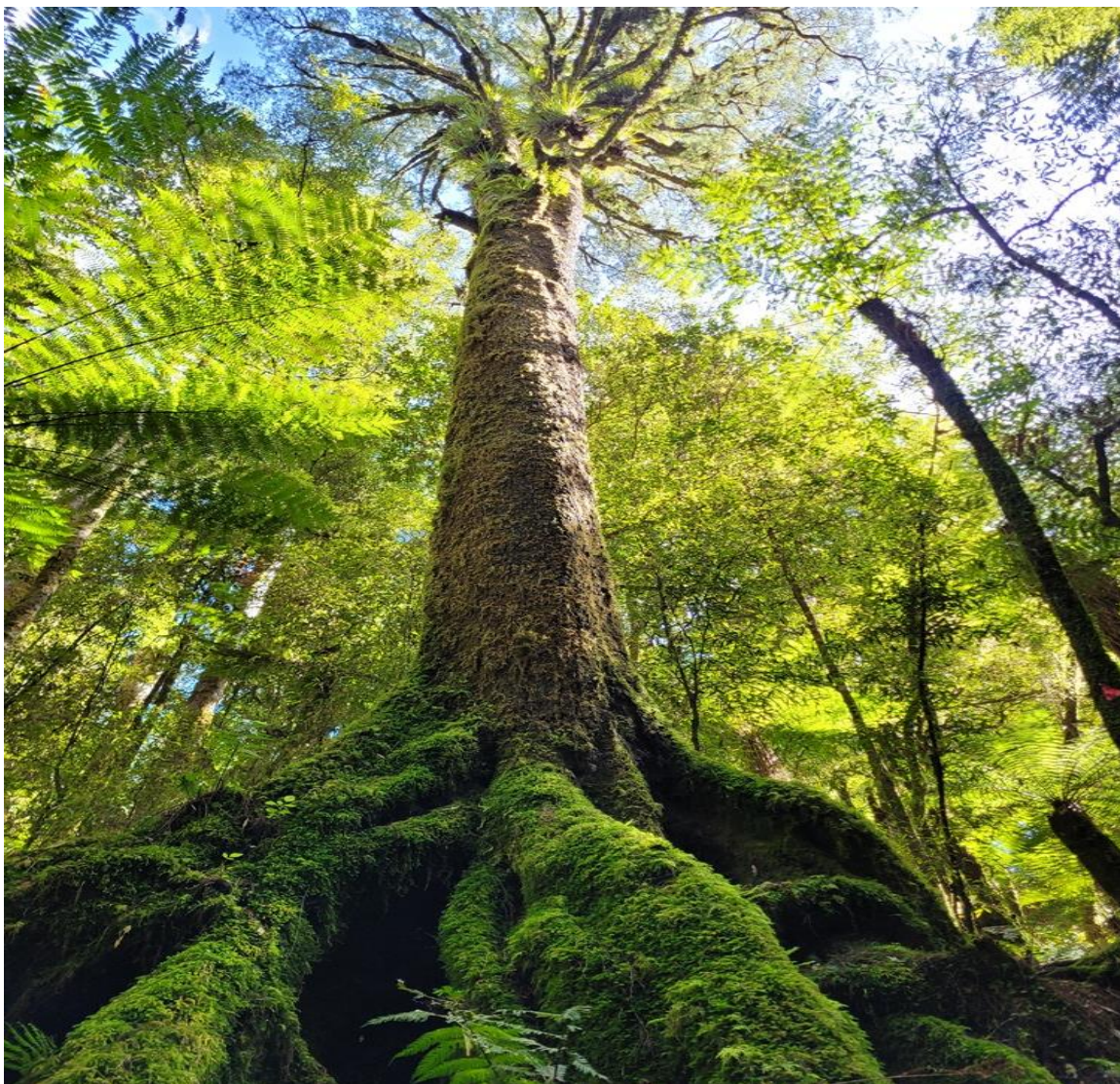


# Bay of Plenty Conservation Board Annual Report 2023-2024



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*Te Papa Atawhai*



Bay of Plenty Conservation Board  
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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS

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Tena koutou katoa,

We submit, in terms of section 6O of the Conservation Act 1987, the annual report of the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board (the Board) for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. The Conservation Act requires that the Board report each year to the New Zealand Conservation Authority on its operations.

