal Sanctuary
- Tara Iti (Fairy Tern) Conservation
- Stewardship Land Policy

## 3. FUNCTIONS

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### 3.1 Board functions under section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987

The functions of the Board are:

- 1) To recommend the approval by the 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 Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of conservation management strategies and conservation management plans for the area within the jurisdiction of the Board
- 4) To advise the Authority or the Director-General on any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance
- 5) To advise the Authority or the Director-General on any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board
- 6) To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matter within the jurisdiction of the Board
- 7) To exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act.

### 3.2 Board power under section 6N of the Conservation Act 1987

- 1) Every conservation board shall have all such powers as are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable it to carry out its functions.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), each conservation board may -



- i. Advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
  - ii. 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.

### 3.3 Board functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980

- 1) to recommend management plans, and the review or amendment of such plans, for parks within the jurisdiction of the Board in accordance with sections 45 to 47:
- 2) to consider and determine priorities for the implementation of management plans for national parks:
- 3) to make recommendations to the Minister for the appointment of honorary rangers under section 40:
- 4) to review and report to the Director-General or the Authority, as appropriate, on the effectiveness of the administration of the general policies for national parks within the jurisdiction of the Board:
- 5) to give advice to the Director-General or the Authority—
  - i. on the interpretation of any management plan for a park; and
  - ii. on any proposal for the addition of land to any national park or the establishment of a new national park; and
  - iii. on any other matter relating to any national park, within the jurisdiction of the Board.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

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The Minister of Conservation appoints Board members under section 6P of the Conservation Act 1987. The process of appointment ensures that a range of perspectives, life experiences, and knowledge contribute to the advice provided and decisions made by the Board.

Board members are appointed for 3-year terms and may be re-appointed unless they are appointed in replacement of a prior member's term. There were six Board members for the reporting year. Nyree Manuel was elected Chairperson 31 August 2022 and John (Hone) Tiatoa was elected Deputy Chairperson 31 August 2022.

New Board Member appointments within the 2022/2023 year:

- Liam Rātana – 3 Year Term
- Ramari Wiki – 3 Year Term
- John Tiatoa – 3 Year Term

The following table lists the membership of the Board between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023:

Board Member	Area	Term start	Term end
<b>Nyree (Nyze) Manuel - Chair</b>	Kaeo	01 July 2021	30 June 2024
<b>John Tiatoa – Deputy Chair</b>	Kerikeri	01 July 2022	30 June 2025
<b>Kayla Raines</b>	Taemaro Bay	01 July 2021	30 June 2024
<b>Robert (Blue) Newport</b>	Ōkaihau	01 July 2020	30 June 2023
<b>Liam Rātana</b>	Whangārei	01 July 2022	30 June 2025
<b>Ramiri Wiki</b>	Auckland	01 July 2022	30 June 2025
<b>Lydia Draper</b>	Waipū	01 July 2018 01 July 2021	30 June 2021 7 August 2022

#### 4.1 Members profiles

**Nyree Porter (Chair):** Nyze was appointed to the board on 1 July 2021 for a three-year term. Of Ngāpuhi ki Whangaroa, Ngāti Kahu ki Whangaroa, Te Arawa, and Ngāpuhi decent. She is on the Board of Te Runanga o Whāingaroa, Kaitiaki Whangaroa, and Karangahape Marae Trust. She is well-known in the community and offers an intricate knowledge of tikanga Māori.

**John Tiatoa (Deputy Chair):** John (Ngāti Awa ki Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Manaia ki Ngāpuhi, Uri o Pou ki Ngāpuhi) holds multiple chairperson and executive roles focusing on research and development for whānau, hapū and iwi trusts and charitable organisations. John is also a policy advisor for the Māori interest within Article 2 of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and oversees the implementation of that interest into New Zealand's domestic and international policy.

