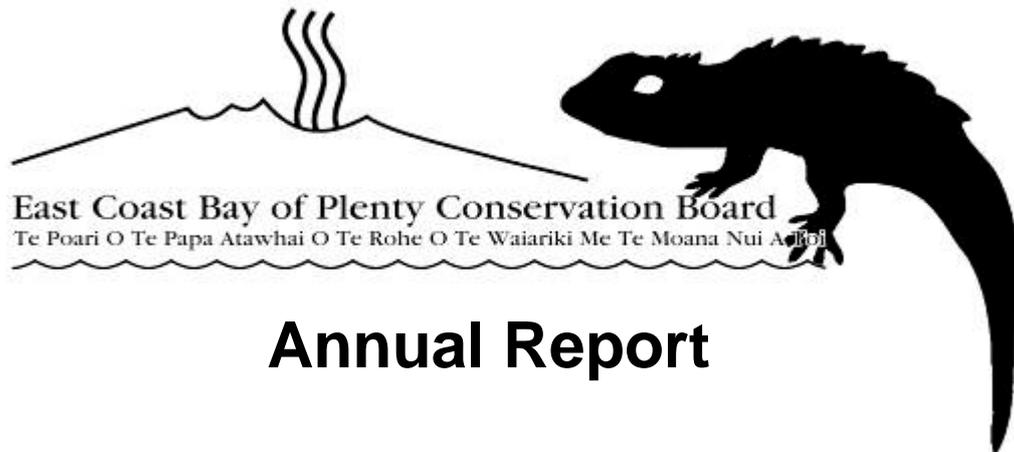




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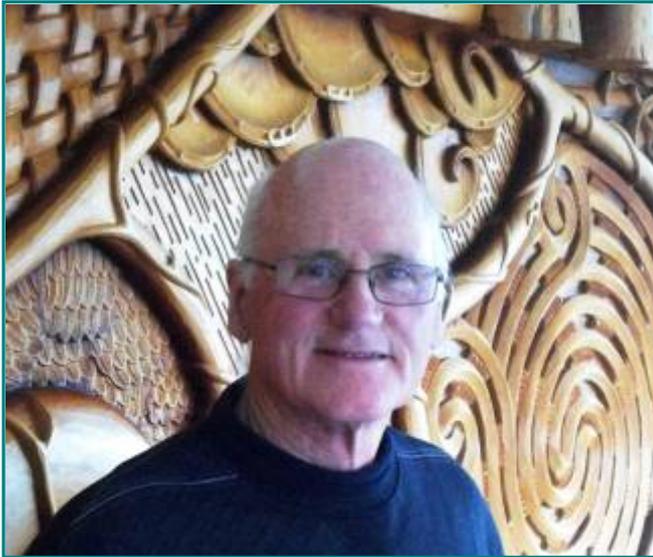


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1. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Mike Hayden – Chairperson,
East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board,
2012/2013

Despite the Board's uncertainty concerning its future role after the departmental restructuring, the members continue to exercise their roles in community liaison and to show interest in the Conservancy's activities. Membership now stands at eight, with five due to stand down in June 2013. Of these eight members, two dwell on the East Coast which will transfer to the Southern North Island region under the proposed restructure. This in effect leaves two current members of the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy area whose terms will continue to 2014.

During the year meetings were held mainly in Rotorua, but a visit was made to Gisborne where members were fortunate in visiting a privately owned and funded ecological sanctuary at Te Kuri a Paoa, Young Nick's Head. A highlight of this trip was to be able to observe juvenile tuatara at close quarters in a

specially constructed nursery within the sanctuary. It was also an opportunity to hold a hui with Ngai Tamanuhiri at Muriwai Marae where we were able to share their vision for the development of their rohe.