On behalf of our Board, it is our pleasure to present this 2023-2024 Chair's report.

As a region we face a range of challenges including the management of pest species and biosecurity risks such as protecting Kauri from dieback and wallaby control. Still the impacts of Cyclone Gabriel reverberate through the district and sediment leaching of rivers and infrastructure disruption continues particularly along the Eastern Bay region. Significantly a healthy forest yields 30 – 50% less sediment than an unhealthy forest. A critical climate mitigation strategy should include large scale pest control towards habitat restoration.

Climate change will have an increasing impact on our biodiversity and the ability to reinstate and repair tracks and other infrastructure as storm events increase in intensity and frequency will become an increasing challenge for the Board.

The region boasts several impressive Jobs for Nature projects. Raukūmara Pae Maunga the iwi led restoration project of the Raukumara between Ngati Porou and Te Whanau-a-Apanui has become the largest aerial 1080 programme in the North Island. Its deer culling programme is also the largest in the North Island. Kaimai Mamaku Project is another Jobs for Nature programme that is building towards a resilient future for its projects.

These projects are having major social impacts, in providing employment alongside conservation gains. The Board forecasts that those projects that are conservation dependent will struggle to retain their biodiversity gains when Jobs for Nature ends.

In 2024 the Board voted to create the co-chairs position ensuring that at least one chair be Māori.

We would like to acknowledge the liaison work that Board members undertake with other groups the information that is shared between these groups is very valuable so thank you

We would also like to acknowledge the support of the Department of Conservation staff who support and administer the Board led by the Director of Operations Jade King Hazel and Statutory Manager Wihi Meelker-Ngatai. Tayla Walker also provided some fantastic direction for the Board as Board Support.

Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī

Ora Barlow and Erin Green

Co-Chairs  
Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This is the 2023-2024 Conservation Board Annual Report. Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires conservation boards to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (**Authority**) with an annual report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board (**Board**) submits this annual report.

Conservation boards are independent advisory bodies, established by statute. They represent the community and offer interaction between communities and the Department of Conservation (**Department**), within their area of jurisdiction.

Conservation board members are appointed by the Minister of Conservation under section 6(P) of the Conservation Act 1987 (**Act**). Board functions are outlined in section 6(M) and the powers, which enable the conservation boards to carry out those functions, are under 6(N) of the Act. The Board has several statutory roles under various Acts, including:

- the recommendation of the Bay of Plenty Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice
- reporting on the implementation of the CMS
- the recommendation of national park management plans to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and Authority on conservation matters, and proposed changes to status of land of national and international significance
- liaising with the regional Fish and Game Council on conservation matters
- carrying out other powers delegated by the Minister of Conservation, the Conservation Act or any other Act.

