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# 1 Chairperson's Report

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I am pleased to introduce the 2020 Annual Report for the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board.

The year has been one of almost two halves with Covid-19 and the lockdown causing some meetings in 2020 to be cancelled and other meetings held online. But more importantly the closure of the border and the almost complete shutdown of all tourism from overseas visitors has changed things significantly. This has given us some breathing space to re-evaluate how we protect the precious taonga for which the Board has a policy responsibility.

The Tongariro Taupo region has some of the most iconic areas in the North Island and these are a major attraction for both domestic and international visitors. The huge growth in the number of tourists visiting the area has become an increasing focus of the Board, its Iwi partners and the Department of Conservation.

The numbers of people using the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and the number flocking to the ski fields, with a major increase in people just wanting visit and play in the snow, are all putting pressure on the Park, visitor experiences, protection of natural values and the spiritual and other values of our Iwi partners.

The shutting of the border because of Covid-19, has presented the opportunity to reset how visitors enjoy and access the area, especially Tongariro National Park. It is no longer appropriate to have the impact of such numbers of visitors continuing to grow year by year. Issues relating to the use of the national park and protecting its values will be a key issue for the Board in the coming year.

Planning for the protection of the natural taonga of our rohe continues to be of top importance to the Board. First and foremost is the need to proceed with the review of the Tongariro Taupō Conservation Management Strategy (CMS).

The CMS not only guides the work of the Board and the department, but also link across regions with other parts of the Central North island and beyond. Like other Conservation Boards, our CMS needs to be reviewed and the lack of planning capacity to start this process is frustrating.

An important part of Treaty Settlements as they relate to protected lands is the requirement to develop and review CMS and area management plans jointly with Iwi.

Until all the settlements for our Iwi partners are completed this will mean that the final development of the CMS will have to wait, but the Board would like to start the process of working through the many issues facing conservation management in the region in conjunction with our partners.

The means building our relationships with our four main Iwi is the top priority for the Board. We have had an ongoing relationship with Ngāti Tuwharetoa and more recently Ngāti Rangī. The Board is delighted to have the first new Statutory appointment to the Board nominated by Ngāti Rangī joining the position already held by Ngāti Tuwharetoa since last year.

In the coming year the Board hopes to kōrero with Uenuku and Ngāti Hauā, both of which are currently going through or approaching Settlement.

Through this difficult period the Board recognises the dedication of key staff of the Department of Conservation. Their efforts have been instrumental in both managing the visitor pressures on the protected lands on the Central Plateau and maintaining the protection of the intrinsic values of the area in a time when resources have been limited.

We also recognise the many partners who join in these efforts. Concessionaires, local authorities and other agencies. Our Iwi partners and the voluntary groups and individuals who contribute throughout the year are an essential part of protecting our precious taonga.

The end of this year saw John Bishara, the Board's chair of six years, and a member for nine, end his term on the Board. John was instrumental in leading the Board during an important transformation, also in helping it develop its relationships with our Iwi partners during that time.

John's wisdom and experience will be greatly missed. I would also like to record and acknowledge the work and contribution of all the members of the Board during the last year. For the first time in a while we have a full membership and that has greatly enhanced the ability of the Board in its leadership.

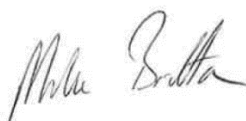
I hope you will find the following reports valuable in providing a broad sense of the activities and initiatives that are occurring across the Tongariro Taupō region.

I encourage you to follow up on anything that you would like more detail on. Newsletters, articles and reports; many of which are referenced throughout this report.

These are available to you on the Department of Conservation website: [www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/tongariro-Taupō/](http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/statutory-and-advisory-bodies/conservation-boards/tongariro-Taupō/)

Nō reira

Tēnā tātou katoa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Britton', written in a cursive style.