Members are represented on Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve Committee, Te Tapatoru o Toi Joint Management Committee and Fish and Game where at each meeting, reported to the Board on these group's activities. Other members reported on community conservation activities within their geographical areas and took an active part in several of these:

- Athenree Wetland development. This Department of Conservation project has shown continual progress through this period with a strong partnership commitment from the local community. This has included the Waihou Catchment Group, part of the successful Kaimai Catchment Forum
- Hauraki Rail Trail. With significant support from DOC, this has been completed to Waikino and celebrated its first year of operation. The bridge to the Western Portal of the Karangahake Rail Tunnel was completed to ensure a smooth flow for cyclists travelling on that part of the trail. Figures show that some 900 visitors a day over the summer season and 90,000 over the first year of operation explored the cycleway and heritage sites at the Karangahake Gorge. It is expected that the Waikino to Waihi section of the Trail will be open to the public before the end of 2013.
- The development of historical walkways within the East Coast communities has been discussed.
- Of significance to the communities and Iwi of the Northern Kaimai was the remediation of the Tui Mine site at Te Aroha, the most polluted site in our country. This has long been a sore on the side of Mount Te Aroha but after cooperation from; local and central government, DOC, Iwi and with support from a wide range of local and industrial stakeholders, the issue seems to be finally resolved. However, it will take many years of careful monitoring to ensure that there is no more pollution entering the waterways there.



- Flaxroots Conference. Initiated by DOC and held at the Bay of Plenty Polytechnic, Tauranga. This was a great success drawing participants from a wide range of environmental groups across the Bay of Plenty. It is hoped that this will be an annual event.

While the Board has not been directly involved in Treaty Settlements, it has been informed on the progress of these. The Board will be directly involved in the Ngati Whare Deed of Settlement and the Ngati Manawa Memorandum of Understanding.

Presentations to the Board included those from the Kaimai Catchment Forum, the Whirinaki Te Pua a Tane CMP and a CMS Monitoring report on the Kaimai Mamaku Place.

After several postponements, planning for the new CMS is on hold. It was planned to commence this in early 2013 but was delayed because of the departmental review and changes in Treaty Settlements. However the implications for the CMS on the restructure are not clear and it will not now be initiated until further information concerning this and the Board's structure is received. This has meant that a major Board activity did not take place and may now be initiated with a new Board structure and new members.

The most significant issue from the Board's perspective has been the proposed structural changes in the Department. Members have noted the stress this has caused among staff and have admired the way in which staff members have continued to put their best into their existing roles despite uncertainty over their futures. A high level of professionalism has been shown by them. Board members are concerned that close relationships, developed over many years, with iwi and community groups may be lost during the restructuring. It is hoped that this will not happen. The Board wishes to pass on its congratulations to those staff members who have been able to secure positions and hope that further appointments for the local staff will be made soon. It will be a pleasure to continue to work alongside the new managers most of whom we have worked with before.

The restructuring has also had an effect on the tenure of individual members. Many members of the Board had been advised that their appointments would cease in June, however the Minister has asked them to continue until the future structure and role of the Boards' has been determined. All the members are willing to do so.

It is difficult to see how the current Board structure can fit within the new regional boundaries. The Central North Island region, of which the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy will become a part, is too large to allow one Board to effectively undertake its role. It will be critical with the focus on partnerships that a strong community voice in conservation is maintained. Any restructuring of Conservation Boards should strengthen this, not dilute it.

At this stage, while Board members have not been consulted on possible changes, they are continuing to pursue their roles so that continuity and stability may be sustained and support given to staff members.

Finally, I should like to acknowledge my fellow Board members who have continued to fulfil their roles with professionalism and humour despite having been kept in the dark by the Minister over their future roles and that of the Board. It is to be hoped that now, the Department's restructure has been determined, an urgent focus may be made on what structure the existing Conservation Boards' will have in the future.

Mike Hayden
Chairperson
East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board



2. INTRODUCTION TO THE EAST COAST BAY OF PLENTY CONSERVATION BOARD

The East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board is one of the thirteen statutory bodies appointed by the Minister of Conservation under Section P of the Conservation Act 1987. The functions and powers of the Board are outlined in Sections 6M and 6N respectively. The role of the Board as laid out in the Act is as follows:

- To recommend the approval of Conservation Management Strategies;
- To approve Conservation Management Plans;
- To advise on how Conservation Management Strategies and Plans are being put into practice;
- To advise on proposed changes to the status of land areas of national and international significance;
- To liaise with Fish and Game Councils on conservation matters;
- To carry out the other powers delegated to the Board by the Minister of Conservation, the Conservation Act or any other Act;
- To advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process.