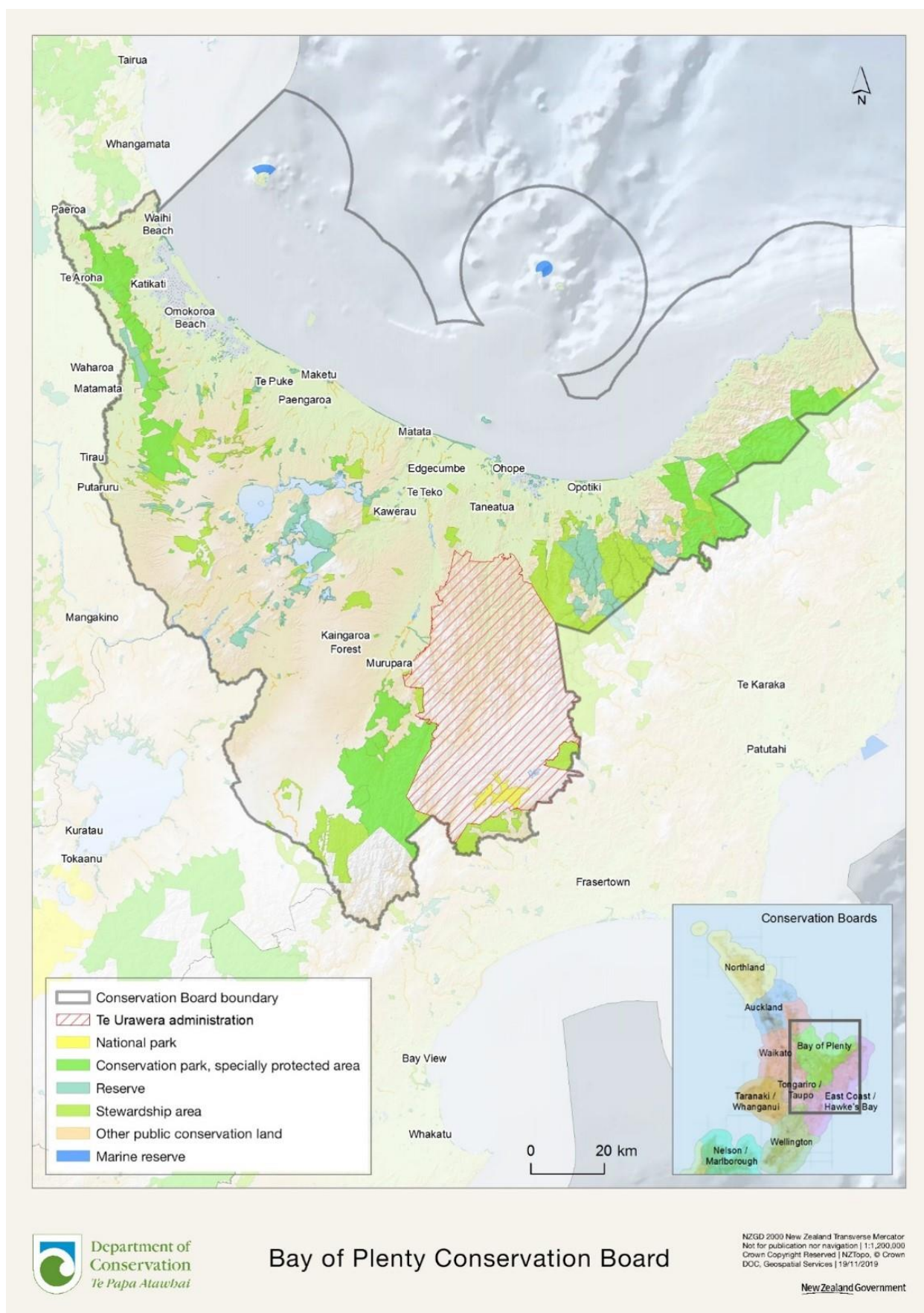
Conservation boards also have several functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980. These functions include recommending the review or amendment of national park management plans and recommending approval of these plans by the Authority.

## 2. ROHE

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The Bay of Plenty Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers the area of 2,602,857 ha. The area also extends out to the 12-nautical mile limit with respect to coastal and marine issues, and out to the 200-nautical mile limit, with respect to protected species.

Figure 1. Bay of Plenty Conservation Board Jurisdiction



The Board area is complex, diverse, and extensive in its land, marine and ecological morphology, and rich in history. The richness and values of the Public Conservation Land (PCL) within this rohe is reflective of the first inhabitants of the Mataatua, Tainui and Te Arawa waka that through to this day, continue to reside, harvest and utilise the resources of the environment. The Board's area of jurisdiction covers the area from Orokawa Bay in the west to Cape Runaway in the east and inland to the forests of Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne, Raukumara and Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Parks.

These ancient ranges are connected intimately with significant coastal forest and dune-lands that lie at the fringes of the Board's area and continue into the depths of the marine world through to various islands and beyond. Whilst the boundary lines drawn on the map show the Board's area is quite stencilled in takiwā, rohe boundaries for iwi are a bit more complex. So, through an iwi generic landscape viewfinder, the broader area is defined as Mai Ngā Kuri a Whārei ki Tihirau, from Waihi/Bowentown/ Western Bay of Plenty, to Cape Runaway, tae atu ki a Tūwatawata, Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne, through to Tūwatawata and the Whirinaki, mai Maketū ki Tongariro, from Maketū to parts of the Tūwharetoa, tae atu ki te Pare Hauraki, and stretching over to Tokoroa, Matamata, Waharoa and Paeroa generally. This physical location represents our ongoing responsibility to iwi under the Treaty of Waitangi as the Board's area is homeland to the whānau, hapū and iwi of Pare Hauraki, Tauranga Moana, Te Arawa and Mataatua Waka.