Mike Britton  
Deputy Chair  
Tongariro Taupō Conservation Board

## 2 Introduction

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Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 Tongariro Taupo 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 Tongariro Taupo 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:

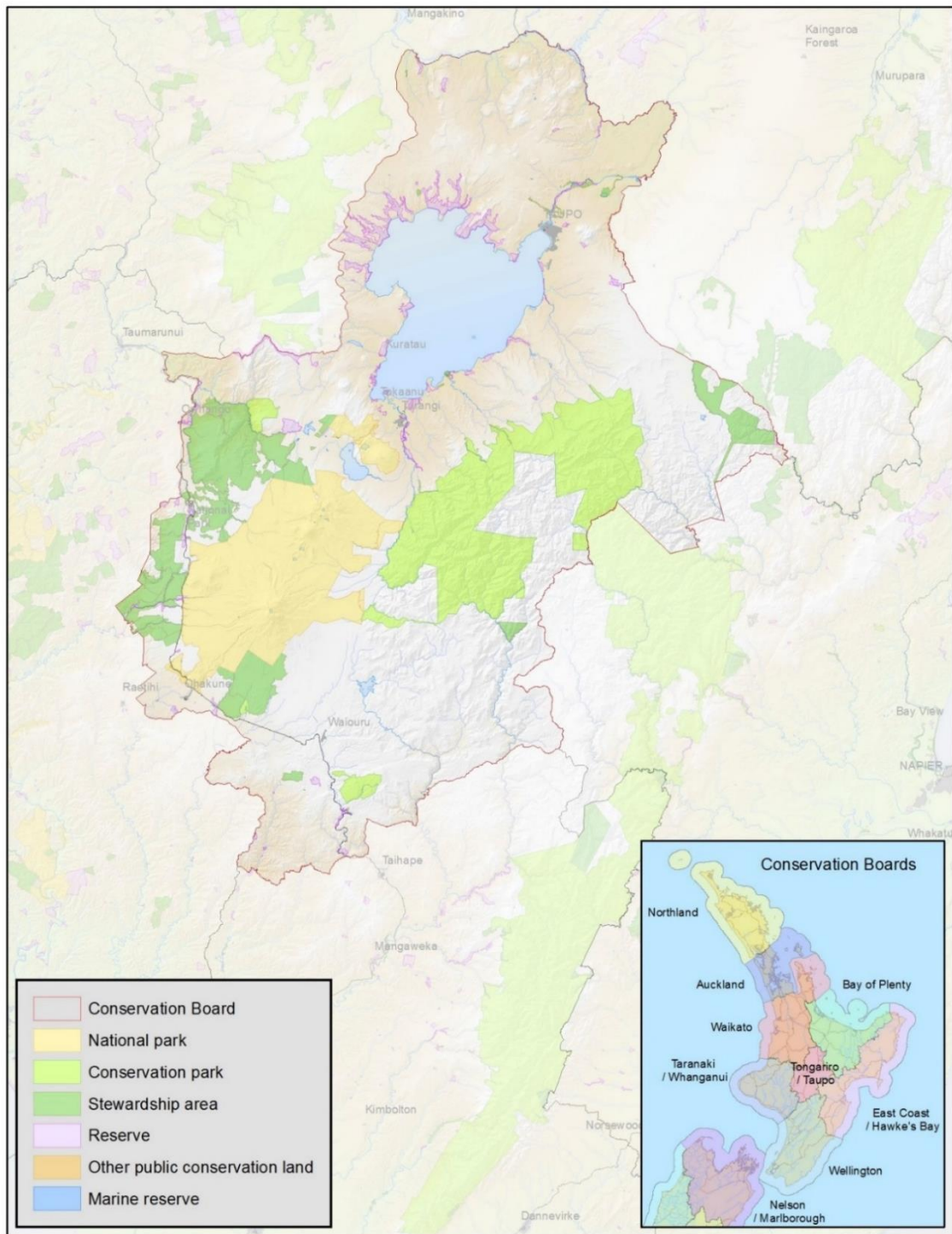
- the recommendation of the Tongariro Taupo Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the Authority for approval
- advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice
- reporting on the implementation of the CMS
- the approval of conservation 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.



### 3 Conservation Board Region

The Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers an area of approximately 780,000 hectares, with approximately 219,000 hectares of Public Conservation Land.



Tongariro / Taupo Conservation Board

New Zealand Government  
Te Kāwanatanga o Aotearoa

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Department of Conservation  
Te Papa Ihaka

Tongariro National Park lies within the Board's jurisdiction.

A large number of issues which are of interest to the Board include:

- Ecosystem management and management of plant and animal species such as kiwi and whio.



- Management of recreational facilities - in particular the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, which continues to be one of the most traversed alpine tracks in the world with a significant international audience creating unique management challenges for the Department.
- Management of historic sites such as Opepe Historic Reserve.
- Concession activities and in particular those relating to recreation and tourism activities at key sites such as Tongariro National Park, Huka Falls and Five Mile Bay.