**Kayla Raines:** Kayla is a native nursery production worker. She has previous experience as a floriculturist within the horticultural sector. She has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Biodiversity Management. She is involved in several community conservation and land care projects involving species monitoring and restoration planting

**Robert (Blue) Newport:** He is currently Chair of the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Trust (Opua to Horeke) and has chaired the Ōkaihau Community Association for the last 30 years. Recently retired from a 40 + year teaching career in tourism and social sciences, he is involved in the Ōkaihau community in various beautification and environmental maintenance projects. He is a Queen Elizabeth II National Trust covenant owner

**Liam Ratana:** Liam (Ngāti Wairupe raua ko Ngāti Kuri ki Herekino) is currently the Chair of his whānau trust and on the Executive Committee for his hapū. He is self-employed, working with a number of regional and national governmental organisations, NGOs, not-for-profits, and even SMEs as a business and communications consultant. An internationally published journalist, Liam also studied towards a conjoint Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts at The University of Auckland.

**Ramari Wiki: (Ramz):** Ramz is of Te Aupouri descent and is currently a support worker for Māori Mental Health in Auckland. She holds a Bachelor of Marine Biology and Applied Conservation and continues to work on researching the comparisons between Māori and Western conservation practices.

**Lydia Draper:** Lydia is the Chairperson for the Waipū River Walk community-led project (funded by the Whangārei District Council), supporter of the Bream Bay Coastal Care Trust and founding member of a water quality group focused on the Waipū catchment area. Lydia is actively concerned with the state of Aotearoa’s waterways, and the impact their degradation is having on our moana (and, therefore, all life on earth). Of Pākehā lineage, Lydia writes poetry to be (and become) a conscious citizen of Aotearoa.

## 5. MEETINGS AND FIELDTRIPS

The Board held a total of 9 meetings (4 x Formal Meetings and 5 x Working Meetings) during the reporting period. Meetings were held in a central location due to the vast jurisdiction area the board.

Meeting date	Location/Venue
12 August 2022	Induction-New Members / Working Hui,
31 August 2022	#1 Formal Hui, Whangārei DOC Office
5 October 2022	Working Hui, MS Teams
21 November 2022	Working Hui, Te Ao Marama Cultural Centre, Te Hana
21 November 2022	#2 Formal Hui, Te Ao Marama Cultural Centre, Te Hana
10 March 2023	#3 Formal Hui, Whangārei DOC Office
10 March 2023	Working Hui, Whangareai DOC Office
14 April 2023	#4 Formal Hui, Kerikeri DOC Office
14 April 2023	Working Hui, Kerikeri DOC Office

### 5.1 Agendas

The Board hosted and heard from numerous speakers at its meetings:

- 31 August 2022 – **Joel Lauterbach** – Operations Manager (Whangārei office) – Joel is new to the Department. One of his core priorities in the Whangārei district is building relationships with whanau/hapu/iwi, ensuring there are strong collaborative relationships founded in transparency and good communication. **Kate Waterhouse** – Chair (Auckland Conservation Board) provided an update on Wayby Valley, Pakiri

Land Extraction hearing, Hauraki Gulf Forum Summit and the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity

- 21 November 2022 - **Sue Reed-Thomas** - NNI Director of Operations - Regional Report
- 10 March 2023 - **Charlotte Parker and Sarah Smylie** - Planning Management presentation on CMS partial review for cycling on conservation land (excluding national parks), **Fiona Watson** - Senior Ranger Community - Whangārei District - District Report.
- 14 April 2023 - **Sue Reed-Thomas** - NNI Director of Operations - Regional Report, **Adrian Walker** - Senior Ranger Biodiversity, Bay of Islands District - District Report **Rosemary Miller** - Technical Advisor Freshwater, **Rolien Elliot** - NNI Issues Manager, **David West** - Science Advisor Freshwater, **Maddy Jopling**- Ranger River Restoration, Bay of Islands District - DOC Freshwater Presentation

The agendas and minutes from all Board meetings can be found on the Board’s webpage.

## 5.2 Field trips and site inspections

Field trips are an excellent opportunity for Board members to become more aware of conservation issues within their region. No field trips were conducted in this reporting year.

