

Proposed Hākaimangō-Matiatia marine reserve

A high-level summary to support the Departmental report

A proposed marine reserve for northwest Waiheke Island

In January 2022, following a ~30-year community-led discussion about marine protection around Waiheke Island, the Friends of the Hauraki Gulf Inc. formally notified their intention to seek an Order in Council under the Marine Reserves Act 1971, declaring a marine reserve in the northwest of Waiheke Island. The proposed name for this marine reserve is 'Hākaimangō-Matiatia Marine Reserve'.

As Minister of Conservation, you are the decision-maker on this marine reserve.



Spectacled triplefin *Ruanoho whero* © Samara Nicholas

The proposal is regionally significant and will advance the marine protection goals of Aotearoa

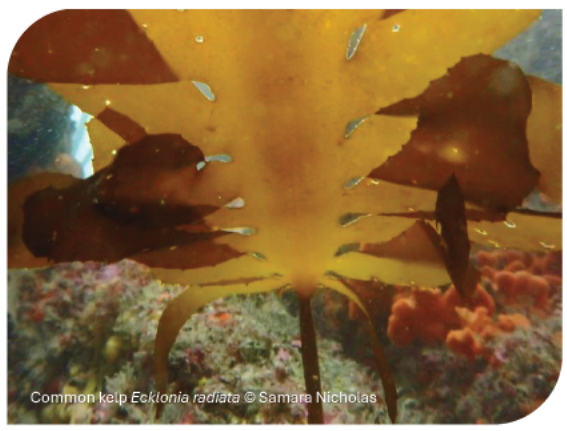
The area of the proposed marine reserve contains a range of marine habitats, some of which are not found in any of the ten existing marine reserves in the coastal area from Ahipara around the tip of North Island and down to East Cape. If approved as proposed (at 23.5 km^2), this would be the largest marine reserve in this coastal region and will advance New Zealand's international biodiversity commitments as well as the marine protection goals set out in Te Mana o te Taiao – Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy 2020.



Cup coral *Monomyces rubrum* © Samara Nicholas

DOC recommends establishing the marine reserve with some conditions and measures

Measures to mitigate potential impacts of the marine reserve		Type
a)	Require generational reviews	Order in Council condition
b)	Control of unwanted organisms	Order in Council condition
c)	Pollution response	Order in Council condition
d)	Existing, future structures, replacement and maintenance	Order in Council condition
e)	Existing discharge of contaminants and monitoring	Order in Council condition
f)	Retrieval of dead marine mammals and marine mammal parts	Order in Council condition
g)	Kina removal from the marine reserve for management purposes	Other measure
h)	Establish an advisory rōpū for the marine reserve	Other measure



Common kelp *Ecklonia radiata* © Samara Nicholas

Treaty partner views on the proposal are mixed

Ngāti Pāoa has been acknowledged as holding mana whenua for Waiheke Island and its surrounding waters, but not to the exclusion of other iwi who also have interests. Internal tensions within Ngāti Pāoa currently manifest as two representative entities exercising separate mandates to represent Ngāti Pāoa interests. The Ngāti Pāoa Iwi Trust and the Ngāti Pāoa Trust Board take opposing positions on the proposed marine reserve, and navigating differences in view between these two entities requires your careful consideration, including assessing the views on their own merits.



Australasian brown sea cucumber *Australostichopus mollis* © Samara Nicholas

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