### 3.1 Conservation Features of the Area

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

- Tongariro National Park – 79,669 ha
- Kaimanawa Forest Park – 74,532 ha
- Kaweka Forest Park – 39 ha
- Scenic Reserves – 8,762 ha
- Historic Reserves – 186 ha
- Recreation Reserves – 1,192 ha
- Ecological Area – 2,140 ha
- Scientific Reserves - 342 ha
- Stewardship Areas – 50,674 ha

Te Urewera, Whanganui National Park and Whirinaki Te-Pua-a-Tane Forest adjoin the Board's area of jurisdiction

Tongariro National Park is registered on the New Zealand World Heritage List.

## 4 Board Functioning

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### 4.1 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
- 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.

#### 4.2 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 —
  - a) Advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
  - b) Appoint committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegate to them functions and powers.
- 3) 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.

#### 4.3 Board Functions under Section 30 the National Parks Act 1980

- 1) to recommend management plans, and the review or amendment of such plans, for parks within the jurisdiction of the Board in accordance with sections 45 to 47:
- 2) to consider and determine priorities for the implementation of management plans for national parks:
- 3) to make recommendations to the Minister for the appointment of honorary rangers under section 40:
- 4) to review and report to the Director-General or the Authority, as appropriate, on the effectiveness of the administration of the general policies for national parks within the jurisdiction of the Board:
- 5) to give advice to the Director-General or the Authority—
  - a. on the interpretation of any management plan for a park; and
  - b. on any proposal for the addition of land to any national park or the establishment of a new national park; and
  - c. on any other matter relating to any national park, —within the jurisdiction of the Board.

#### 4.4 Board Membership

The number of member positions include the statutory position held by Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu and were appointed by the Minister of Conservation for the reporting year.

One members' term of office expired on 30 June and there were two new members appointed, Amoa Hawira and Murray Wilson along with the return of previous Board member Te Ngaehe Wanikau.

The following table lists the membership of the Board between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020 and their term of office.

Board member	Area	Term start	Term end	Term served
Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu	Tuwharetoa	1998	Life Member	22
John Bishara	Turangi	2011	2020	9

Mike Britton	Wellington	2014	2020	6
Peter Zimmer	Ruapehu	2014	2021	6
Georgina (Honey) Winter	Raetihi	2018	2021	2
Hinemoa Wanikau	Turangi	2018	2021	2
Chloe Walker	Atiamuri	2018	2021	2
Te Ngaehe Wanikau	Turangi	2019	2022	1
Amoa Hawira	Raetihi	2019	2022	1
Murray Wilson	Ruapehu	2019	2022	1

*Table 1: Board membership*

## 4.5 Member Profiles

### John Bishara, Chair, Turangi

Mr Bishara is the Chief Executive Officer of Lake Taupō Forest Trust and Chairman of the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board. He has held a wide range of appointments in the public sector and had a 14-year career with the NZ Forest Service on both production and environmental forest operations. He is familiar with conservation issues. His outdoor recreation interests are hunting and fishing. He is of Ngāti Tūwharetoa iwi.

### Mike Britton, Deputy Chair, Wellington

Mr Britton is a conservation and fundraising consultant. He has experience in drafting National Park and Conservation Acts, creating management plans, policy development and acting in committees. He has previously been involved in managerial and director roles within the Fish and Game Council and Forest and Bird Protection Society. His outdoor recreation interests are tramping, walking, restoration and fishing.

### Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu, Statutory Position, Turangi,

Tumu is Paramount Chief of Ngati Tuwharetoa and is a direct descendant of Horonuku Te Heuheu who in 1887, as Paramount Chief of Ngati Tuwharetoa, *tukua* the mountains of Tongariro to the people of New Zealand. He is Chairperson of Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board, Lake Taupō Forest Trust, and Lake Rotoaira Forest Trust.

He sits on many national boards as either chair or a member. In the 2004/2005 honours list he was made a Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. As New Zealand's delegate to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee he was elected Chairperson in 2006.

### Peter Zimmer, Board Member, Ruapehu

Mr Zimmer works as group support officer for New Zealand Land Search and Rescue. He has a practical background in farming and a degree in agricultural science. He has worked for over 20 years as an independent guide and instructor in the outdoors.

