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Conservation Board  
Annual Report 2022- 2023



Cape Kidnappers/Te Kauwae-a-Māui Gannet Reserve

# East Coast Hawkes Bay

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# Chairperson's report

Tena koutou e nga rangatira ma,

The changing environment that Conservation Boards operate in continues to be challenging but also provides many opportunities for connection, new relationships and the reestablishment of important connections that will support the wider aims of the Board across our region.

The three site visits that the Board undertook illustrate the importance to the Board of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Iwi and hapū, and community connection. We were hosted at Waiohiki Marae, Taradale, by Ngati Pārau who shared their history and aspirations for the future with us. It was a privilege to be guided through Otatara Pā by the hapū and to gain an understanding of their perspective on the importance of cultural heritage and archaeology.

Our second site visit was to Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve, Pouawa, where Ngāti Konohi shared the history of the area and the background to the establishment of the Marine Reserve over 20 years ago. The connections between Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve and Te Angiangi Marine Reserve in Porangahau in terms of their marine conservation values but also the whakapapa connections were highly valuable for all involved.

The final site visit of the year was to Ahuriri Estuary, Napier, where the scope of work that has been undertaken for restoration and the partnership between hapū, Councils, the Department and community organisations was evident. All 3 site visits provided separate and distinct insights into conservation and were valuable opportunities for connection, sharing and learning.

Much of the work of the Board was conducted online this year as we are trailing a mix of in person and online meetings as part of our commitment to reducing our transport related carbon emissions. We have also taken into account health and safety issues with long travel times for staff and Board members due to the length of the region that we cover. This approach allows us to make the most of the time that we have together while moving effectively through Board work online.

This approach meant that we were well placed to manage the disruptions caused by Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle that impacted both the Tairāwhiti and Hawkes Bay in early 2023. An important strategic focus of the Board has been to support a transition to a lower carbon environment with particular regard to the impacts of climate change on biodiversity, cultural heritage, whānau/hapū and communities. The scale of Cyclone Gabrielle and the impact that it has had across the East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board region is staggering and the recovery work will take decades.

Members of our Board have been directly involved in response and recovery on behalf of our communities and this reflects the commitment and connections that we have to our communities. We have been fortunate to have insights in to recovery at a regional level via these connections which have benefited the work of the Board and our ability to respond to community and departmental priorities for recovery.

The conservation landscape continues to change and the importance of Iwi/hapū and community led projects to protect and restore biodiversity and cultural heritage is more important than ever. The role of the Board as a conduit between community and the Department through these changes is a priority for the Board. The constraints placed upon us with regard to the progression of the CMS highlights that value of our community and Iwi/hapū centred approach to our work. The regular attendance of operation and governance representatives from the Raukumara Pae Maunga project (Ngāti Porou and Te Whānau a Apanui) is a clear example of cooperation and partnership.

Relationships across communities and Iwi remain the lynch pin for all the work of the Board. Cyclones Hale and Gabrielle have focussed the conversation within our region and amongst our communities and we look forward to supporting the recovery of our region.

I would like to thank the department's staff for the continued support of the work of the Board and for the detailed and insightful reporting and advice that they provide for us. Their expertise, skills, and commitment is highly valued and contributes greatly to our success as a Board. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment of my fellow Board members throughout this year. Stepping up for your communities in roles such as this requires a time commitment and dedication that is appreciated and valued.

Ngā mihi nui,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rena Kohere', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rena Kohere

Chair, East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board

## Introduction

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

Conservation boards are appointed by the Minister of Conservation under section 6(P) of the Conservation Act 1987. 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.

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

Conservation boards have several statutory roles under various Acts including:

- advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice.
- the approval of conservation management plans
- 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.

## Conservation board region

The East Coast/Hawke's Bay Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers the area of 3,268,295.98 hectares.

The jurisdiction extends from Te Araroa (north of Gisborne) to Mangaorapa (Central Hawke's Bay) on the East coast of the North Island. 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.

Approximately 1.24% of New Zealand's public conservation land and area lie within East Coast/Hawke's Bay's jurisdiction.

