

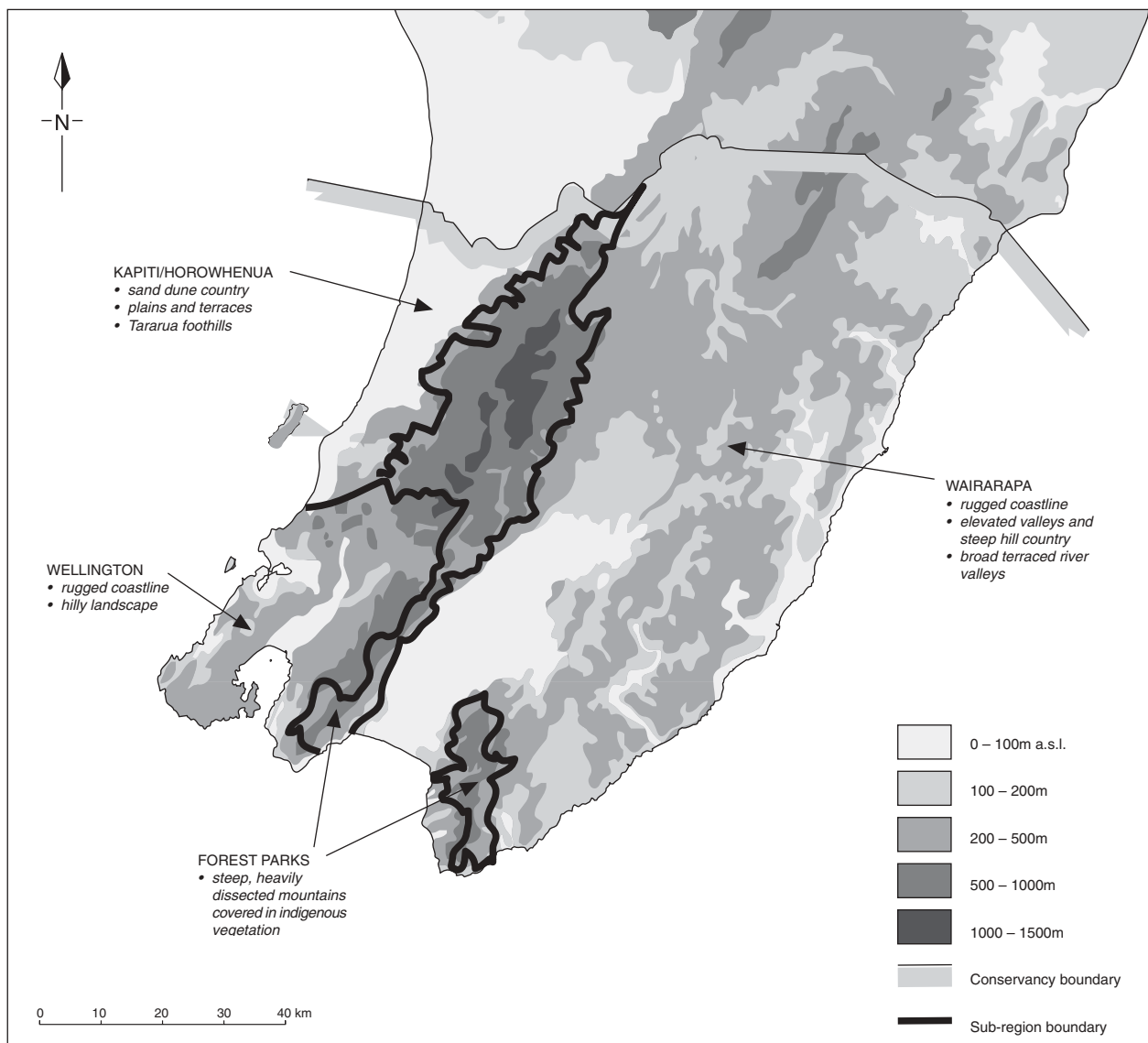
Part Two: Places in Wellington Conservancy

4. Introduction

This part of the CMS discusses places within Wellington Conservancy.

The Conservancy does not have a uniform physical or social character, and in recognition of this the Department has identified six sub-regions. Each sub-region has a separate character and identity based on the natural and human cultural processes which have shaped the areas. The sub-regions of the Conservancy are described and within each sub-region the key places which will be a focus of the Department's management activities are identified.

Map 5
Wellington Conservancy (land) Sub-regions



The sub-regions are [*refer Map 5, p 21*]:

- Wairarapa (Section 5, p 27)
- Wellington (Section 6, p 53)
- Kapiti/Horowhenua (Section 7, 79)
- Forest Parks (Section 8, p 95)
- Islands (Section 9, p 107)
- Marine (Section 10, p 125)

Each sub-region is briefly described, and its natural and historic resources and recreation opportunities values, and threats to those resources, are summarised. The Department has identified the issues in the conservation of natural and historic resources and recreation which will be key issues for the Department to take action on or to monitor.

The key places the Department manages throughout the Conservancy are presented by sub-region. The key places are focused on areas managed by the Department but also may include surrounding areas which contain natural and historic resources or are important for the conservation of areas managed by the Department.

Key management factors taken into account when determining whether an area should be a key place are:

- Indigenous species present, especially threatened endemic and genetically highly distinct species.
- Ecosystems where special or threatened ecological processes persist, or the ecosystem is representative of those that were formerly very extensive.
- Landscape or geological feature of international or national significance.
- Historic or cultural significance.
- Management action within the CMS period probably needed to protect those conservation values which make an area significant.
- A significant level of use for recreation, and opportunities to educate people about the conservation of natural and historic resources at the place.