These functions and powers, where exercised, are reported on separately within this report.

3. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EAST COAST BAY OF PLENTY CONSERVATION BOARD

Membership of the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board during the reporting period was as follows:

Board Members	Home Location	Meetings Attended
Michael Hayden (Chairman)	Waihi	4
Ian Pirani	Katikati	4
John Wauchop	Gisborne	3
Malcolm Whittaker	Ohope	4
Vicki Thorpe	Gisborne	4
Neuton Lambert	Tuai	3
Ken Raureti	Rotorua	3
Derek Gosling	Opotiki	3
Victor Walker	Tolaga Bay	0

+ Joe Doherty resigned 4/09/12, + Christopher Marsh resigned 10/09/12, + Victor Walker resigned Dec 2012



**Rotorua Conservancy Department of Conservation staff and
East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board members– 2012/2013**

(L to R) – Helen Neale - Community Support Manager ECBOP Conservancy, Jan Hania – Conservator ECBOP Conservancy, Mike Hayden (Waihi) – Chair ECBOP Conservation Board, ECBOP BOARD MEMBERS; Malcolm Whitaker (Ohope) , John Wauchop (Gisborne), Ian Pirani (Katikati), Vicky Thorpe (Gisborne), Neuton Lambert (Tuai), Derek Gosling (Opotiki).
Absent: Ken Raureti (Rotorua)

4. THE BOARD'S AREA

The East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservancy extends from the eastern and western part of the Bay of Plenty stretching in a ribbon like flow from west of Tauranga city, inland to the Waikato river, embracing Rotorua city and its volcanic lakes, across to Gisborne and up to the East Cape. The total area of the conservancy is 2.3 million hectares with public conservation lands making up approximately 27 % of the region.

