

**East Coast Hawkes Bay  
Te Tairāwhiti ki Te Matau-a-Maui  
Conservation Board  
Annual Report 2021- 2022**



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# 1. Chairperson's report

Tena koutou e nga rangatira ma,

This is my first annual report as Chair of the East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board. I would like to acknowledge the previous Chair Jo Blakely (Havelock North) and former Chair Penny Shaw (Gisborne) who both retired from the Board in 2021. The Board benefitted greatly from the years of experience, knowledge, relationships, institutional knowledge, and skills that Jo and Penny brought to their roles. I would also like to acknowledge Apenti Tamanui-Fransen (Ngāriki Kaiputahi, Te Aitanga-a-Mahaki, Ngā Puhī, Te Whakatōhea) and Lucy Meagher (Havelock North) who retired from the Board in 2022. During his term Apenti served as Deputy Chair and his background in planning and knowledge of Te Reo me ona tikanga Māori was an asset to the Board. The Board benefitted greatly from Lucy's connection to recreational users of Public Conservation Land and her keen analytical skills. While Jo, Penny, Apenti, and Lucy may no longer be serving on the Conservation Board they all remain committed to supporting conservation and the aspirations of their communities.

At the start of the 21/22 period the Board welcomed new members Dr John Meneer (Wairoa), Nicola McCartney (Gisborne), and Jordan Tibble (Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Kahungunu, and Te Aitanga a Māhaki – Gisborne) and my appointment was confirmed after having been co-opted Board in early 2021. Doug Bailey (Napier) was appointed Deputy Chair and provides an important sense of continuity and stability to our Board.

COVID has created many disruptions and challenges across our communities and the Conservation Board has not been immune. An important function of Conservation Boards is to connect with communities and facilitate discussions that support conservation efforts and issues across the East Coast and Hawkes Bay districts. Our ability to meet in person was severely impacted by COVID restrictions and much of our work was conducted online during 21/22. While there are benefits to working online the kanohi ki te kanohi aspect of our work was greatly missed.

The conservation landscape has changed during the past year as the Jobs For Nature projects across the districts have succeeded in securing funding and become operational. The Jobs For Nature funding represents a massive investment in both our people and environment over the coming years. Of particular note is the Raukūmara Pae Maunga project between the Department of Conservation, Te Whānau a Apanui and Ngāti Porou. The work of the Board is supported by Department of Conservation staff throughout the year and we have been fortunate to be well advised and assisted by Jack Mace (Director of Operations Lower North Island) and the teams in the Napier and Gisborne offices; Chris Visser, Moana Dunlop-Smith, Tryphena Cracknell, Jenny Nelson-Smith, David Agnew. During the year there have been many changes within the teams as staff have been seconded to roles across the Department so while continuity may have been difficult the Board has appreciated the breadth of experience across the teams. Particular thanks must go to Board Support Officer Sara Robinson who has provided expert advice, support and kept us on track throughout the changes and challenges of the year.

An ongoing matter for the East Coast Hawkes Bay Board is our role and responsibilities with regard to the CMS and the constraints and ability of the Department to progress the CMS. Much of the delay lies outside the influence of the Board so the Board has taken the opportunity to work on creating and strengthening relationships with groups across the region. These relationships will provide a foundation for our work when the time comes to look to creating a new CMS. The Board specifically recognises our responsibility to give effect to Section 4 of the Conservation Act and our relationships with tangata whenua.

Relationships across communities and Iwi are the lynch pin for all the work of the Board; Climate change mitigation and adaptation, implementation of Te Mana o Te Taiao, supporting legislative reform, work on the generational reviews of Te Angiangi and Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserves and the progression of the CMS. As a region we are seeing the impacts of climate change on small coastal communities and ecosystems which makes this work all the more important. The Board is committed to taking an inclusive, adaptable and flexible approach to our work to ensure that we can work through the changes and challenges of the coming year.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rena Kohere  
Chair, East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board.

## 2. Introduction

This is the eighth 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.