Public conservation land and areas make up 5.47% of all land in East Coast/Hawke's Bay. This consists of:

- 175,908.72 hectares of Public Conservation Land
- 2,916.60 hectares of Marine Reserve

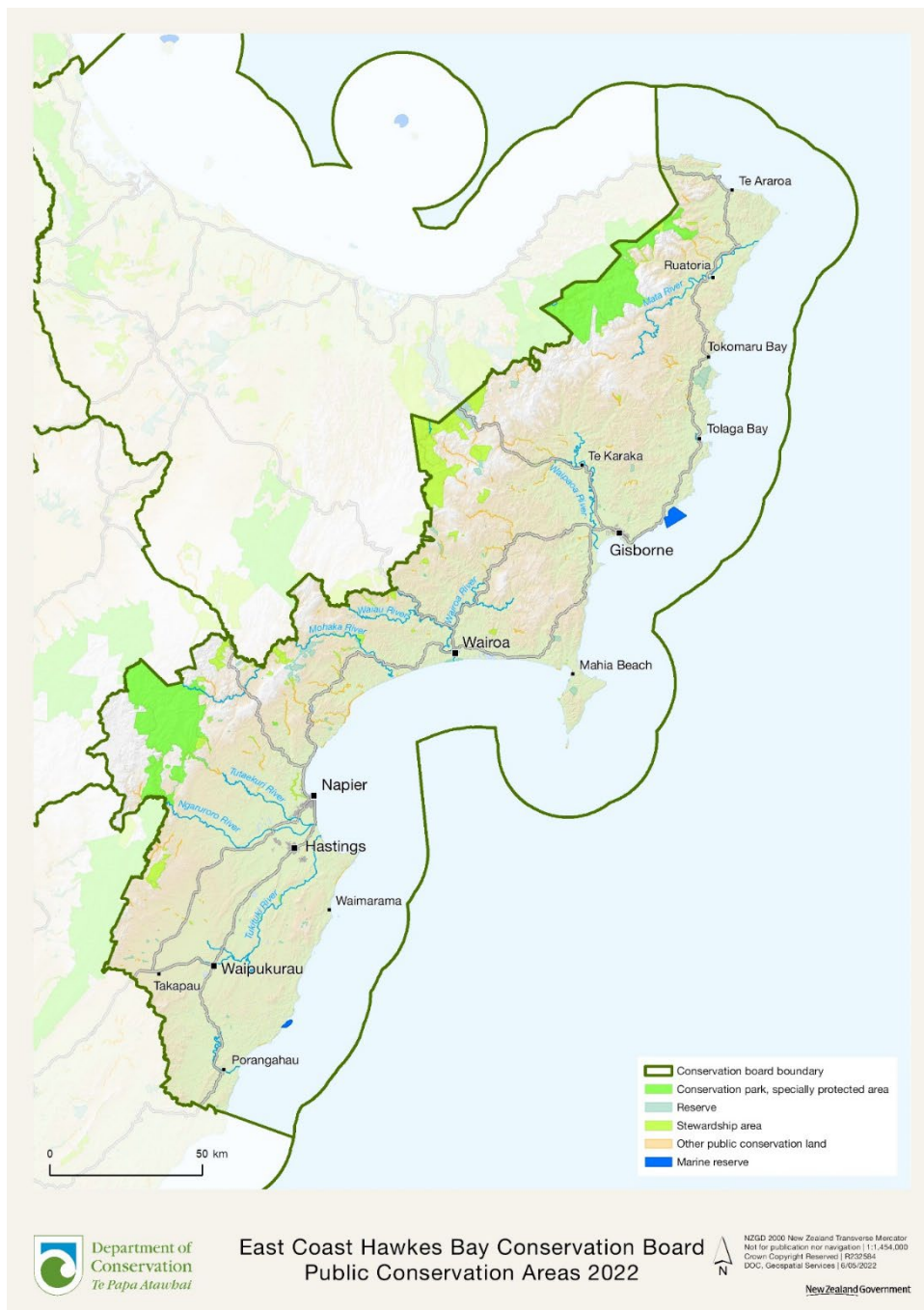
Other key conservation land involving important projects of interest to the Board include:

- Raukūmara Forest
- Te Angiangi Marine Reserve
  - Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve, Gisborne

## Conservation features of the area

The main features of Public Conservation Land and Waters within the Board's boundaries are:

- Ruahine Forest Park - 1.91 ha
- Raukūmara Conservation Park - 51,582.44 ha
- Kāweka Forest Park - 61,461.49 ha
- 9 Recreation Reserves - 82.29 ha
- 5 Historic Reserves - 1,553.50 ha
- 61 Scenic Reserves - 10,223.85 ha
- 2 Specially Protected Areas - 160.69 ha
- 154 Marginal Strips - 2,853.72 ha
- 88 Stewardship Areas - 47,306.22 ha
- 2 Marine Reserves - 2,916.60 ha



## Board functioning.

### 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 and 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
5. On any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance; and
6. On any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board
7. To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matter within the jurisdiction of the Board
8. To exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act.

### Powers of the Board under section 6n of the Conservation Act 1987

1. Every conservation board shall have all such powers as are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable it to carry out its functions.
2. Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), each conservation board may –
3. Advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
4. Appoint committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegate to them functions and powers.
5. 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.



## Board membership.

There were 7 Board members for the reporting year appointed by the Minister of Conservation. Rena Kohere was appointed Chairperson and Doug Bailey was appointed Deputy Chairperson.

The following table lists the membership of the Board between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 and their term of office.

**Table 1: Board membership**

Board member	Area	Term start	Term end	Term served
Rena Kohere (Chair)	Gisborne	01/07/2021	30/06/2024	2 yr.
Doug Bailey (Deputy Chair)	Napier	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	1
John Menneer	Wairoa	01/07/2021	30/06/2025	2 yr.
Jordan Tibble	Gisborne	01/07/2021	30/06/2024	2 yr.
Niki McCartney	Gisborne	01/07/2021	30/06/2023	2yr
Keri Ropiha	Pōrangahau	01/07/2022	30/06/2025	1yr
Ben Douglas	Waipukurau	01/07/2022	30/06/2025	1yr

## Members profiles

### Rena Kohere (Chairperson)

Rena (of Ngāti Porou, Rongowhakaata, Te Aitanga a Māhaki, and Ngāi Tahu) is a Manager for Tairāwhiti Environment Centre. She has experience working with local and central government, iwi and hapū, and diverse community groups.

### Doug Bailey (Deputy Chairperson)

Doug is a Commercial Manager and Chartered Accountant. He has extensive expertise in financial acumen, governance, management, and report writing.

### John Menneer

John grew up in the Hawke's Bay region and, as an avid hunter and tramper, has exceptional knowledge of the region. He has experience as an environmental researcher providing the ability to analyse and interpret research data, and knowledge of NZ geology, landscapes, and ecology.

John has experience working in high-level strategic and project management positions. He has excellent leadership skills and has developed effective working relationships with iwi, local councils, contractors, and other stakeholders.

### Jordan Tibble

Jordan (of Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu, and Te Aitanga a Māhaki) is a keen conservationist, with a particular interest in native trees. She is skilled in conservation on the ground, taking an operational lead on the Whaiā Titirangi Restoration Project, and offers experience working alongside iwi, hapū, councils and stakeholders.

### Niki McCartney

Nicola is experienced in governance, strategic leadership, and executive management. She is a Marine Mammal Medic with Project Jonah and has developed strong connections to the local community and iwi. Ms McCartney was nominated by former East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board member Penny Shaw.

## Keri Ropiha

Ms Ropiha is of Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tamatea, Ngāti Raukawa, and Ngāi Tahu descent and has strong governance experience at local Government level and is a member of various Iwi and community boards, providing excellent engagement with the community and strong connections with hapū and iwi on local issues. Ms Ropiha offers in-depth knowledge of applying mātauranga Māori and te ao Māori to strategic planning and has a good understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

## Ben Douglas

Ben is a Forests and Reserves Officer for Hawkes Bay Regional Council. He is an experienced hunter, trapper, and forester with 30+ years of varied work history in rural industry and a history of conservation volunteering, particularly in the Ruahine Range. Also, previously a teacher, Ben has good relationships with community groups and tangata whenua.

## Board meetings.

The Board held five out of six meetings 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.