## 5.3 Members’ attendance 2022/23

Board Member	Formal Meetings (total 4)	Working Meetings (total 5)
<b>Nyree (Nyze) Porter</b>	4/4	5/5
<b>Kayla Raines</b>	4/4	5/5
<b>Robert (Blue) Newport</b>	4/4	5/5
<b>Liam Rātana</b>	4/4	5/5
<b>John (Hone) Tiatoa</b>	2/4	3/5
<b>Ramiri (Ramz) Wiki</b>	1/4	2/5
<b>Lydia Draper - resigned 7/8/2022</b>	0/4	0/5

## 6. MAHI

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### 6.1 Board Committees

The Conservation Act 1987 enables the Board to establish committees to carry out functions or tasks delegated by the Board. Committees that were active during the reporting period, and members involved in those committees. No subcommittees were appointed this financial year.

### 6.2 Special events

**21-22 November 2022** - Auckland Conservation Board and Northland Conservation Board joint Hui. Held at Te Ao Marama Cultural Centre Marae, Te Hana.

**9 February 2023** - Treaty of Waitangi commemorations and iwi hui, Waitangi, Northland.

### 6.3 Training for members

No training was scheduled for member.

## 7. STATUTORY ACTIVITY

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### 7.1 Annual Work Plan

After receiving its Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation, the Board sets out its work plan for the upcoming year. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the full Board Annual Work Programme.

It has been difficult to conduct business and carry out the annual work programme due to other work priorities, full board participation coupled with the difficulty that members are relatively new to the role.

### 7.2 Northland Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

#### Implementation monitoring

The board continues to monitor the milestones in the Northland CMS. Rather than looking at all the milestones, the board has decided to concentrate on those milestones that are due or overdue for completion.

### 7.3 2022/2023 National Park Management Plan (NPMP)

There are currently no National Parks within the Northland Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction.

## 8. ADVICE AND ADVOCACY

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All Board members have responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific roles in liaison. All board members have responsibility to identify ways for the Board to engage with relevant Iwi/Hapu throughout Northland. The Board appointed various members to liaise with other groups and agencies:

Board member	Organisation/Group/Agency
Nyree Porter (Chair)	Department of Conservation
	New Zealand Conservation Authority
	Fish and Game Council – Northern Branch
	Kaipara Moana Remediation
	Hector's & Maui Dolphin NI Stakeholder Forum

John Tiatoa (Deputy Chair)	Arohatia Te Taiao
	New Zealand Conservation Authority
Kayla Raines	Urupukapuka
	Hikurangi Swamp Scheme
	Ministry for the Environment
Robert Newport	Urupukapuka
	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society, Northern Branch
	Far North District Council
Liam Rātana	Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board
	Northland Regional Council
	Whangarei District Council
	Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve
	Hikurangi Swamp Scheme
	Ministry for the Environment
Ramari Wiki	Auckland Conservation Board
	Kaipara District Council
	Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve
Lydia Draper	Chairperson-Waipu River Walk Community-led Project
	Founding member focused on Waipu Catchment area

### 8.1 Board and Authority liaisons

The Board holds a liaison relationship with neighbouring conservation boards. Liaison roles for the reporting year were held by:

- Ramari Wiki - Liaison to Auckland Conservation Board

- Liam Rātana – Liaison to Te Hiku Conservation Board

The Authority has a liaison member with the Board to facilitate communication. The Authority Liaison attends Board meetings, and reports to the full Authority on matters raised. Nicoe Anderson was the Authority’s liaison for the reporting year.

## 8.2 Advice to the Department

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

- Niagara shipwreck.
- Support for the Bay of Islands Marine Mammal Sanctuary.

## 8.3 Submissions

The Board advocated its interests in the Opononi/Kohukohu hearings. A submission was lodged and is available on the website.

- 18 May 2023. Blue Newport attended the Opononi/Kohukohu wastewater hearing, on behalf of the Northland Conservation Board, to speak to submissions made by Board.

## 8.4 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 Northland/Te Tai Tokerau region and opportunities for the public to attend Board meetings were advertised.

No members of the public attended the Public Forum in this financial year.

The Board has a practice of inviting representatives from community organisations to present at each meeting. No community organisations presented this financial year.

Voluntary groups carry 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.