## 3. Conservation board region

### East Coast/Hawke's Bay Conservation Board

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

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

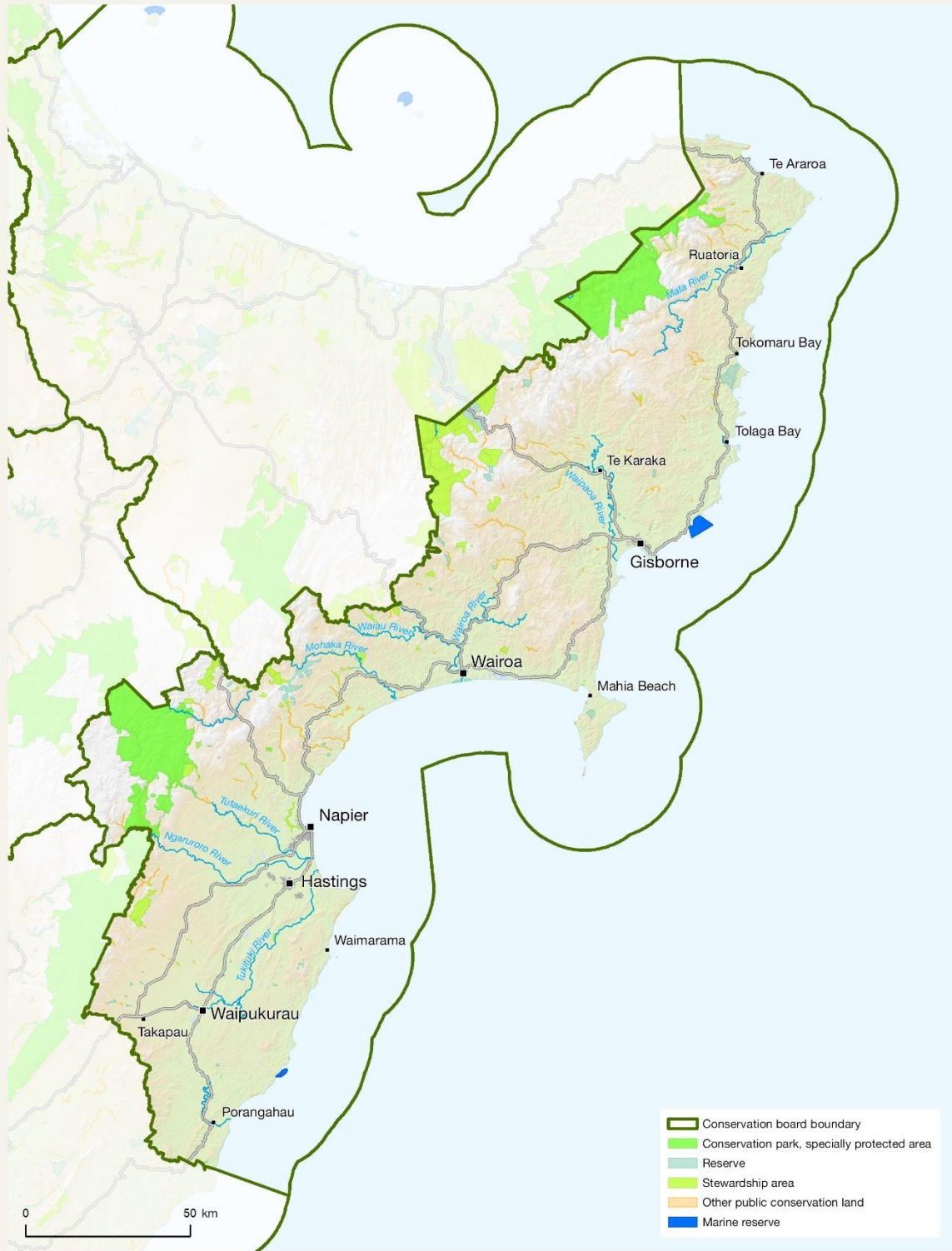
- Raukūmara Forest Park restoration (Raukūmara Pae Maunga)
- Te Angiangi Marine Reserve, which was set up in 1997 and which is due for its generational review in 2022.

· Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve, which was set up in 1999 and which is due for its generational review in 2024.