Within the region Treaty Settlements are at varying stages of pre-treaty settlement to post-treaty settlement. Department staff and iwi have been initiating discussions around co-governance of a number of significant areas of PCL in anticipation of these arrangements following settlement. Two marine reserves are located within the Board's rohe being Tūhua and Te Paepae o Aotea Marine Reserves. The area extends out to the 12-nautical mile limit with respect to coastal and marine issues, and out to the 200-nautical mile limit with respect to protected species.

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. From the many mountains, volcanoes, podocarp forests and hinterlands, from the fresh water tributaries, geothermal features, lakes and freshwater systems, through to the mangroves, estuaries and the great ocean of Toi, therein lies the diversity, complexities, and the richness of our Board's area. The Bay of Plenty region hosts a large range of water catchments and lake reservoirs that flow out to the coastal ecosystems and the Pacific Ocean. Lastly, a significant boundary is shared with the East Coast/Hawkes Bay Conservation Board along the Raukūmara Ranges.

There are over 50 active community groups within the region who work alongside the Department and the Board, which adds an interesting complexity given the number of people contributing positively to conservation. Right across the Bay of Plenty, hundreds of volunteers gave up their time, during 2023/24, to support conservation efforts. These volunteers undertook more than the equivalent of around 2000 workdays of mahi during the year. We have been fortunate to have continued support from the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, who also help much of the effort of our conservation groups.

## 2.1 Conservation features of the area

The main features of Public Conservation Land and Waters within the Board's boundaries are: The total area of the Bay of Plenty Region comprises 2,602,857 ha. Of this total, approximately 319,501 ha is contained within the boundary of the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction.

The main features of PCL and Waters within the Board's boundaries are:

- Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park – 40,000 ha
- Whirinaki Te Pua-a-Tāne – 56,000 ha
- Raukūmara Conservation Park – 59,312 ha
- Scenic Reserves – 47,381 ha
- Historic Reserves – 70 ha
- Recreation Reserves – 420 ha
- Ecological Areas – 312 ha
- Stewardship Areas – 108,413 ha
- Marine Reserves – 2,330 ha

## 2.2 Conservation issues in the area

The Bay of Plenty has a range of significant issues of relevance throughout the rohe that the Board maintains a keen interest in and monitors progress. In the absence of an up-to-date CMS which would provide a formal reporting mechanism, the Board's work programme has focused on progressing these priority areas:

- Effective engagement with the significant number of iwi/hapū/whānau in the Bay of Plenty rohe
- Progressing the protection of significant marine ecosystems throughout the Bay of Plenty rohe
- Management of pest species:
  - Deer, possums, pigs, goats
  - Dama Wallaby
  - Wilding pines
- Biodiversity and Biosecurity
  - Protection of Kauri from dieback
  - Ecosystem management
  - Threatened species management e.g. Kōkako, Kiwi, Whio



### 3. FUNCTIONS

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#### 3.1 Board functions under section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987

The functions of the Board are:

1. To recommend the approval by the Authority of conservation management strategies, and the review and amendment of such strategies, under the relevant enactments
2. To approve conservation management plans, and the review an amendment of such plans, under the relevant enactments
3. To advise the Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of conservation management strategies and conservation management plans for the area within the jurisdiction of the Board
4. To advise the Authority or the Director-General on any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance
5. To advise the Authority or the Director-General on any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board
6. To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matter within the jurisdiction of the Board
7. To exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act.

#### 3.2 Board power under section 6N of the Conservation Act 1987

Every conservation board shall have all such powers as are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable it to carry out its functions.

Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), each conservation board may –

- I. Advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
- II. Appoint committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegate to them functions and powers.

The power conferred by subsection (2)(a) shall include the right to appear before courts and tribunals in New Zealand and be heard on matters affecting or relating to the Board's functions.

#### 3.3 Board functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980

There are no National Parks within the Board's region.