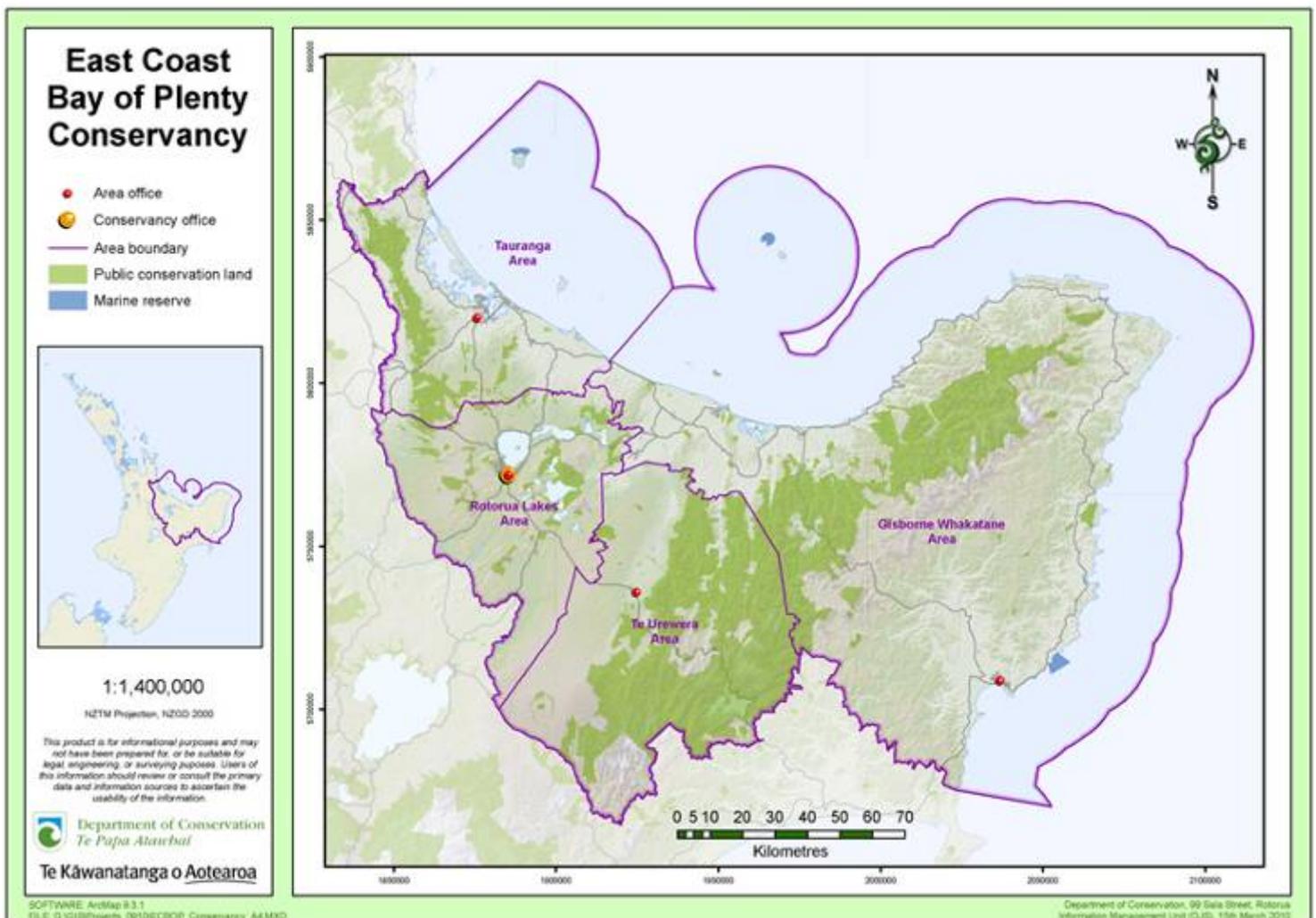
Forests such as Te Urewera and Whirinaki te Pua a Tane, Raukumara and Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Parks are enjoyed by a wide range of recreational users from around and beyond our region. These ancient ranges are connected intimately with significant coastal forest and dunelands that lie at the fringes of the Conservancy and continue into the depths of the marine world through to various islands and beyond.

Wetland features, associated vegetation and the geothermal wonders of the Rotorua Lakes and surrounding reserve network also provide unique features to an area that is as diverse in species as it is in people groups and communities.



This is a Conservancy rich in historic and cultural sites, boasting the landing place of the Horouta waka and Te Ikaroa-a-Rauru waka and the Turanganui River Historic Precinct where the nationally significant Cook Landing Site National Historic Reserve are located. The rock, Te Toka-a-Taiau, with links to all iwi of Tairawhiti is important as a tribal boundary marker and is the site of the first hongī between European and Maori.

This physical location represents our ongoing responsibility to iwi under the Treaty of Waitangi as the Conservancy area is homeland to the whanau, hapu and iwi of Pare Hauraki, Tauranga Moana, Te Arawa Federation, Mataatua Waka, Te Tairawhiti, Turanga-nui-a-kiwa and Te Urewera. An estimated 300,000 people dwell in or are connected to this Conservancy.





5. ACTIVITIES OF THE EAST BAY OF PLENTY CONSERVATION BOARD

5.1 BOARD MEETINGS AND FIELD TRIPS

Four Board meetings were held during the course of the year:

Date of Meeting	Meeting Venue	Location
07 September 2012	Department of Conservation Conservancy Office	Rotorua
07 December 2012	Department of Conservation Conservancy Office	Rotorua
08 March 2013	Department of Conservation Gisborne Whakatane Area Office	Gisborne
09 March 2013	Ngai Tamanuhiri, Muriwai Marae Te Kuri a Paoa-Young Nick's Head Station	
07 June 2013	Department of Conservation Conservancy Office	Rotorua

Ngai Tamanuhiri, Muriwai Field Visit

In March this year, the Board held it's quarterly hui at the Gisborne area office, and also took this opportunity to visit, Te Kuri a Paoa, more commonly known as Young Nick's Head. We acknowledge and thank Andy Bassett, DOC Area Manager, Gisborne/Whakatane, and his team for hosting the Board, for their manaakitanga and hospitality.