**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





## 4. Board functioning

### 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 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.

### 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 membership

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

The following table lists the membership of the Board between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022 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	1 yr.
Doug Bailey (Deputy Chair)	Napier	01/07/2020	30/06/2023	2 yr.
Lucy Meagher	Havelock North	01/07/2016	30/06/2022	2
Apenti Tamanui-Fransen	Gisborne	01/07/2019	30/06/2022	1
John Menneer	Wairoa	01/07/2021	30/06/2022	1 yr.
Jordan Tibble	Gisborne	01/07/2021	30/06/2024	1 yr.
Niki McCartney	Gisborne	01/07/2021	30/06/2024	1yr

### 4.4. Members profiles

#### Rena Kohere (Chairperson)

Rena (of Ngāti Porou, Rongowhakaata, Te Aitanga a Māhaki, and Ngāi Tahu) is the 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 the Chief Operating Officer for a financial service provider. He is a member of the Institute of Directors NZ and a former Chartered Accountant. Doug has extensive expertise in governance, management, risk, compliance and audit. He is involved in conservation projects in the Pōrangahau area and researches pre-European history in Central Hawke's Bay and Tararua districts.

#### Apenti Tamanui-Fransen

Apenti (of Ngati Porou) is the Waka Maia lead for Māori Business Kaimanaaki and offers skills in management planning and policy, stakeholder relationship management, and excellent iwi/hapū relationships.

#### Lucy Meagher

Lucy is a science teacher at Havelock North High School. She has a degree in agricultural chemistry and has been employed previously by the US Department of Agriculture, Fonterra and AgResearch. She has prior experience as a technical member of the Food Standards ANZ board. Her outdoor interests are in tramping, fishing, and helping in the restoration of wetlands for native birds.

#### John Menneer

John grew up in the Hawke's Bay region and, as an avid hunter and trumper, 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.

## 4.5. 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 date	Meeting location and venue
8 October 2021	MS Teams
3 December 2021	MS Teams
4 March 2022	MS Teams
29 April 2022	DOC Office, 59 Marine Parade, Napier
1 July 2022	DOC Office, 63 Carnarvon Street, Gisborne

## 4.6. Attendance

The table below summarises the number of Board meetings attended by members out of the total number of meetings held during the year (Very limited due to Covid lockdowns and communications largely occurring via video conference).

Table 3:

Board member	Board meetings	Special events
Rena Kohere	4/5	Tuatara translocation - Matawai Marae
Doug Bailey	4/5	Te Angiangi Marine Reserve Working Committee
Apenti Tamanui-Fransen	4/5	none
Lucy Meagher	4/5	none
John Menneer	5/5	none
Jordan Tibble	5/5	none
Niki McCartney	5/5	none

#### 4.7. 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
30 April 2022	Two Board members visited Cape Sanctuary. Although privately-owned, DOC oversees many of the breeding and translocation activities at the Sanctuary. The purpose of the visit was to look at native propagation systems and plantings, and breeding sites of various reptiles and native land and shore birds, as well as to rebuild relationships with Cape Sanctuary.

#### 4.8. 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.

- **Jenny Nelson-Smith, Pou Tairangahau (DOC) gave a presentation to the Board on iwi relationships.**
- **Mike Perry, Wild Animals Manager (DOC) and Tim Maule (Sika Foundation) updated the Board members on Wild Animal Control.**
- **Kyle Grant, Policy Advisor (DOC) update on CMAP**

#### 4.9. 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, Acting Statutory Manager & Chris Visser, Statutory Manager, LNI attended meetings.

Moana Smith Dunlop, Operations Manager (Hawkes Bay); Tryphena Cracknell, Operations Manager (Hawkes Bay); Chris Visser, Acting Operations Manager (East Coast); David Agnew, Acting Operations Manager (East Coast) attended meetings when they took place in their operational District to provide District Context and District Operations Report. Meeting 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 all Board meetings.

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

Michael Murphy, Senior Ranger, Community, Gisborne

Rebecca Lander, Senior Ranger, Biodiversity, Gisborne

Lizzie Hallsworth, Senior Management Planner

Moira Lee on behalf of Chris Visser as Acting Operations Manager

Kris Ramm (Acting Operations Director) on behalf of Jack Mace

Abby Davenport - Business Support covering BSO absence.

#### 4.10. Special Events

Covid-19 restrictions meant no special events were attended.

#### 4.11. Annual Work Plan

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

### 5. Statutory activity

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

The CMS is currently on hold and will be looked at again during 2022/2023.