## 8.5 Community visibility

The Board maintains a presence on the Department’s website, and via the quarterly Conservation Board Newsletter.

## 8.6 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. Unfortunately, no representatives met with the Board for this financial period.

The Waitangi Tribunal released the Te Paparahi o Te Raki Stage Two during term. This is quite significant to the future possible engagement between the Department of Conservation and Northland iwi.

# 9. FEES AND ALLOWANCES

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Fees and allowances are paid in accordance with the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951. The chairperson receives a daily meeting fee of \$330, and other Authority members receive a daily meeting fee of \$250.

## 10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Finally, the Board would like to acknowledge the following people for their support, advice, and friendship in 2022 - 2023:

- Auckland Conservation Board – Nicola MacDonald, Chair, and Kate Waterhouse, Board Member/Liaison.
- Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board – Wallace Rivers and Waitai Petera, Co-Chairs/Board Liaison.
- Northland Regional Council
- Department of Conservation – Sue Reed-Thomas, Director of Operations NNI
- Department of Conservation – Bronwyn Bauer-Hunt and Staff, Operations Team, Bay of Islands.
- Department of Conservation – Joel Lauterbach and Staff, Operations Team, Whangarei
- Department of Conservation – Stephen Soole and Staff, Operations Team, Kauri Coast
- Department of Conservation – Fiona Watson, Statutory Manager, NNI Region
- New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) – Nicole Anderson – NZCA Liaison for Northern North Island Region.



## Annual Work Programme 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

### Overview

This Work Programme has been developed in response to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation received on 19 July 2022.

It is structured in three parts, namely:

- **Part A: Planned Board activities aimed at meeting the regional Work Programme contained in the letter:**
  - Support the Native Predator Control Programme to actively promote pest management.
  - Use and share learning for the Arohatia te Taiao initiative.
  - Actively support the use of 1080 measures in the Waipoua Forest.
  - Review/development/monitoring of statutory management plans, including Conservation Management Strategies (CMS).
  - Advice relating to Stewardship Land.
  - Other statutory functions of the board.
  - Advocacy.
  
- **Part B: Planned Board activities aimed at general expectations contained in the letter:**
  - Support the implementation of Te Mana o te Taiao – The Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy.
  - Contribute to any reviews of national park management plans and Conservation Management Strategies (CMSs) and support their progress effectively to promote strong conservation outcomes.
  - Embed the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the obligations of section 4 of the Act in all aspects of work.
  - Support the transition to a lower-carbon conservation delivery model, having regard to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019.
  
- **Part C: Risks/issues from the board’s perspective and opportunities for conservation growth that are not covered above.**
  - The pre-CMS consultation project preparing for the CMS review, and CMS milestone implementation, monitoring and reporting.
  - Community engagement and networking.
  - Manawa mo te Taiao: Āngi, Wai (from Awa to Moana) and whenua.

Status indicator

Colour	Indicates
	Completed
	Started - Ongoing
	Not started yet

## PART A: REGIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

### 1 Review/Development/Monitoring of Statutory Management Plans, including Conservation Management Strategies (CMS)

#### 1.1 Board objective:

*In conjunction with the Department, the board will determine priorities for implementing the approved Northland CMS according to the National Implementation Monitoring Guidelines.*

#### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
<b>A</b>	CMS monitoring “traffic light” is presented to Board members as a mandatory process at Board meetings by the Department of Conservation.		May 2022 - Implementation Monitoring Report review completed by Statutory Manager and Board Support Officer.
<b>B</b>	Regional areas of Board - Members will monitor CMS objectives/implementation of projects by the Department of Conservation.		May 2022 – The above-mentioned review was actioned based on a feeling of inadequate reporting contributing to inadequate monitoring of the CMS Milestones.

#### 1.2 Board objective:

*In conjunction with the Department, the board will determine priorities for implementation of the approved Northland CMS.*

#### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
<b>A</b>	Chair to hold regular meetings with the Department of Conservation Director of Operations to prioritise projects within the CMS.		Not in place. Time devoted to implementing Pre-CMS Community Consultation Project.
<b>B</b>	Chair engages with Department of Conservation regional managers to prioritise and monitor the progress of CMS within regional areas.		Time devoted to implementing Pre-CMS Community Consultation Project.  There is a general feeling that the current CMS is not fit-for-purpose.