Our field trip to Te Kuri a Paoa was the highlight of our visit with a whakatau by Ngai Tamanuhiri hau kainga to their marae. From the marae, we were taken on a guided tour of the privately owned, Young Nick's Head Station by the farm manager, Kim Dodgshun. This station was purchased in 2002 by John Griffin. Steve Sawyer of Ecoworks guided the group into the tuatara enclosure, privately funded by the Griffins family.

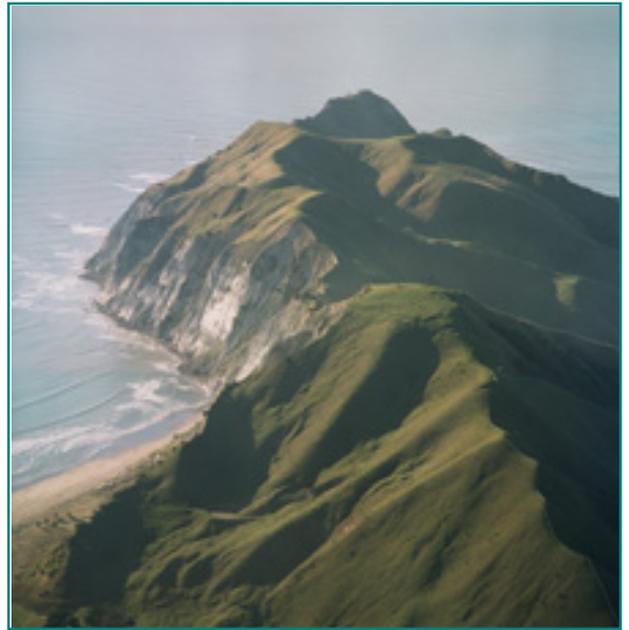
The owners' vision is to turn back the clock by recreating a self-sustaining ecosystem containing flora and fauna as it would have been in pre-human times while running a viable farming operation. Their programme of re-introducing tuatara and titi by installing an enclosure for juvenile tuatara as well as sound systems to attract seabirds is underway and includes an intensive trapping regime that covers the entire station.

This includes trapping and shooting of cats, rats, possums, all mustelids, hares, rabbits, peafowl, turkey and hedgehogs; mice are targeted at specific points for lizard protection. Over 200,000 eco-sourced natives have been planted to date.



Te Kuri a Paoa

For Ngai Tamanuhiri, Young Nick's Head is called 'Te Kuri a Paoa'. Although most people will know the story behind 'Young Nick's Head', less known is the Maori history of this area. Te Kuri a Paoa (the dog of Paoa) is the dog that belonged to Paoa, the captain of the Horouta waka on its journey from Hawaiiki to Aotearoa. The korero told to the Board was that Paoa lost his dog in the Poverty Bay area and he is still there waiting for his master to return. If you look towards the white cliffs at dawn you may be able to see the outline of Paoa's dog in a crouching position. The headland remains one of a number of significant sites for Ngai Tamanuhiri iwi, tangata whenua of this area.



Te Kuri a Paoa, Young Nick's Head,
Muriwai, Gisborne

Kenneth Raureti
Board member
East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board



ECBOP Conservation Board site visit, overlooking the wetland area at
Te Kuri a Paoa, Young Nick's Head station



5.2 BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board's committees fall into two categories – those named after the specific 'Place' sections of the draft Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) and other committees which deal with issues such as statutory planning (submissions), planning and local government and TLA liaison. Board members with a particular interest in these places or activities form these subcommittees.