### 6. 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
Apenti Tamanui-Fransen	None
Lucy Meagher	None
John Menneer	Fish & Game Hawkes Bay
Jordan Tibble	None
Niki McCartney	Gisborne District Council

#### 6.1. 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

Lucy Meagher – Wellington Conservation Board

Apenti Tamanui-Fransen – Bay of Plenty Conservation Board

John Menneer – Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board

#### 6.2. Authority liaison

Maxine Shortland was the NZCA member liaison with the Board for part of the reporting year and due to resignation has been replaced by Puke Timoti.

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

#### 6.3. Department advice

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

- Hapū and community sentiment around Te Angiangi Marine Reserve
- Improvements required for McLeans Bush Scenic Reserve

#### **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.

Due to the Covid-19 constraints placed on meetings taking place in person, there as limited attendance at Public Forum's. Debbie Monaghan and Belinda Sleight of Biodiversity Hawkes Bay attended the Public Forum that took place on 29 April and gave an update to the Board on the work they do.

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

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

#### **6.6. 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.

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

## Work Programme 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

### Work Programme overview

This Work Programme responds to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation received 11 November 2021. 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. Lead and Support initiatives that protect indigenous biodiversity in freshwater, marine reserves, and on land (within the Hawkes Bay Biodiversity Strategy).
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
3. Develop knowledge on the impacts of climate change on the flora and fauna and the conservation estate
4. Work with DOC to reduce the inefficiencies of outdated conservation legislation to incorporate Treaty principles and interests.
5. Work with DOC to invigorate the importance of the CMS within its own management planning and progress its development.
6. Develop strong liaison networks as a board with your local councils and active conservation groups.
7. Other statutory functions:
  - a) Land stewardship and classification
  - b) Fish and Game Council

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




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

### **Part C: Planned Board activities aimed at general expectations contained in the Minister's Letter:**

12. Take account of DOC priorities (contained in its Four-year Plan)
13. Increase engagement with the community, including raising the profile of the Board to achieve the Board's objectives
14. Align the Board's conservation leadership role with DOC by maintaining a strong working relationship with DOC and providing strategic advice
15. Work closely with adjoining conservation boards, the New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority, NZCA) and other conservation boards

- 16. Inform the Minister of any material or significant events relating to the Board, whether positive or negative
- 17. Understand the Board's legal obligations covered in section 5 of the Conservation Board Manual
- 18. Monitor and self-review.

**Part D:** Risks/issues from the Board's perspective, and opportunities for conservation growth that are not covered above.

<b>Key:</b>	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 Lead and support initiatives that protect indigenous biodiversity in freshwater, marine reserves, and on land (within the Hawkes Bay Biodiversity Strategy and Te Mana o te Taiao – The Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy)

- 1.1 **Board objective:** to support initiatives to protect indigenous biodiversity freshwater, marine and on land – both with DOC and in the community.

### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
1.1	Engage with communities, strengthen connection and understanding of biodiversity protection in rivers, marine reserves and on land		Hawkes Bay Biodiversity attended a Board meeting and spoke to the Board about the work they do.  Restoration work around Wanstead Swam and McLean’s Bush Scenic Reserve.  Visited Cape Sanctuary  Board member attended Raukūmara Pae Maunga hui
1.2	Board input to management plans includes biodiversity focus		
1.3	Ensure importance of tikanga and Mātauranga is reflected in DOC strategies and plans		Apply tikanga and Mātauranga lens in discussions with DOC. Suggested relocation of urupā to conservation land at Anaura Bay
1.4	Liaise with local Fish and Game		Ongoing Agenda item to invite a Fish & Game Councillor to the meeting.
1.5	Board representative at community liaison groups		Te Angiangi Marine Reserve Working Group – Doug Bailey Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve Committee – Rena Kohere Biodiversity Hawkes Bay – Doug Bailey Gisborne District Council – Niki McCartney

### Performance measures:

- Number of times Board provides [high quality] formal comment or advocacy on biodiversity protection that improves outcomes.
- Board member attendance at community biodiversity initiatives.

- Biodiversity featured on Board agendas.

**Milestones:**

- Board will actively engage with conservation communities as part of site visits

**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

2.1 **Board objective:** to ensure the inter-generational reviews are conducted - in an inclusive and timely manner.

**Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones**

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary – from July 2021</b>
<b>2.1</b>	Seek guidance from NZCA and recommend sufficient resourcing		
<b>2.2</b>	Receive guidance from NZCA		
<b>2.3</b>	Contact liaison partners		Doug Bailey has attended one meeting with TAMR Working Group. John Meneer is the ECHB CB liaison to the Tongariro Taupo CB and attends meetings, Rena Kohere is the ECHB CB liaison to Bay of Plenty CB, Lucy Meagher is the ECHB CB liaison to Wellington CB
<b>2.4</b>	Review planning documents		

**Performance measures (to assess performance):**

- Liaison member involvement inter-generational hui.
- Planning is complete and reviews underway by end of 2022 (Te Angiangi) and end of 2023 (Te Tapuwae o Rongokako).

**Milestones (significant steps towards goals):**

- Planning complete
- Inter-generational review begun
- Inter-generational review complete
- Reporting complete.

3 Develop knowledge on the impacts of climate change on the flora and fauna and the conservation estate

3.1 **Board objective:** to understand impacts of climate change on flora, fauna and natural and cultural heritage, and the effects on communities

**Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones**

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary – from July 2021</b>
3.1	Regular briefings from the Department on climate change impacts on flora and fauna and the conservation estate		
3.2	Engagement with district leaders and communities on climate change policy, strategy, and coastal planning		Dr Murry Cave of Gisborne District Council attended a Board meeting and gave an update on the work the council are currently doing.
3.3	Carpool for meetings and visits		When travelling to meetings carpooling takes place whenever possible. An example is a meeting taking place in Gisborne, the Hawkes Bay members will travel with the Board Support Officer to Gisborne.
3.4	Sustainable resources used during meetings and field trips		Limited number of paper copies of meeting papers produced and car-pooling on field trips.

**Performance measures (to assess performance):**

- Briefings on climate change by the Department at regular meetings
- At least one Board member attended one or more climate change hui in each district
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**Milestones (significant steps towards goals):**

- Identified land and species at risk of climate change
- Transport emissions minimised for related activity

4 Work with DOC to reduce the inefficiencies of outdated conservation legislation to incorporate Treaty principles and interests.

4.1 **Board objective:** to ensure all conservation legislation incorporates Treaty principles and interests

**Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones**

	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary – from July 2021</b>
<b>4.1</b>	Apply a Treaty Lens over any legislation change		Received some training from Pou Tairangahau
<b>4.2</b>	Invite Regional Pou (Jenny Nelson-Smith) to all Conservation Board meetings		Jenny Nelson Smith has attended the majority of the CB meetings held for the year 2021/2022
<b>4.3</b>	Report any inconsistencies between S4 and legislation		
<b>4.4</b>	Annual updating of Board on s4 and related opportunities		Updates received from Pou Tairangahau

**Performance measures (to assess performance):**

- Number of activities

**Milestones (significant steps towards goals):**

- Section 4 is visible within legislation

**5 Work with DOC to invigorate the importance of conservation management strategies (CMS) within its own management planning and progress its development**

5.1 **Board objective:** to develop, monitor and review CMS in the Board’s area of jurisdiction

**Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary – from July 2021</b>
<b>5.1</b>	Review and confirm the draft CMS in conjunction with the Department		Currently on hold
<b>5.2</b>	Clarify the timeline with DOC for the CMS final draft, its public consultation, and NZCA approval.		
<b>5.3</b>	Ensure engagement of key stakeholders at critical stages of the CMS consultation.		
<b>5.4</b>	Determine priorities for implementation of the draft CMS, in conjunction with DOC.		

**Performance measures:**

- Number of Board committee meetings providing input into CMS and any other statutory management planning processes.

**Milestones:**

- Timeline for CMS received by Board.
- Timeline for Stakeholder engagement determined.
- Timeline for CMS received by NZCA

## 6 Develop strong liaison networks as a Board with local councils and active conservation groups

6.1 **Board objective:** to strengthen relationships with local community groups and councils

### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Actions	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
6.1	Maintain relationships with local councils		Doug Bailey and Niki McCartney are respectively liaisons to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council and Gisborne District Council.
6.2	Board members engage with relevant community and DOC events		This has been Covid dependant
6.3	Continue to appoint Board reps for specific networks		Board members liaise with other Conservation Boards, community groups and District Councils.
6.4	Explore initiatives to encourage greater communication between Board and other stakeholders		Have had communications with Biodiversity Hawkes Bay, Jobs for Nature projects and Te Roopu Taiao.
6.5	Explore initiatives to increase attendance at advertised Board meetings		Have invited community groups to attend the Public Forum at Conservation Board meetings.