**Table 2: Board meeting dates and location**

Board Meeting Dates	Meeting location and venue
26 & 27 August 2022	Department of Conservation, 59 Marine Parade, Napier
20 & 28 October 2022	MS Teams and Department of Conservation, 63 Carnarvon Street, Gisborne
24 November & 2 December 2022	MS Teams and Department of Conservation, 59 Marine Parade Napier
20 April 2023 & 5 May 2023	MS Teams
29 July 2023 & 7 July 2023	Cancelled due to Cyclone Recovery

## Attendance

The table below summarises the number of Board meetings attended by members out of the total number of meetings held during the year.

**Table 3:**

Board member	Evening Admin Meetings	Board meetings
Rena Kohere	1/4	3/5
Doug Bailey	1/4	3/5
John Menneer	2/4	3/5
Jordan Tibble	0/4	3/5
Niki McCartney	2/4	2/5
Keri Ropiha	1/4	2/5
Ben Douglas	1/4	3/5

## Field trips and site inspections

Field trips are an excellent opportunity for Board members to become more aware of conservation issues within their region.

**Table 4: Field trips and site inspections**

Field trip date	Field trip destination and purpose
26 August 2022	Waiohiki Marae Visit and Otatara Pa Site Visit, Hawkes Bay
28 October 2022	Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve, Gisborne
2 December 2022	Ahuriri Estuary, Napier

### ECHB Conservation Board 26 August 2022 Field Trip



*Figure 1 Waiohiki Marae Visit and Otatara Pa Site Visit, Hawkes Bay - DOC Media Library*

### ECHB Conservation Board 28 October 2022 Field Trip



*Figure 2 Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve - DOC Media Library*



*Figure 3 Rock Lobster Crayfish Survey - DOC Media Library*

## ECHB Conservation Board 2 December 2022 Field Trip



*Figure 4 Ahuriri Estuary - DOC Media Library*



*Figure 5 Pandora Pond Ahuriri - photo provided by D Bailey*

### Learning for members

In addition to the regular updates on the Department's activities provided in the status report, which is considered at each meeting, the following was also covered this year.

- George Cooper and Clarke Koopu - Pae Raukumara Presentation
- Presentation to the Board on Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Section 4, along with treaty relationships within the LNI region.
- Rei Kohere - Ngati Porou and its relationships.

### Department involvement in Board meetings

Department staff also attended throughout the year.

Jack Mace, Regional Director, LNI attended meetings and provided a Director's update.

Rachael Mora, Statutory Manager

Moana Smith Dunlop, Operations Manager (Hawkes Bay) and Acting Regional Director; Tryphena Cracknell, Operations Manager (Hawkes Bay); David Agnew, Acting Operations Manager (East Coast) Sheree Smith Acting Operations Manager (East Coast) attended meetings when they took place in their operational District to provide District Context and District Operations Report. Meetings taking place outside of District were attended virtually via MS Teams.

Administrative Support is provided to the Board by the Board Support Officer (Sara Robinson) who arranged, attended, and provided administration services to Board Meetings.

In addition to the above the following DOC Staff also attended meetings:

- Jenny Nelson-Smith, Pou Tairangahau. LNI
- Kahori Nakagawa, Supervisor (Hawkes Bay)
- Toronge Ashton, Supervisor (Hawkes Bay)
- Charlie Parker (Management Planner) – National Review of biking within Conservation Management Strategies.
- Katherine Hughes (National Management Planning Advisor), National Review of biking withing Conservation Management Strategies.
- Marie-Louise Grandiek (Board Support Officer), Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board. Covered Board attendance at meetings post Sara Robinson’s resignation.

## Annual Work Plan

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the full Board Annual Work Programme.

## Statutory activity

### East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The CMS is currently on hold and will be looked at again during 2023/2024.

## Advice and advocacy

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. *Ref Section 6 of the Work Plan for more information on advocacy outcomes.*

**Table 5: Board liaisons and representatives**

Board member	Group/agency/organisation
Rena Kohere	Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve
Doug Bailey	Hawkes Bay Regional Council, Te Angiangi Marine Reserve, Biodiversity Hawkes Bay
John Menneer	Fish & Game Hawkes Bay
Jordan Tibble	None
Niki McCartney	Gisborne District Council
Ben Douglas	Forest and Bird
Keri Ropiha	None

## **Other Conservation Boards liaison**

**The Board allocates liaison roles with their immediate neighbouring Boards.**

Rena Kohere – Bay of Plenty Conservation Board and National Board Chairs

Ben Douglas – Wellington Conservation Board

Jordan Tibble – Chatham Islands Conservation Board

John Menneer – Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board

## **Authority liaison**

Greg Duly is the NZCA member liaison with the Board.