His outdoor recreation interests are mountaineering, skiing, mountain biking, kayaking and trout fishing. As a hobby he enjoys researching and exploring historical, cultural and geological sites in and around Tongariro National Park.

#### Georgina Winter, Board Member, Raetihi

Mrs Winter is an Independent Business and Project Management Consultant. She is co-opted as a Director on the Board of Ruapehu Health Ltd and holds qualifications in Maori and Administration and Maturanga Maori as well as business management. She enjoys spending time in the outdoors with her family.

#### Hinemoa Wanikau, Board Member, Turangi

Mrs Wanikau works in administration support/governance servicing for Te Kotahitanga Ngati Tuwharetoa. She has extensive experience and acumen in business administration and management, environmental planning and review of policies and processes between hapu and government authorities. She has an interest in geothermal activity and water quality.

#### Chloe Walker, Board Member, Atiamuri

Mrs Walker works as a consultant for the Tutukau Group and has a background in business and policy development. She is currently a board member for the Taupo Chamber of Commerce and has been a council representative in Taupo. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Politics. Mrs Walker enjoys gardening, fishing and boating.

#### Te Ngaehe Wanikau, Board Member, Turangi

Mr Wanikau is a nominee of Te Kotahitanga o Ngāti Tūwharetoa. He has experience in environmental policy, planning and analysis, and consultation with local governments and authorities. His particular interest is in providing a cultural perspective to conservation board deliberations. His outdoor recreation interests are fishing and food gathering.

#### Amoa Hawira, Board Member, Raetihi

Mrs Hawira is currently studying towards an Undergraduate Degree in Environmental Management and has a strong community and cultural presence in the rohe.

She is working for Ngā Waihua o Paerangi (formally Ngāti Rangī Trust) within the Taiao unit as a Kairangahau Taiao (Environmental Researcher), and is heavily involved with Para Kore Inc. She has affiliations to Ātihaunui a Pāpārangi, Uenuku / Tamakana / Tamahaki, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Kahungunu and Ngāti Rangī.

#### Murray Wilson, Board Member, Ruapehu

Mr Wilson is a District Councillor for the Ruapehu District Council National Park Ward and National Park Community Board. He has experience in community consultation, advocacy and projects on public land.

## 4.6 Board Meetings

The Board held four meetings during the reporting period.

Board meeting date	Meeting location and venue
22 August 2019	DOC Office Boardroom, Turangi
26 November 2019	Te Kahukura o Tane Mahuta – Taupo
12 February 2020	Parklands Holiday Park, Turangi
20 May 2020	Virtual online workshop (during COVID lockdown)

Table 2: Board meeting dates and location

## 4.7 Attendance

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

Members attended other meetings and events in their role as Board members, including subcommittee meetings and representative roles.

Board member	Board meetings
Te Ariki Sir Tumu Te Heuheu	-
John Bishara	4 / 4
Mike Britton	4 / 4
Peter Zimmer	4 / 4
Georgina (Honey) Winter	2 / 4
Hinemoa Wanikau	3 / 4
Chloe Walker	4 / 4
Te Ngaehe Wanikau	1 / 4
Amoa Hawira	3 / 4
Murray Wilson	4 / 4

Table 3: Board meeting attendance

## 4.8 Field Trips and Site Inspections

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

Field trip date	Field trip destination and purpose
August 2019	Board members took part in a visit to Whakapapa Ski area to view the Sky Waka gondola, unfortunately due to bad weather they were unable to continue with the planned schedule, so this was postponed to a future date.
February 2020	Board members hosted a joint field trip with their neighbouring Board from the Bay of Plenty. The field trip was primarily focussed on the impact that the increase in visitor numbers is having on the Tongariro National Park. Members visited key tourist areas such as the Ketetahi Carpark at the end of the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and Whakapapa Ski Area. They also stopped by the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoors Centre for a tour and an update on the development of a newly proposed facility planned for Kinloch.

Table 4: Field trips and site inspections

## 4.9 Board Committees

Membership of Board committees was reviewed in July, at the beginning of the reporting year. The board reviewed the values and principles to align all sub-committees with Nga Pou o Te Pae Maunga.

