

Have your say about the places you value

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E rere taku manu, whakatopa atu ra.

Ki runga o te motu.

Whiua reretia atu taku powhiri

Ki te whei-ao ki te ao marama

Tihewa mauriora.

REVIEWING THE NORTHLAND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Why the Department of Conservation needs you

The places, plants and animals the Department of Conservation looks after *belong to you*. The Department of Conservation (DOC) manages them on your behalf.

Conservation management strategies are plans for how this happens. The Northland strategy is being reviewed—so *this is the best opportunity you have to say what you want these places to be like*. If you're not sure—you can say what you *don't* want them to be like! Both ways of thinking are valuable.

www.doc.govt.nz/northlandcmsreview .

It's all about you

Reviewing the Northland conservation management strategy (CMS) is different from other processes you might have been involved in. DOC and the Northland Conservation Board are gathering as much information from as many people as possible before anything new is written. With a few exceptions (explained below), the revised strategy will be developed from what you say. Then you can have a look at what DOC and the board thought you were saying to see if it's right. And when you have a say, DOC will let you know how it's been used in the revised CMS.



Otamure Bay. Photo DOC.

A few things are not up for debate...

- Making one place more important than another
- Decisions already made or underway as part of other processes (like Treaty of Waitangi claims or the recreation opportunities review)
- The methods used to manage places.



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The key question is



Tieke.
Photo: R. Veitch/DOC..

Special places in Northland

What do you want these places to be like in 10 to 15 years time?

To help answer in more detail, try considering the following questions and providing your answers through one of the ways to be involved.

- What has changed over the last 10 years?
- What is special about this place?
- What do you want to see here in 15 years?
- What do you not want to see?
- What do you want achieved here?
- What are you prepared to do for that to happen?

To help get your thinking started, the map shows a possible layout of the places DOC and the conservation board need your input on. These are *not* “already decided”—the lines can be changed or moved. It’s up to you to say what you want.

Written feedback about how you want these special places to be in 10 to 15 years *puts you in the draw to win one of four fully funded prizes*:

- A day at North Cape
- An evening at Waipoua Forest
- A day on “marine mammal” patrol in the Bay of Islands
- A weekend at Mimiwhangata.

More information about how your feedback qualifies for the draw is on DOC’s website www.doc.govt.nz/northlandcmsreview.

The review process



Mimiwhangata.
Photo: DOC.

1. As many people as possible are asked for their thoughts on what special places in Northland should be like in 10 to 15 years’ time—that’s from now on for the next few months.
2. A draft conservation management strategy is prepared, using all that input. People who provided information are told how their input was used.
3. A formal “consultation process” follows—the draft document is advertised and people can make submissions on it. That means if you’ve already said something, you can have another go or if you missed out in step 1, you still have the chance to say something.
4. Hearings are held by the Northland Conservation Board for people who want to speak to their submission.
5. Another version of the draft strategy is prepared and the Northland Conservation Board decides if it’s happy with it.
6. The NZ Conservation Authority decides if it’s happy with it and passes the strategy on to the Minister of Conservation for his or her views.
7. The NZ Conservation Authority approves the new CMS.
8. DOC implements it over the next 10 years.

How you can be involved – step 1

- Meetings and hui will be held around Northland—ask your local office where and when.
- You can provide comments, feedback and input through the DOC website: www.doc.govt.nz/northlandcmsreview
- A feedback form is available from all Northland DOC offices.
- Talk to a DOC staff member—ask who in your local office can discuss the CMS.

Conservation management strategies are reviewed only every 10 years so don't miss this great opportunity!

For more information

You can see the current CMS at any DOC office or on the DOC website at www.doc.govt.nz/northlandcmsreview

This section of the website also has general information about conservation boards as well as the Department's planning processes and your involvement in them. Or you can pick up a free copy of a booklet about these processes from your nearest DOC office.

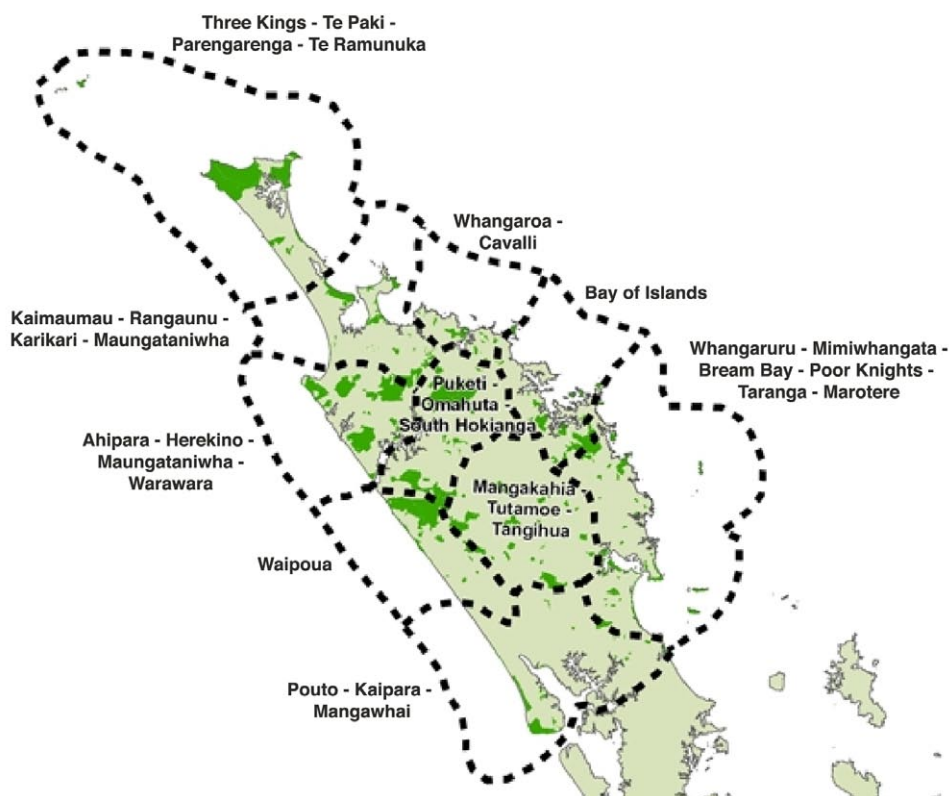
There is a CMS Public Forum where you can ask general questions about the strategy.



Demoiselles.
Photo: Vince Kerr.

A Specific Places Survey on the website is where you can provide feedback on the places special to you.

He aba ōu wawata mo te Tai Tokerau?



Note: The places include the marine environment to the 12 mile limit.

TIMELINE

Pre-draft iwi consultation	February - October 2008
Pre-draft agency, interest group & community consultation	April - October 2008
Public notification of draft CMS	February 2009
Public submissions & meetings	February - March 2009
Hearings	April - May 2009
Draft revision	June - September 2009
Northland Conservation Board consideration	October 2009 - March 2010
New Zealand Conservation Authority & Minister of Conservation consideration	April 2010
NZ Conservation Authority approval	
Implementation & monitoring	

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North Island brown kiwi.
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