The Board received the agenda, papers, and minutes of the NZCA meetings, and the Board Chair received regular communication from the NZCA.

## **Department advice**

The Board provided advice to the Department on the following issues:

- There were no issues to consider.

## **Community visibility**

The Board maintains a presence on the Department's website. Updates from the Board were provided throughout the year on activities undertaken.

There was an increase in attendance at Public Forum's for the reporting year with participation from:

- Murray Ferris – Fish and Game.
- Grant Vincent – Forest and Bird.
- Paul Redman, Peter Ball, Linda Paterson and Leslie Jenson from the Restore the Beacons Trust – provided a presentation on who they are and the restoration they would like to happen on the Beacons.
- Elizabeth Pishief – Discussion on Otatara Pa

## **District and regional council advocacy and advice**

The Board appreciates the opportunity to meet with representatives of the six local Councils as there are several regional issues in which it is interested.

## **Iwi liaison and advocacy**

In addition to Board meetings, board members work closely with iwi and hapū in the rohe. Refer to Work Plan for further information.

# Appendix I –Annual Work Plan

## East Coast Hawke’s Bay Te Tairāwhiti ki Te Matau-a-Māui Conservation Board

### Work Programme 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023

#### Work Programme overview.

This Work Programme responds to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation received 19 July 2022. The intention is that this document will be reviewed and updated at Board meetings during the year, as a living document.

It comprises three parts, some of which contain overlapping objectives:

#### Part A: Planned Board activities aimed at meeting the Board’s strategic priorities and its core statutory functions:




1. Support the implementation of Te Mana o Te Taiao and local initiatives that protect and enhance biodiversity on land in and in marine environments.
2. Support the planning and implementation of the inter-generational reviews of Te Tapuwae o Rongokako and Te Angiangi Marine Reserves.
3. Build relationships in support of pest and predator control in Raukūmara Conservation Park.
4. Support the transition to a lower carbon environment with regard to the impacts of climate change on indigenous biodiversity and communities.
5. Be Active and visible in your community and represent the public interest in conservation. Build strong community relationships.

#### Part B: The Minister’s fundamental priorities as set out in the Letter of Expectation:

6. Support the Implementation of Te Mana o te Taiao – The Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy
7. Contribute to any reviews of National Park Management Plans and Conservation Management Strategies and support their progress effectively to promote strong conservation outcomes.
8. Embed the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the obligations of Section 4 of the Act in all aspects of work.
9. Support the transition to a lower carbon conservation delivery model, having regard to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019.

#### Part C: General expectations contained in the Minister’s Letter:

10. Work closely with the Department of Conservation to achieve strategic outcomes.
11. Working with adjoining conservation boards, the New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority, NZCA) and other conservation boards.
12. Inform the Minister of any material or significant events relating to the Board, whether positive or negative.
13. Understand the Board’s legal obligations covered in section 5 of the Conservation Board Manual.
14. Monitor and self-review.

Key:	Means...
	Action under way and on track, ongoing or completed.
	Potential for concern, early flag.
	Risks identified, delay or concern.

## PART A: KEY PRIORITIES AND CORE FUNCTIONS

### 1 Support the implementation of Te Mana o Te Taiao and local initiatives that protect and enhance biodiversity on land in and in marine environments

**Board Objective:** Increase public awareness of Te Mana o Te Taiao and support its implementation within DOC and the community

**Outcome:** Increased public awareness of Te Mana o Te Taiao

**Measures:** Number of key partners acknowledging and/or utilising Te Mana o Te Taiao

#### Planned Board activities.

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
1.1	Identify community groups to strengthen understanding of Te Mana o Te Taiao		Identified – Biodiversity Hawkes Bay and Environment Centres
1.2	Engage with community groups to strengthen understanding of Te Mana o Te Taiao		Work in progress
1.3	Engage with Biodiversity Hawkes Bay and Environmental Centres to share Te Mana o Te Taiao		Engaged with the environment centres.