Committee	Board Membership
National Issues / NZCA Liaison	Mike Hayden
Neighbouring Board Liaison	Mike Hayden
Pest Management Issues	Ian Pirani
Biodiversity (eg. protected species)	John Wauchop
Treaty of Waitangi (Section 4, Conservation Act 1987)	All Board members
Board Work Planning	Mike Hayden Ian Pirani
Statutory Planning (Submissions etc)	Mike Hayden Derek Gosling
Local Government and TLA Liaison	Mike Hayden Malcolm Whittaker Derek Gosling
Eastern Region Fish and Game Council Liaison	Ian Pirani
Recreation and Historic	Neuton Lambert Mike Hayden
Islands	Mike Hayden Vicki Thorpe
Kaimai-Mamaku Forest	Mike Hayden Ian Pirani
Whirinaki – Te Pua a Tane	Derek Gosling Malcolm Whitaker
Marine Reserves	Vicki Thorpe
Wetlands	Ian Pirani Malcolm Whittaker
Volcanic and Geothermal Environments	Derek Gosling Mike Hayden
Coastal Ecosystems, Forests and Dunelands	Derek Gosling Malcolm Whittaker
Raukumara and Te Urewera	Neuton Lambert Derek Gosling Mike Hayden



5.3 OTHER MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES ATTENDED BY BOARD MEMBERS

- The Board was represented at the Flaxroots community conference on 23 March 2013 which included a static presentation on the Board members and its work. This workshop was designed to engage and grow community conservation by bringing together communities, care groups, volunteers, agency staff, experts and others for a two day workshop. It also aimed to celebrate and develop the capacity of these groups through providing them with a regional and national context for their work, the opportunity to share ideas, as well as strengthening partnerships between agencies and local communities
- The Kaimai Catchments Forum Field Trip held on 20 February 2013 was attended by several Board members and was an opportunity to view and discuss key issues and successes associated with this project



6. FUNCTIONS UNDER SECTION 6M OF THE CONSERVATION ACT 1987

6.1 SECTION 6M 1(A) TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL BY THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY OF CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND THE REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF SUCH STRATEGIES, UNDER THE RELEVANT ENACTMENTS

Early in 2013 the time frame for initiating the review of the ECBOP CMS was confirmed as September/October 2013 to allow for the current and subsequent implementation of organisational change within the Department and the changing landscape due to Treaty Settlements. Some preparatory work on a communication and consultation plan was undertaken by the Department to work towards this date.

More recently, a new structure for the Department was agreed on and confirmed with the result that the EBCOP conservancy will no longer exist within its current boundaries and will be integrated into two new regions – Central North Island and the Lower North Island. The implications for the CMS are not clear at this stage and it has not been possible to determine what actions or timeframes will be generated as a result.

It is expected that once the new structure is implemented at the start of September there will be some more direction around this.



6.2 SECTION 6M 1(B) TO APPROVE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLANS AND THE REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF SUCH PLANS, UNDER THE RELEVANT ENACTMENTS

The Ngāti Whare Settlement is the final settlement of all Ngāti Whare's historical claims with the major provision in their cultural redress package being the joint governance of Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne Conservation Park. This is to be achieved through the development and joint approval of a Conservation Management Plan for Whirinaki with the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board.

The process for the creation of this CMP differs slightly from the process set out in the Conservation Act and in March 2013 the Board received a report from Mike Jones, management planner for the Department in relation to the CMP which included recommendations for the Board as follows:

- 1 The Board notes the legislative processes for the Whirinaki CMP.
- 2 The Board agrees to nominate a sub-committee to oversee the Board's input into this process.
- 3 The Board agrees to pass a resolution endorsing how the Board wishes to approve the various stages of the Whirinaki CMP process.

The Board accepted these recommendations and agreed to establish a sub committee to oversee the Board's role in this process and to work with the Departments planner on the development of the CMP.

At its June meeting the Board were advised that the Joint Working Party had completed the vision and high level outcomes for the CMP and that this would be ready to go to the Director-General for sign off in July. It is expected that the CMP will be ready for formal notification in January 2014.



Podocarp, Whirinaki Forest Park



6.3 SECTION 6M 1(c) 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

Although withdrawn in August 2009 by the Conservancy and the Board the final draft of the BOP CMS 2008-2018 has been made available to the general public with the explanation that it is being used as 'a guide for the management of the previous Bay of Plenty portion of the new Conservancy and its Places' Although the statutory tool for decision making will be the previous BOP CMS 1997-2007 the Board agreed that final draft would be used for the purposes of CMS reporting with reference to the existing CMS to be included in these reports.

