

LAND INVENTORY SHEET

NAME: Ahuriri Estuary **INVENTORY NUMBER:** 80016.2
CURRENT CLASSIFICATION: Conservation Area (Stewardship Area) **PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION:** To be investigated
FILE REFERENCE: **MAP REFERENCE:** V21 429848
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Block IV, Heretaunga SD (SO 9354)
AREA (HA): 3.7683 **ECOLOGICAL DISTRICT:** Heretaunga
MANAGEMENT PLAN (Y/N): N
LOCAL AUTHORITY: Napier City Council

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: Small arm of Westshore Wildlife Refuge that only retains water during wet periods.

VEGETATION: Rushes, glasswort, saltmarsh, pasture.

FAUNA: Excellent area for waders and waterfowl. Breeding areas for pied stilt/waterfowl.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE: Although small, none the less it is a remnant of Ahuriri Estuary and still part of the wider estuary complex.

ANIMAL AND PLANT PESTS: No significant threats.

FENCING: Nil -not required as long as present grazing regime on adjacent land is continued.

VISITOR FACILITIES: Watchman Road and Westshore Refuge facilities include toilets, bird observation hides, table, picnic area.

VISITOR USE: Low.

ACCESS: Good. Via Watchman Road.

LEASES, LICENCES, EASEMENTS: Nil.

OTHER ISSUES: See Section 2.5.11.1, Volume I.

MANAGEMENT INTENTIONS: The area will be managed to protect the habitat values for waterfowl.