## 2 Advice relating to Stewardship Land

### 2.1 Board Objective:

*The board will provide the Minister and Department with advice on priorities for reclassification of stewardship areas that require increased protection because of their significant conservation values.*

#### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Advise the Department of Conservation/Minister of any issue that would require increased conservation protection ( <i>and cultural protection</i> ) of stewardship areas.		Stewardship Land Reclassification Project is underway – Proposed reclassifications for 504 pieces of stewardship land on the West Coast are open for consultation - Submissions closing on 26 July 2022. Northland Conservation Board members hold strong opinions on the Reclassification process. 08/03/2022 - Letter sent to Minister Allan outlining the Boards concerns of a flawed consultation process. 17/03/2022 – Stewardship Reclassification Submission.
B	Ensure Treaty Settlements in Tai Tokerau are finalised before any Stewardship areas within settlement rohe are reclassified.		Area of concern (expressed in letter and submission mentioned above).

## 5.4 Other statutory functions under the Conservation Act

5.4.1 Advise the NZCA or DOC on any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance: [s6M\(1\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)

5.4.2 Advise the NZCA or DOC on any other conservation matters within their jurisdiction: [s6M\(1\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)

5.2.6 Liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matters within their jurisdiction: [s6M\(1\)\(f\)](#)

5.4.3 Exercise any other powers and functions that may be delegated by the Minister under the Conservation Act or any other Act: [s6M\(1\)\(g\)](#)

5.4.4 Exercise other functions, as conferred on them by or under the Conservation Act or any other Act: [s6M\(2\)](#)

## 5.5 Powers of Boards under the Conservation Act

[Section 6N](#) gives every Board all such powers as are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable it to carry out its functions. These powers include advocating its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process ([s6N\(2\)\(a\)](#)), appointing committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegating to them functions and powers ([s6N\(2\)\(b\)](#)), and appearing before courts and tribunals in New Zealand and being heard on matters affecting or relating to the Board's functions ([s6N\(3\)](#)).

### 3 Other Statutory Functions of the Board

#### 3.1 Board objective:

*The board will nurture ongoing working relationships with the Fish and Game Council regarding issues of mutual interest within the region.*

#### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Maintain ongoing and regular engagement with the Fish and Game Council.		Liaison member has begun engagement with council. To be reviewed 2022/2023 and a liaison person nominated
B	Report on engagement and areas of mutual interest or concern the board may have with the Fish and Game Council.		As above.

#### 3.2 Board objective:

*The board will advise on proposed status changes for nationally and internationally important areas when sought by the Department.*

#### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Advise on any change of status for nationally and internationally important areas and give advice to the Department as and when required.		
B	The board will advise the Department of any concern or interest when establishing <i>Change of Status</i> with Iwi/hapu or communities.		

### 4 Advocacy

#### 4.1 Board objective

*The board will pursue all reasonable opportunities to advocate at public forums and in any statutory planning processes.*

#### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress Commentary
A	The board will continue to advocate its interest at any public forum or in any statutory planning process.		
B	The board will proactively promote and advocate its position on 'Hokianga Harbour Wellbeing', 'Tara Iti', 'RMS		<b>RMS Niagara Shipwreck -</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>09/07/2022 - Letter of concern sent to Ayesha Verrall, Kiri Allan, and Michael</li> </ul>