## 4.0 MEMBERSHIP

The Minister of Conservation appoints Board members under section 6P of the Conservation Act 1987. The process of appointment ensures that a range of perspectives, life experiences, and knowledge contribute to the advice provided and decisions made by the Board.

Board members are appointed for 3-year terms and may be re-appointed, unless they are appointed in replacement of a prior member's term. There are ten Board members for the reporting year. Ora Barlow and Erin Green are the current elected co-Chairs

The following table lists the membership of the Board as of 1 January 2025:

Board Member	Area	Term start	Term end
Erin Green	Whakatane	01 July 2022	30 June 2025
Ora Barlow	Te Kaha	01 July 2024	30 June 2027
Sara Carley	Tauranga	16 August 2023	30 June 2026
Matt Newman	Tauranga	16 August 2023	30 June 2026
Tim Taylor	Tauranga	1 July 2024	30 June 2027
Michal Akurangi	Whakatane	1 July 2024	30 June 2027
Te Maiora Rurehe	Rotorua	16 August 2023	30 June 2026
Lyndal Kennedy	Kawerau	16 August 2023	30 June 2026
Laura Crossman	Te Puke	1 June 2022	30 June 2025
Pim Demonchy	Southland	16 August 2023	30 June 2025
Tayla Walker BSO Support	Whakatane		

Table 1. Bay of Plenty Conservation Board Members

### 4.1 Members profiles

#### ORA BARLOW:

Ora (Te Whānau-a-Apanui) holds extensive experience in conservation particularly advising on large scale pest control. She currently sits as Hapū Chair for Te Whānau-a-Hikarukutai/Ngati Horomoana Hapū; Governor for Raukūmara Pae Maunga; co-Chair for Mangaroa Incorporation; Trustee on Waikawa Lands Trust and sits on other multiple committees and land block trusts. She works for Save the Kiwi travelling nationally advising iwi Māori in designing their restoration potential.

#### ERIN GREEN:

Erin provides experience in environmental science and policy, with particular expertise in marine science, conservation, and management. As Co-Founder of Te Puna Taiao Charitable Trust, she has excellent community engagement and advocacy skills, and an understanding of issues facing our children, communities, and planet as a whole.

#### SARA CARLEY:

Sara is semi-retired, with a background in the public service as an International Development Manager with experience in the Pacific Islands and Asia. She has strong policy, planning, and analysis skills, with strength in programme planning, financial management, and cultural awareness.

#### LAURA CROSSAN:

Laura works in the financial management sector providing assistance for rural land users including dairy, drystock, and horticulture. She provides a perspective from rural and youth communities.

#### LYNDAL KENNEDY:

Brings strong competency in Te Ao Māori and conservation experience with a Mātauranga Māori lens, which is considered a current skills gap on the Board. Her appointment would help the Board to better understand the landscape of the region and build partnerships with iwi, whānau and hapū. Ms Kennedy also lives in an area of the Whakatane District which does not have Board representation.

#### MATT NEWMAN:

Matt has strong lived experience of Te Ao Māori through previous employment where he spent two years living and working in Te Whaiti and amongst Tūhoe. Mr Newman has developed a specialised education curriculum engaging young people with significant conservation issues within Te Urewera and East Coast ngāhere.

#### TE MAIORA RUREHE:

Te Maiora (Tūhoe, Te Arawa) is a solicitor working in Waitangi Tribunal claims, which may be useful in helping the Board work with iwi, and keep the Board updated on legal development.

#### PIM DE MONCHY:

Pim has a strong background in nature conservation, specifically in the management of coastal catchments. He is involved with a range of conservation groups across the Bay of Plenty, including the Kiwi Recovery Group, Ohiwa Harbour Implementation Forum, and Rangitaiki Wetlands Project.

#### MICHAL AKURANGI:

Michal has a professional background in environmental management and her career has spanned both public and private sector Including local council, regional Council, central government and Post settlement governance entity. Michal is a strong advocate for Māori rights and interests and

environmental decision making that recognises the mana of hapu and the interconnected nature of the Taiao.

## 5. MEETINGS AND FIELDTRIPS

The Board held 5 meetings and completed 2 fieldtrips during the reporting period. Venues for the meetings vary each year to ensure a wide coverage and enable members of the public in the district to attend meetings and access the Board.