### 2 Support the planning and implementation of inter-generational reviews of both marine reserve areas in the rohe; Te Tapuwae o Rongokako and Te Angiangi Marine Reserves

**Board Objective:** To ensure the inter-generational reviews are conducted in an inclusive and timely manner

**Outcome:** Inter-generational review report of Te Angiangi Marine Reserve is **delivered** by DOC.

Inter-generational review planning of Te Tapuwae o Rongokako is **initiated**

Completed review report for Te Angiangi Marine Reserve delivered to Hapū.

**Measures:** Agreed scope of the review of Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve by DOC and Hapū

#### Planned Board Activities

	Actions	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
2.1	Board member attendance at hui		4 Hapu meetings between DOC & Ngati Kere - Te Angiangi Marine Reserve ECHB CB member attended x 3 with Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve and DOC.
2.2	Receive progress updates by DOC		Te Angiangi Marine Reserve – national reporting framework and report both under development. Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve – not yet initiated.
2.3	Review Te Angiangi Report		Report not yet in. Report for Te Angiangi Marine Reserve extended to June 2024.



### 3 Build relationships in support of pest and predator control in Raukūmara Conservation Park

**Board Objective:** Build strong relationships with Governance and Senior Management of Raukumara Pae Maunga

**Outcome:** Clear, open, and ongoing communication with Raukumara Pae Maunga

**Measures:** Regular updates received.

#### Planned Board Activities

	Actions	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
3.1	Appoint a Board Liaison Member		RK appointed
3.2	Identify liaison contact(s)		Identified, Establish and Engaged with
3.3	Board liaison provides reports at Board meetings		RK provided regular updates and had presentation at our meeting by senior management and a member of the governance support.
3.4	Board members engage in community events		X 4 events was attended.

### 4 Support the transition to a lower carbon environment with regard to the impacts of climate change on indigenous biodiversity and communities

**Board Objective:** Support activities that support the transition to a low carbon environment

**Outcome:** Increased activities supporting the transition

**Measures:** Record of activities/decisions that support the transition to a lower carbon environment.

#### Planned Board activities.

	Actions	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
4.1	Record activities/decision making for impacts on indigenous biodiversity and communities		No action
4.2	Identify opportunities and/or activities to lower carbon outputs		2 x Teams meetings of 6, so that the board did not need to travel.
4.3	Support/Implement lower carbon opportunities with the community		No action
4.4	Support/Implement lower carbon opportunities for Conservation Board Members		Car-pooling and online meetings.

**5 Be active and visible in your community and represent the public interest in conservation. Build strong community relationships**

**Board Objective:** Increase public awareness of the Conservation Board to improve engagement

**Outcome:** Increased public engagement

**Measures:** All meetings and key events advertised via existing social media channels  
Increased public attendance at Public Forums.  
Regular liaison reporting.

**Planned Board activities.**

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary - from July 2022</b>
5.1	Connect with Biodiversity Hawkes Bay for communications		Board has a liaison member for Biodiversity HB and fed local events on their social media page.
5.2	Connect with Environment Centres for communications		Yes, regular liaison with both environment centres.
5.3	Board members attend and report on community events.		Yes, attended the launch of the Five-year HB biodiversity strategy.
5.4	Board members complete regular liaison reports.		Yes, reported at every board meeting.
5.5	Record attendance at Public Forums		Attendance is recorded.

## PART B: MINISTER'S PRIORITIES 2022-2023

### 6 Support the Implementation of Te Mana o te Taiao – The Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy

Addressed in Part A, Section 1.

### 7 Contribute to any reviews of National Park Management Plans and Conservation Management Strategies and support their progress effectively to promote strong conservation outcomes

**Board Objective:** To contribute to the development of the relevant CMS and the partial review process

**Outcome:** Progress on the development of the relevant CMS and any partial reviews

**Measures:** DOC Planning Team to update the Board when applicable.

#### Planned Board activities.

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
7.1	Respond to requests for contributions to the CMS development and partial review.		Partial CMS report and Biking review, yes.
7.2	Request updates from DOC		Yes, updates were received from DOC
7.3	Review and discuss developments.		Review process pending.