	Niagara Shipwreck', 'Kauri Ora' and 'BOI Marine Mammal Sanctuary'.		<p>Wood (from Tania McInnes on behalf of NCB).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>05/11/2022 - Follow-up email sent to Huia Lloyd (from Hamish Eglinton).</li> <li>30/11/2022 - Follow-up email sent to Huia Lloyd (from Carla Dixon-West on behalf of NCB).</li> <li>07/12/2022 - Letter received from Huia Lloyd advising that this has been referred to MfE, and stating she will confirm MfE receipt and preparation of a response.</li> <li>10/05/2022 - Follow-up email sent to Huia Lloyd requesting a response.</li> </ul> <p><b>Tara Iti -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Season since 2013-2014.</li> <li>Mangawhai producing 7 of the 8 chicks fledging from the wild.</li> <li>Te Ārai captive rearing trials successfully fledged 3 chicks.</li> <li>Highlight - Papakānui chick fledged this season. The last time this happened was in 2016.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kauri Ora -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hokianga Harbour Wellbeing -</li> <li>BOI Marine Mammal Sanctuary -</li> <li>New rules effective 15/12/2022.</li> </ul>
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#### 4.2 Board objective

*RMA (Resource Management Act).*

#### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	The board will monitor the statutory planning process and advise/make submissions where appropriate.		

## PART B: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

### 5 Working with the Department of Conservation

#### 5.1 Board objective:

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

### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Board members will actively engage and enhance working relationships with their regional office managers and staff.		
B	The board chair will continue to enhance relationships with Department Operations Director, Area managers, statutory managers and staff.		

### 6 Taking account of the Ministerial priorities for the Department (as contained in the Departments 4-year Plan)<sup>1F1</sup>

#### 6.1 Board objective:

*The board will identify opportunities to support North Island community conservation.*

### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Board members will continue to engage & advocate for Tara Iti habitat.		The Board receive monthly newsletters from the Tara Iti Team
C	Board to promote public awareness of the plight of Tara Iti in Northland.		

#### 6.2 Board objective:

*The board will identify opportunities for building relationships with community.*

### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	Board encourages public involvement and ownership through all Board communication channels.		Facebook Page utilised for promotion.

### 7 Working with adjoining conservation boards and the New Zealand Conservation Authority

#### Board objective:

- 7.1 *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**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary</b>
<b>A</b>	The board will continue to liaise and participate with Auckland Conservation Board.		Nyree Porter has continued to strengthen relationships between Northland and Auckland Conservation Boards. Both boards are eager to continue on this journey and work together on all appropriate issues.
<b>B</b>	The board will establish a relationship with Te Hiku o Te Ika Conservation Board.		Nyree Porter has been newly appointed as Te Hiku Conservation Board liaison.
<b>C</b>	The board will encourage Auckland and Te Hiku o Te Ika members to attend our Board meetings.		Joint meeting with Auckland CB at Te Ao Marama Marae in Te Hana
<b>D</b>	The board will continue its ongoing relationship with NZCA.		Ongoing.

**8 Understanding the board’s contribution to giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi**

**8.1 Board objective:**

*The board will understand and support the Board’s and 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**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary</b>
<b>A</b>	The board recognises and acknowledges the Treaty principles.		The board includes members with a strong understanding in this area. All members have high expectations of the treaty obligations and principles.

**9 General engagement with the community, including raising the profile of the Board**

**9.1 Board objective:**

*Board members will liaise regularly with other conservation entities, such as district and regional councils, non-governmental organisations and community groups, to enhance the board’s profile and pursue good working relationships on issues of mutual interest and concern.*

### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	The board will continue and enhance its relationship with the district and regional councils, NGOs and community groups.		

#### 9.2 Board objective:

*Board members will take the initiative to meet with community groups and the general public to gauge community reaction to conservation initiatives planned or implemented by the Department.*

### Planned Board activities, success measures and key milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
A	The board will continue to support & promote community events.		Arohatia te Taiao!!!

## PART C: RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### 10 Risks from the Board's perspective

A	Lack of resourcing to fulfil aspirations and objectives.
B	Deterioration to the point of the terminal decline of the health of forests and ecosystems.
C	No ongoing funding for pest management and co-managed areas.

### 11 Opportunities for conservation growth

A	Opportunity for conservation growth from enhanced resourcing and collaboration with communities/Hapu/Iwi.
B	Opportunity to build and strengthen relationships, e.g. reconnecting Northland & Northland Regional Council ("NRC") including Hapu/Iwi.





This report is presented to the New Zealand Conservation Authority as required by the Conservation Act 1987 and distributed to interested parties. Members of the public are welcome to attend conservation board meetings.

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