Meeting date	Location/Venue
19 September 2023	DOC Office Whakatane
26 October 2023	DOC Office Tauranga
7 December 2023	DOC Office Whakatane
7 February 2024	DOC Office Whakatane
4 April 2024	DOC Office Tauranga
6 June 2024	DOC Office Whakatane

Table 2. Bay of Plenty Conservation Board Meetings/Fieldtrips

### 5.1 Agendas

The Board hosted and heard from numerous speakers at its meetings, including:

- Laura McCartney – Marine Advisor
- Julian Fitter and Michelle Elborn – Bay of Conservation Alliance
- Merenia Sawrey – Taputoru a Toi

Department staff also attended throughout the year.

Who?	Role
Wihi Meelker-Ngatai	Statutory Manager
Tayla Walker	Business Support Officer
Jade King-Hazel	Eastern North Island Director of Operations
Raponi Wilson	Operations Manager – Whakatane/Tauranga
Jeff Milham	Operations Manager - Tauranga
Zane Jensen	Operations Manager - Rotorua
David Beattie	Operations Manager - Whakatane, Whirinaki, Opotiki (WWO)

Table 3. Department of Conservation Board Staff

The Board has a practice of inviting representatives from community organisations to present at each meeting. Speakers this year have represented:

- Michelle Elborn, Bay Conservation Alliance, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

Michelle presented an overview of the BCA, it's inception, organisational structure, cadetship programme and relationship with the Department of Conservation.

- Linda Conning, Chair of Eastern Bay of Plenty Forest & Bird, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

Ms. Conning shared frustrations with the Board regarding the development on a CMS. She presented to the Board on Forest & Birds achievement to recognise plant pests which will support DOC with restoration projects.

These were predominantly voluntary groups carrying out huge amounts of conservation work within the community. The Board recognises and appreciates volunteers and thanks them for the work done in this area.

The agendas and minutes from all Board meetings can be found on the Board's webpage.

### 5.3 Members' attendance 2023/24

Board Member	19SEP23 Meeting	26OCT23 Meeting	07DEC23 Meeting	7FEB23 Meeting	24APR23 Meeting	26APR23 Meeting	6JUN24 Meeting
Erin Green	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Ora Barlow				✓	✓	✓	✓
Sara Carley	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Laura Crossan	0.5	✓		0.5	✓	✓	
Lyndal Kennedy	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Te Maiora Ruruhe	0.5		✓	✓		✓	✓
Michal Akurangi				✓	✓	✓	
Rachel Pinn	0.5	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Pim De Monchy	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Matthew Newman	✓	✓		✓		✓	

Table 4. Board member attendance



## 6. MAHI

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### 6.1 Annual Work Plan

The establishment of the board, inducting new members and finalising the Board Annual Work Programme has been the priority for this year.

## 7. STATUTORY ACTIVITY

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### 7.1 Annual Work Plan

After receiving its Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation, the Board sets out its work plan for the upcoming year. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the full Board Annual Work Programme.

### 7.2 Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The sub-committee worked closely with then Statutory Manager Kerry Brown to identify and explore pathways for the board to collectively agree to following the revocation of the drafted CMP 2020. Now resigned, Statutory Manager, Kerry brown prepared a document for the Board to consider leading into 2023.

## 8. ADVICE AND ADVOCACY

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All Board members have responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific roles in liaison. The Board appointed various members to liaise with other groups and agencies:

Board member	Organisation/Group/Agency
Michal Akurangi	Te Tapatoru a Toi
Sara Carley	Eastern Fish and Game Council
Sara Carley	Dama Wallaby Programme Forum
Laura Crossan	Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Project
Paul Cashmore	BOP Wetland Forum

Table 6. Liaisons

### Te Tapatoru A Toi

Firstly, the board wishes to acknowledge the passing of Koro Te Kei Merito this year. Koro Te Kei Merito served as Chairman of Te Tapatoru-ā-Toi Joint Management Committee for 18 years since its inception out of the Ngāti Awa Settlement. An expert orator, historian, rangatira, and custodian of mātauranga, Koro Te Kei gifted his life in service to his people, to conservation, to Te Tapatoru-ā-Toi.