### 8 Embed the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in accordance with the obligations of Section 4 of the Act in all aspects of work

**Board Objective:** To embed the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all work undertaken as required by Section 4 of The Conservation Act 1987

**Outcome:** Principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi embedded in all work undertaken  
Board members have an understanding and working knowledge of the requirements of Section 4 of The Conservation Act 1987

**Measures:** The principles of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi are demonstrated across the Conservation Board's work programme

#### Planned Board activities.

	Actions	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
8.1	Board members familiarise themselves with Section 4.		Section 4 within the Induction for Conservation Boards
8.2	Te Tiriti o Waitangi induction material accessible via MS Teams channel		Made available under Conservation Boards Induction material tab (July 2022)
8.3	Invite Regional Pou (Jenny Nelson-Smith) to Conservation Board meetings		Jenny attended the October 2022 meeting and ran an induction for the Board members

### 9 Support the transition to a lower carbon conservation delivery model, having regard to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019

Addressed in Part A, Section 4

## PART C: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

### 10 Work closely with the Department of Conservation to meet strategic outcomes

**Board Objective:** Support the implementation of DOC's Integrated Strategy

**Outcome:** Year one of the Integrated Strategy is implemented

**Measures:** Reports received from DOC

#### Planned Board activities.

	Action	Status	Progress commentary - from July 2022
10.1	Board members are familiar with the Integrated Strategy and year one priorities.		Briefing was received. Presentation by Jenny
10.2	Receive reports on Integrated Strategy priorities and their progress		Still with DOC
10.3	Update on regional priorities and progress from the Director		Updates received.
10.4	Review Strategic and Regional priority progress and provide feedback		No, change in Director.

### 11 Working with adjoining Conservation Boards, the New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority, NZCA) and other Conservation Boards

**Board Objective:** Strong working relationships with the NZCA, adjoining and other Conservation Boards

**Outcome:** The work of the ECHB CB is efficient and consistent with NZCA and other Conservation Boards  
NZCA Representative attends meetings.

**Measures:** Regular liaison reports from neighbouring Conservation Boards.  
ECHB Conservation Board represented at the NZCA/Conservation Board Chairs' hui

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary - from July 2022
11.1	Identify Liaison roles and maintain regular contact.		Liaison roles identified and contact maintained.
11.2	Cross boundary conservation matters are raised and addressed to improve practice.		Yes, RPM identified with Bay of Plenty CB Koi Carp issues identified within Wellington CB
11.3	Representative attend annual NZCA and Chairs' conference		Yes, both attended.
11.4	Invite NZCA representative Board meetings		NZCA Liaison was invited but has not attended any board meetings.

**12 Inform the Minister of any material or significant events relating to the Board, whether positive or negative**

**Board Objective:** Inform the minister of any significant events  
**Outcome:** No Surprises Policy  
**Measures:** Record of communications

**Planned Board Activities**

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
12.1	Identify and communicate significant events.		None identified
12.2	Identify and implement actions to mitigate negative impacts and to celebrate successes		N/A

**13 Understand the Board’s Obligations of Section 5 of the Conservation Board Manual**

**Board Objective:** Ensure all members understand the obligations of Section 5 of the Conservation Board Manual.  
**Outcome:** All Board members receive a yearly induction  
**Measures:** Record of Induction held.  
 All members act in accordance with Section 5 obligations.

**Planned Board activities.**

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2022
13.1	Provide induction for all new Board members		Completed
13.2	All members read and understand section 5 of the Conservation Board Manual		The manual is available electronically on MS Teams.
13.3	Identify areas where improvement by Board members may need consideration.		Discussion around disclosure at public forums was discussed at the December meeting.

## 14 Monitoring and Self-review

**Board Objective:** To regularly monitor and review and update the Work Programme.

**Outcome:** A successful living document regularly reviewed and updated

**Measures:** Completed status of actions.

### Planned Board activities.

	Action	Status	Progress commentary - from July 2022
14.1	Regular reviews of Work Programme and priorities		Completed
14.2	Regularly update the progress commentary		No
14.3	Provide brief interim report mid-year to MOC via NZCA		Not completed.



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