Committee name	Members
Strategic Planning Policy Partnerships and CMS	Mike Britton – Chair Georgina Winter Hinemoa Wanikau Peter Zimmer John Bishara
World Heritage – Pae Maunga	Georgina Winter – Chair Hinemoa Wanikau Peter Zimmer John Bishara
Statutory Process	Chloe Walker John Bishara Peter Zimmer

Table 5: Committees

### Strategic Planning Policy Partnership and CMS

The purpose of this subcommittee was to advise the Department of Conservation on conservation management processes including Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) review, CMS Monitoring, National Park Management Plans and business planning generally. During the reporting year the sub-committee met twice to discuss the purpose, process, and direction of the CMS.

### World Heritage – Pae Maunga

The purpose of this subcommittee was to provide an advisory role in relation to the dual World Heritage Status of Tongariro National Park.

### Statutory Processes

The purpose of this subcommittee was to provide advice and advocacy on Resource Management Act (RMA) processes, concessions, major works approvals and service delivery. The committee has a formal role in relation to concession applications on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing (TAC) as part of the National Park Management Plan.



## 4.10 Department Involvement in Board meetings

Department staff regularly attended throughout the year and public forums were offered at each Board meeting for members of the public to raise conservation issues with the Board.

## 4.11 Annual Work Plan

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

# 5 Statutory Activity

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## 5.1 Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The Board has continued to monitor the Tongariro Taupo CMS and receive updates from the Department. Over a number of annual reports the Board has expressed concern at the delays in the review of the Tongariro Taupo CMS and considers that with the signing of the Treaty Settlements with the principal Iwi in the region and given their key role in the development of CMS, this has become very urgent.

# 6 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	Liaison with
	Bay of Plenty Conservation Board
Mike Britton	Wellington Conservation Board
Chloe Walker	Waikato Conservation Board
Georgina Winter	Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board
John Bishara	East Coast Hawkes Bay

*Table 6: Board liaisons and representatives*

## 6.1 Authority Liaison

Kerry Prendegast has been the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA) liaison to the Board. Kerry has provided valuable insight into the Authority's national priorities and work.

## 6.2 Department Advice

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

- Applications for guiding concessions on the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

## 6.3 Community Advocacy and Involvement

The Board believes working with conservation organisations and members of the public is very important. Meetings provide 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:

Owhango for Life - 22 August 2019

Mark Frederick attended the Public Forum to discuss the potential clean-up of a slip on the Ohinetonga Northern Loop Track in Owhango which happened in May of 2017 and remains closed. The residents would like to see the track cleared and reopened.

#### 6.4 Community Visibility

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

#### 6.5 District and Regional Council Advocacy and Advice

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

## Appendix I – Annual Work Plan

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### **Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board Work Programme**

#### **1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020**

##### **Work Programme Overview**

This Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board work programme has been developed in response to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation dated 6 September 2019. It is structured in three parts, namely:

- Part A: Planned Board activities aimed at meeting the regional Work Programme contained in the letter:
  - Review/development/monitoring of statutory management plans including Conservation Management Strategies (CMS);
  - Advice relating to stewardship land;
  - Other statutory functions for the Board;
  - Advocacy; and
- Part B: Planned Board activities aimed at general expectations contained in the letter:
  - working with the Department;
  - taking account of the Ministerial priorities for the Department as contained in the Department's Four-year Plan;
  - working with adjoining Boards and the NZCA;
  - understanding the Board's contribution to giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;
  - general engagement with the community, including raising the profile of the Board; and
- Part C: risks/issues from the Board's perspective, and opportunities for conservation growth that are not covered above.

## PART A: REGIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

### 1 Review / development of statutory management plans including Conservation Management Strategies (CMS)

#### 1.1 Board Objective:

*The Board will continue to advocate for review of the Tongariro Taupo CMS and work towards having a project plan and draft places in development*

#### Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Develop a project plan for the CMS review process with the Department	On hold
<b>B</b>	Engage with Ngati Rangī re CMS development	Awaiting CMS process

#### 1.2 Board Objective:

*In conjunction with the Department, the Board will agree on priorities for implementation of the Tongariro National Park Management plan.*

#### Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Receive regular updates on the TAC and provide advice on future management options	Ongoing
<b>B</b>	Receive regular updates in relation to license compliance	Ongoing
<b>C</b>	Input into TAC guiding concessions in TNP	Ongoing
<b>D</b>	Take part in the Indicative Development Plan process as per the TNPMP	Ongoing