During the year the Board assessed the implementation of the Kaimai Mamaku Forest place with the following key issues noted:

Key Issues for the Future

1. Completion of the Kaimai Heritage Trail as per the Northern Kaimai Heritage plan and integration with NZ Transport Agency, district councils, and local community and economic development initiatives.
2. The Forest Park is becoming increasingly popular so any future planning must recognise the need to cater for increasing visitor numbers and more appropriate visitor opportunities.
3. Provide on-going support for the Kaimai Catchments Forum to ensure effective biodiversity management in the Kaimai Mamaku ranges. This concept will provide a tool for Copy from communities to assist in the management of healthy catchments, and provide some offset to the shift in emphasis towards national priorities as determined by the Department's National Heritage Management System.
4. Large scale concession applications such as wind power generation, potential access arrangements for gold mining and the proposed gondola on Mt Te Aroha, continue to be discussed informally and may need to be considered in due course.
5. Ongoing work will be required to ensure that biodiversity gains achieved to date in northern Mamaku (Opuiaki) are not lost.
6. Community groups undertaking a range of conservation activities will need to have sustained support if they are to provide an effective boost to the capacity for the Department to achieve its outcomes in Kaimai Mamaku.

Considerations for the next CMS Review

1. Review progress on the Kaimai Catchments project and development of the forum model.
2. Review progress against the Northern Kaimai Heritage Plan
3. Review progress on changes to the recreation opportunities review and potentially a whole of Kaimai's visitor review
4. Determine effectiveness for current goat control operations in the Forest Park
5. Review maintenance of biodiversity gains in northern Mamaku (Opuiaki) and particularly kokako as an indicator species



CMS Monitoring Outcome

The Department has embraced its new strategic direction and is working towards realising the potential social and economic opportunities to be gained by local communities from its conservation work in the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest, in a sustainable manner.

Through development and implementation of the Kaimai Heritage Plan, Opuiaki pest control project and collaboration with others including regional and local councils, concessionaires, community groups and neighbouring landowners through the Kaimai Catchments Project, significant gains are being made in the enhancement and promotion of natural, recreational and historic values within the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest.

Progress has been made on 13 of the 14 policy directives from the Draft BOP CMS 2008-18. The one which has not been progressed, encouraging helicopter landings, is contrary to the still operative 1997-2007 BOP CMS.

The Board accepted this report and associated recommendations.



Mining tunnels near stope, Quartzville, Waiorongomai,
Kaimai



6.4 SECTION 6M 1(D) (II) TO ADVISE THE CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL ON ANY OTHER CONSERVATION MATTER

The Board has also provided advice to the Department on the following:

- Investigation into the commercial possibilities of feral goats
- Concern re initiation of the draft Whirinaki Te Pua a Tane CMP and inability of Board to fulfil their statutory requirements
- Kopeopeo Canal Contamination site marginal strip and public notification requirements
- Freedom Camping Act Site selection
- Concern in relation to DOC service delivery review

6.5 SECTION 6M 1(F) TO LIAISE WITH ANY FISH AND GAME COUNCIL ON MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD

The Board ensures that the Eastern Region Fish and Game Council, through Rob Pitkethley, are sent Board meeting agendas and minutes to keep them informed of the Board's work.

Regular attendance by the Board representative, Ian Pirani, at Fish and Game Council meetings has ensured that a sound and progressive relationship has been maintained.

7. POWERS UNDER SECTION 6N OF THE CONSERVATION ACT 1987

7.1 SECTION 6N 2(A) EACH BOARD MAY ADVOCATE ITS INTEREST AT ANY PUBLIC FORUM OR IN ANY STATUTORY PLANNING PROCESS

The Board expressed its concern in relation to several issues during the year including the impact of erosion in relation to forestry practises and resolved to present a letter to Gisborne District Council requesting an opportunity to present its concerns to the council at a council meeting.