The key places administered by the Department are (not in any priority order):

Lake Wairarapa Wetlands	Government Buildings
Carter Scenic Reserve	Turnbull House
Castlepoint	Pukerua Bay
National Wildlife Centre	Paraparaumu Scenic Reserve
Putangirua Pinnacles	Hemi Matenga Scenic Reserve
Cape Palliser	Waikanae Estuary
Rewa Bush	Papaitonga Scenic Reserve
Rocky Hills	Snail Reserves, Horowhenua
Tora Scenic Reserve	Tararua Forest Park
Colonial Knob	Rimutaka Forest Park
Makara Coast	Aorangi (Haurangi) Forest Park
Pauatahanui Inlet, Porirua Harbour	Kapiti Island
Pencarrow Head, Kohunga Lakes	Mana Island
Turakirae Head	Somes Island
Wellington South Coast	Kapiti Marine Reserve

Each key place is described and its significant natural and historic resources, recreation facilities and public awareness opportunities are summarised. Key management issues are identified, and objectives and implementation provisions are established. The key places are identified by conservation unit numbers. The maps indicate the location of the places and their key features.

The key places are the areas in the Conservancy that are a priority for management for the purposes of conservation.

4.1 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES FOR ALL PLACES

The areas managed by the Department are held for different purposes under the Conservation Act, Reserves Act, Marine Reserves Act and Wildlife Act. An area's classification under those Acts sets the primary objectives for the management of the area and establishes a framework for management. The classifications of the land held by the Department in Wellington Conservancy and the number of areas so classified is set out in Table 3: Land Classifications, p25.

Only the key places in Part II have detailed management objectives established for them, based on their classification and the management needs of the place. All other areas will be managed in accordance with the objectives and implementation provisions in Part III of CMS and the following general management objectives and implementation. For each place these general objectives and implementation will be subject to the purposes for which the land is held under the various Acts.

Objectives

- 1 Maintenance of the diversity of indigenous species and communities in their appropriate habitat, in particular threatened species.
- 2 Maintenance of the natural processes within ecosystems on the areas managed, especially ecosystems which are rare or threatened elsewhere in the Conservancy.
- 3 Protection of the diversity of landforms, geological and soil sites.
- 4 Protection of historic resources.
- 5 Protection of the intrinsic values of natural landscapes.
- 6 Maintenance and enhancement of the range of recreation opportunities, provided this is not inconsistent with the conservation of natural and historic resources.
- 7 Establishment and maintenance of a cooperative working relationship with the tangata whenua for an area to recognise their interests in an area.
- 8 Establishment and maintenance of positive working relationships with the community within which the area is located, the adjoining landowners and users to recognise their interests in an area and inform them of the natural and historic resources present.

Implementation

- 1 Obtain information on natural and historic resources, including natural processes, recreation and other uses of places to allow for their effective management.
- 2 Minimise fire risk and control and suppress fires.
- 3 Protect natural and historic resources from the damaging effects of plant and animal pests and domestic stock.

- 4 Provide for public access to areas managed by the Department and provide recreational facilities appropriate for the level of public use and the natural and historic resources present.
- 5 Areas of land managed by the Department may be closed for public entry as necessary for public safety, conservation or management purposes. Where private land is involved (e.g., as access to areas managed by the Department, or with NZ Walkways) areas may be temporarily closed for farm management purposes in accordance with contractual provisions. If areas are closed to public entry, all reasonable steps will be taken by the Department to make the public aware of the closure and the reasons for it and to re-open areas for public access when their closure is no longer necessary.
- 6 Provide for on-site signage and information to identify areas managed by the Department.
- 7 Provide and distribute publications which inform visitors to areas managed by the Department.
- 8 Ensure all the operations and developments are in conformity with the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 9 Assess proposals for activities on adjoining land and water with regard to the impact on areas managed by the Department and advocate for the protection of the natural and historic resources present on the areas managed by the Department and any adjoining area.
- 10 Allow uses, provided these are compatible with the conservation of natural and historic resources, and recreation opportunities.
- 11 In the management of areas, have regard to the need to respect sites of cultural or spiritual significance and consult with tangata whenua to identify and provide for their interests.
- 12 Allow motorised vehicles, boats or helicopters where necessary for the Department's management purposes.
- 13 Plants, seeds and cuttings of indigenous species planted on areas managed by the Department should be taken from the same Ecological District as the area where they are to be planted, and preferably as close as possible to the area.

Table 3:
Land classifications

PUBLIC LAND STATUS	NUMBER	AREA (ha)
Reserves Act		
Scenic Reserves	35	4,288
Nature Reserves	1	1,761
Wildlife Reserves	9	917
Scientific Reserves	11	454
Administered Land	1	190
Recreation Reserves	12	112
Local Purpose Reserves	49	109
Government Purpose Reserves	4	93
Historic Reserves	2	1
Purchase not yet completed	1	5
Conservation Act		
Conservation Parks	4	151,736
Stewardship Areas	106	18,944
Conservation Areas	4	1916
Sanctuary Areas	1	404
Marginal Strips (Immovable)	53	64*
Administrative Purposes	2	1
OTHER LAND	NUMBER	AREA (ha)
Reserves Act		
Conservation Covenants	11	471
Conservation Act		
Conservation Covenants	2	621
Marginal Strips (Movable)	2	0
Walkways Act		
Walkways	2	0
Wildlife Act		
Wildlife Refuges	9	317
SEA	NUMBER	AREA (ha)
Marine Reserves Act		
Marine Reserves	1	2,167
Total	322	184,571 ha*
* Minimum area		