With the support of his whānau, Te Tapatoru ā Toi, the Joint Management Committee, have

named the new draft Conservation Management Plan for the area ‘Te Kei o te Waka’ in honour of Koro Te Kei.

Te Kei o te Waka is the integrated Conservation Management Plan for three reserves in the Whakatāne area, known collectively as Te Tāpui Tokotoru. These reserves hold immense ecological and cultural significance to tāngata whenua, agencies, local communities, care groups and visitors alike.

The strategic direction of the draft of Te Kei o te Waka was developed by Te Tapatoru-ā-Toi, with the support of Department staff, Ngāti Awa hapū, and community groups connected to the reserves. Its purpose is to ensure a consistent and enduring approach to the long-term care of the three reserves.

Te Tapatoru-ā-Toi intends that the draft will be published later this year, and they look forward to feedback received through the submissions process.

### *Eastern Fish & Game Council*

Regular liaison with the Eastern Region Fish & Game Council continued in the form of the sharing of meeting agendas, minutes, and reports. Sara Carley attended a Council meeting to provide an update on the status of the Conservation Management Strategy, and other priorities in the Board's workplan. Council noted their interest in community-based pest control operations. Council consulted BOPCB on a partial review of regional sports fishing regulations (Anglers Notice) and on their draft operational workplan priorities for 2023 - 2024.

### *Dama Wallaby Programme Forum*

Sara Carley was the Board's liaison for the Wallaby Coordination Group. A significant development during the year was construction of a 12.5km fence along the edge of SH5 from Waipa to Lake Rotokakahi. This resulted from a partnership of central and local government, iwi, farmers, landowners, and agencies focused on ridding New Zealand of pest wallabies. The aim is to minimise the risk of wallabies dispersing from Whakarewarewa forest, buying time while researching ways to control wallabies within the forest, and also reduce re-infestation of land to the south where wallaby control operations are being carried out.

### *Bay of Plenty Wetland Forum*

Wetland forum bullet points of actions over past year

- Wetland day event in EBOP advocating for wetland ecosystems, species and enabling neighboring landowners to take action (BOPRC, Fish & Game, DOC, Iwi)
- Site visit to council developed wetland in Tauranga
- Forest & Bird guest speaker Tom Kay presented his his roadshow series ‘Making room for rivers’
- Bittern Trust educating partners on the urgency for protection of these rare manu

### 8.1 Board and Authority liaisons

The Board holds a liaison relationship with neighbouring conservation boards. Liaison roles for the reporting year were held by:

Board member	Board
n/a	East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board
Laura Crossan	Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board

Table 7. Liaisons Roles to neighbouring Conservation Boards

The Authority has a liaison member with the Board to facilitate communication. The Authority liaison attends Board meetings, and reports to the full Authority on matters raised. Takurua Mutu was the Authority's liaison for the reporting year. No member attended for BOP Conservation Board.

### 8.2 Public forum/discussion

The Board believes that working with conservation organisations and members of the public is very important. Meetings were held in different parts of the Bay of Plenty region and opportunities for the public to attend Board meetings were advertised.

Members of the public attended the Public Forum at several of the year's meetings and a range of issues were raised. The Board appreciated their input and efforts made to attend the meetings and responded by letter with a response to questions asked or concerns raised.

Public forum issues raised were:

- Impact of 4x4 driving along Okōrero dunes.

## 9. FEES AND ALLOWANCES

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Fees and allowances are paid in accordance with the Fees and Travelling Allowances Act 1951. The chairperson receives a daily meeting fee of \$330, and other Authority members receive a daily meeting fee of \$250.

## 10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Tayla Walker date to 14 April 2024

Tayla provided great support to the Board, she was very efficient in managing Board mahi. The Chairs commented that she also provided some fantastic direction for the Board as Board Support.