7.2 SECTION 6N 2(B) EACH BOARD MAY APPOINT COMMITTEES OF MEMBERS AND OTHER SUITABLE PERSONS AND DELEGATE TO THEM FUNCTIONS AND POWERS

Joint Management Committee - Te Tapatoru a Toi

As part of the Ngati Awa settlement, the Ngati Awa Claims Settlement Act 2005 required the Minister of Conservation to delegate certain reserve management powers in order to recognise Ngati Awa values and relationships with three places - Moutohora (Whale Island) Wildlife Management Reserve, Ohope Scenic Reserve and Tauwhare Pa Scenic Reserve. The Joint Management Committee was formed 2006 and is known as 'Te Tapatoru a Toi'.

The Te Tapui Tokotoru Conservation Management Plan approved in October 2008 aims to achieve the purpose of the Ngati Awa Claims Settlement Act 2005 and the requirements for reserve management planning under the Conservation Act 1987. This committee has representatives nominated by Ngati Awa, the Department of Conservation and the East Coast Bay of Plenty Conservation Board. Derek Gosling has been the representative since September 2012 and has provided regular updates to Board meetings on the work of this committee.



Te Tapuwae O Rongokako Marine Reserve Committee

At its meeting of 7th August 2009 the Board agreed to establish the Te Tapuwae O Rongokako Marine Reserve Committee and Vicki Thorpe was appointed as the Board's representative. The term for this appointment is due to end presently.



Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve,
Pouawa Beach, Gisborne

8. GIVING EFFECT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE TREATY OF WAITANGI

The Board gives effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi by:

- Monitoring the way in which the Conservancy is giving effect to Section 4 of the Conservation Act;
- Engaging in discussions on Treaty of Waitangi issues through its representative on the Ngati Awa/Department of Conservation Joint Management Committee (Te Tapatoru a Toi)
- Holding meetings on marae and having field trips and inspections and engaging meaningfully with iwi representatives and local hapu;
- Ensuring that it has meaningful processes for iwi input to its work;
- Supporting the conservancy with settlement implementation where it can.

Te Ariki Trust

The Affiliate Te Arawa Iwi/Hapu Settlement Act was passed on 25 September 2008 and the Department was required under the Act to be represented on a Trust that acts for the interests of Ngati Rangitahi and the Crown on a Management Committee that will administer the Te Ariki Isthmus at Lake Tarawera in Rotorua. The Trust is known as the Te Ariki Trust and Hera Smith, a previous Board member, was appointed as the Department's representative and has continued in this role.



Ngai Tamanuhiri

The Board met with Nga Tamanuhiri at their marae in March at Muriwai and were able to hear from iwi representatives of their vision for their rohe.



Ngai Tamanuhiri iwi, ECBOP Conservation Board members, Andy Bassett DOC Area Manager and Young Nick's Head Station Manager, Kim Dodgshun, outside the tuatara sanctuary, Mar 2013

9. LIAISON

9.1 MINISTER OF CONSERVATION

The Board wrote to the Minister in April 2013 to express its concern re the current review of Conservation Department's service delivery and the limited information concerning the draft proposals that had come to the Conservation Boards. Some specific areas of concern were noted and suggestions for the future made.

9.2 NEW ZEALAND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Regular correspondence from NZCA Chairperson is also appreciated as a means of keeping the Board up to date on NZCA meetings and activities. The minutes and meeting agendas of the NZCA are also received from Katrina Edwards, Statutory Bodies Advisor in National Office.

The Board were visited by Dr Warren Parker from the Conservation Authority during the year who provided insight into the strategic direction and current priorities of the Authority.



9.3 OTHER CONSERVATION BOARDS

The Board appreciates the agendas, minutes and other correspondence received from the following Conservation Boards, throughout the year:

- Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board
- Waikato Conservation Board
- Taranaki Wanganui Conservation Board
- Wellington Hawke's Bay Conservation Board
- Auckland Conservation Board
- Chatham Islands Conservation Board
- Nelson Marlborough Conservation
- Otago Conservation Board
- West Coast Tai Poutini Conservation Board

The Board has welcomed visitors from other boards being Barbara Morris from Tongariro Taupo Board and Arthur Hinds from the Waikato Conservation Board.



Tuhua, Mayor Island