#### 1.3 Board Objective:

*In conjunction with the Department, the Board will agree priorities for implementation of the Kaimanawa Forest Park Plan*

#### Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Receive regular updates on the Kaimanawa Forest Park and any science on the impact of sika deer on the park. Provide advice on future management options	Ongoing
<b>B</b>	Develop a strategic approach with the Department on issues and opportunities for this place	Ongoing

## 2 Stewardship Land

### 2.1 Board Objective:

*The Board will continue to provide the Minister and Department with advice on priorities for reclassification of stewardship areas that require increased protection because of their significant conservation values.*

#### Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>B</b>	Advocate for stewardship land parcels nominated for status changes as part of the national process	Ongoing
<b>C</b>	Receive regular updates on National process	Ongoing

## 3 Other statutory functions<sup>1</sup>

### 3.1 Board Objective:

*The Board will nurture ongoing working relationships with Fish and Game Councils/Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee regarding issues of mutual interest within the region.*

#### Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Maintain liaison with Eastern Fish and Game Council and Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee (TFAC) and exchange information	Ongoing

### 3.2

#### Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Respond to requests for advice as they arise	Ongoing

## 4 Advocacy

### 4.1 Board Objective

*The Board will pursue all reasonable opportunities to advocate at public forums and in any statutory planning processes*

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<sup>1</sup> This section should include Board functions relating to statutory functions under section 6M of the Conservation Act

## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Board to monitor and applications and advocacy opportunities and provide advice to the full Board	Ongoing
<b>B</b>	Provide input and submissions where conservation values are involved	Ongoing
<b>C</b>	Advocate for increased awareness of the threats posed by invasive pests and threatened species and habitats within the region	Ongoing

## PART B: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

### 5 Working with the Department

**Board Objective:**

*Board members will maintain good working relationships and open dialogue with Directors, Managers and Board Support Officers in order to engage strategically in conservation for the region.*

## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Include senior Departmental managers and other staff as required in Board meetings to provide strategic advice	Ongoing
<b>B</b>	Attend Departmental events when invited and support initiatives to build strong community connections	Ongoing
<b>C</b>	Provide a representative for the DOC Community Fund assessment panel	Completed
<b>D</b>	Provide advice to DOC of options to advance CMS priorities as part of business planning cycle	Ongoing

### 6 Taking account of Ministerial priorities for the Department<sup>2</sup>

**Board Objective:**

*The Board will identify opportunities to support North Island community conservation targeting kiwi and other threatened species*

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<sup>2</sup> This section could include where Boards are consulted on pest control operations

## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
A	Advocate for kiwi projects particularly in the Tongariro Forest	Ongoing
C	Receive an annual report on pest plant status and controls	June 2019

### 7 Working with adjoining Boards and the NZCA

**Board Objective:**

*Board members will liaise with neighbouring conservation boards in order to progress cross boundary CMS issues and other matters of mutual interest.*

## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
A	Appoint Board members as liaison to adjoining Boards – Waikato, Wellington, East Coast, Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty and Taranaki/Whanganui.	Ongoing
B	Invite members of adjoining Boards to attend meetings and circulate agendas and minutes	Ongoing
C	Look for opportunities to collaborate around matters of mutual interest	Ongoing

### 8 Understanding the Board's contribution to giving effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

**Board Objective:**

*The Board will understand and support the Board's and Department's obligations under Treaty settlements as well as principles under section 4 of the Conservation Act]*



## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Meet with representatives of Ngati Tuwharetoa, Ngati Rangi and Ngati Uenuku at least once a year	In train
<b>C</b>	Support members in developing cultural capability through wananga and other opportunities	Ongoing
<b>D</b>	Keep abreast of progress with treaty settlement especially in relation to TNP	Ongoing

### 9 Engaging with the community, including raising the profile of the Board

#### Board Objective

*Board members will liaise regularly with other conservation entities, such as district and regional councils, NGOs and community groups, in order to enhance the profile of the Board and pursue good working relationships on issues of mutual interest and concern*

## Planned Board Activities, Success Measures and Key Milestones

	Action	Status
<b>A</b>	Identify appropriate agencies for Board members to develop strategic relationships with	Ongoing
<b>B</b>	Assign liaison responsibility to Board members and receive regular updates on this work	Ongoing
<b>C</b>	Continue to support Te Ao Turoa awards and other events where the Board is able to raise its profile and that advocate for conservation outcomes	Ongoing