## WORKPLAN

### **A. STRATEGIC PRIORITY: CONSERVATION BOARDS SYSTEMS**

1. We assign Board member portfolio roles first meeting of every year
2. We effectively use the Board's strengths in relationships to connect throughout our region
3. We actively schedule Board meetings in different rohe and invite iwi to meet and discuss their projects and or priorities
4. We meet with the Director and regional leadership to discuss conservation strategic priorities beginning of each year

### **B. STRATEGIC PRIORITY - CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

#### **BOPCB role:**

Statutory (review and recommend)

#### **BOPCB Goals:**

*(a) to recommend the approval of Conservation Management Strategies to the Conservation Authority, and the review and amendment of such strategies, under the relevant enactments.*

#### **BOPCB Actions:**

1. Seek feedback from within the board before deadlines.
2. Any Settlement arrangements applicable will direct what the Boards involvement
3. If Settlement arrangements are silent on this matter extend the BOPCB recommendation to Conservation Authority
4. To advise the Conservation Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of Conservation Management Strategies within the jurisdiction of the Board
5. Act in a manner consistent with Section 4, Conservation Act and Te Tiriti o Waitangi

### **C. STRATEGIC PRIORITY - CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLANS**

**BOPCB role:**

Statutory (Review and approve)

**BOPCB Goal:**

To approve Conservation Management Plans, and the review and amendment of such plans, under the relevant enactments

**BOPCB Actions:**

1. BOPCB to ensure DOC provides documentation pertaining to CMP.
2. Any Settlement arrangements applicable will direct what the Boards involvement is
3. To advise the Conservation Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of Conservation Management Plans for areas within the jurisdiction of the Board –
4. The Board to Understand Settlement arrangement as applicable to CMP
5. Act in a manner consistent with Section 4, Conservation Act and Te Tiriti o Waitangi

**D. STRATEGIC PRIORITY - RELATIONSHIPS****BOPCB role:**

Statutory and Advisory

**BOPCB Goals:**

1. Meet requirements for BOPCB as specified in Iwi Settlement legislation;
2. Give on-going effect to the principles of the Treaty (per Section 4);
3. That the Board ensures an understanding of iwi within their region
4. That the Board work towards having an understanding of taiao programmes within their region

**BOPCB Actions:**

1. Ensure Conservation Act 1987 section 4 considerations are appropriately addressed in Conservation Management Plans and Conservation Management Strategies
2. Demonstrate openness and good faith when giving advice (if consulted) on alternative models for conservation oversight and management.
3. Maintain open and ongoing communication with iwi leaders.
4. Maintain open communication with DOC regional to add to an effective strategy for building relationships with iwi
5. The Board to determine up to 3 field trips per year, ensuring at least one is an iwi led taiao programme.
6. Board meetings to convene in (up to) 3 marae a year



## **E. STRATEGIC PRIORITY: INFLUENCE AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BOPCB role:**

Advisory and Advocacy.

### **BOPCB Goal:**

Be respected as an independent, and influential source of strategic advice for conservation.

### **BOPCB Actions:**

1. To ensure robust internal mechanism of responding to requests
2. Give clear, considered and timely advice on matters relevant to the BOPCB and, where this can be influential in achieving better conservation outcomes.
3. Maintain an active environmental scan to ensure the current and future operating context for conservation is well understood by the board.
4. Maintain active links with other conservation boards and the community.
5. Write submissions to better advocate for conservation
6. Board to develop their cultural competency with at least 1 workshop a year  
Engage with other Conservation Board's, NZCA relationships, attend groups of interests meetings and annual Chairs Conservation Board's conference

# Appendix 1

## Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

Te Poari o Te Papa Atawhai o te rohe o te Waiariki



### BAY OF PLENTY CONSERVATION BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN

Bay of Plenty Conservation Board  
Te Poari o Te Papa Atawhai o te rohe o te Waiariki





Rotorua Zipline Boardwalk in Ōkere Falls Forest |  
Photo by Ayla Jack (DOC)

This report is presented to the New Zealand Conservation Authority as required by the Conservation Act 1987 and distributed to interested parties. Members of the public are welcome to attend conservation board meetings.

If you would like more information on the Bay of Plenty Conservation Board please see the website [www.conservationboards.org.nz](http://www.conservationboards.org.nz) or contact the board support officer, at the Department of Conservation in Whakatane on phone (027) 201 6706 or e-mail [bayofplentyconservationboard@doc.govt.nz](mailto:bayofplentyconservationboard@doc.govt.nz)