### Performance measures (to assess performance):

- Attend active conservation group meetings
- Advocate for conservation groups and community
- Communication plan

### Milestones (significant steps towards goals):

- Updated representative reports of activity

## 7 Other Statutory Functions<sup>1</sup>

### Advice on stewardship land and classification

- 7.1 **Board objective:** to provide sound advice to Conservation Authority or the Director-General on the stewardship land reclassification process and other conservation matters relating to any area within the jurisdiction of the Board

#### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
7.1	Review and advise towards increased protection of stewardship land and classification		Not Applicable
7.2	Advise on any other conservation matters relating to any area in the Board's jurisdiction		Not Applicable

#### Performance measures:

- Provide input into stewardship land reclassification.
- Provide advice on other conservation matters

#### Milestones:

- Process and complete reclassification presented to Board

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<sup>1</sup> Under section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987

## Liaise with Fish and Game Council on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board

7.2 **Board objective:** To build and maintain positive ongoing working relationships with the Fish and Game Council representatives

### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
7.2	Liaise with Fish and Game to build and maintain ongoing working relationships		John Meneer has had conversations with Fish and Game via telephone.

### Performance measures:

- At least one annual meeting between Board representative and Fish and Game representatives to discuss issues of mutual interest.
- Planning update provided to Board at relevant meetings.

### Milestones:

- Comments provided on policy or strategic consultations where they align with the Board's conservation priorities.



## **PART B: MINISTER'S PRIORITIES 2021-2022**

- 8.** Support the Implementation of Te Mana o te Taiao – The Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy

Addressed in Part A, section 1

- 9.** Contribute to any reviews of National Park Management Plans and Conservation Management Strategies and support their progress effectively to promote strong conservation outcomes

Addressed in Part A, section 5 and 7

- 10.** Embed the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the obligations of Section 4 of the Act in all aspects of work.

Addressed in Part A, section 4

- 11.** 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 3 and Part C, section 14

## PART C: GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

### 12 Take Account of DOC Priorities (contained in its Four-Year Plan)

12.1 **Board objective:** To understand, support and take account with DOC priorities

#### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
12.1	Understand the timeline for the Four-year plan		Not applicable.
12.2	Support priorities for implementation		Not applicable.

#### Performance Measures

- Receive and provide feedback to DOC regarding delivery of Four-year plan

#### Milestones

- Timeline for delivery of Four-year plan
- Monitor implementation of the Four-year plan – to be determined.

### 13 Community engagement

13.1 **Board objective:** To build and maintain strong community networks and invite community involvement in Board meetings to build understanding of conservation matters and to represent iwi and community values in the Board's decisions.

#### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
13.1	Board members engage in relevant community and DOC events – See also Part A, section 6		Liaise with District Councils, attended community events where possible (Covid dependent).
13.2	Other conservation entities from the community are invited to Board meetings.		Invited community groups to attend Public Forum of meetings.

13.3	Programme regular Board field trips and meetings across its area of jurisdiction		Field trips have included a visit to Cape Sanctuary.
13.4	Identify opportunities for better engagement with youth on conservation issues		

**Performance measures:**

- Board members attendance at DOC and community events.
- Location of field trips and Board meetings across region.
- Number of community groups and others presenting to the Board at meetings.

**Milestones:**

- Board will actively engage with conservation communities as part of site visits
- Board will meet virtually when practicable

## 14 Working with DOC

- 14.1 **Board objective:** To maintain strong working relationships with DOC staff at all levels and provide strategic advice to support conservation delivery at place.

**Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones**

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
14.1	Engage regularly and constructively with key DOC staff and discuss mutual concerns when opportunities arise, including by attending events at DOC offices and training opportunities, and in occasional informal meetings in DOC offices.		The board members regularly meet with DOC staff for discussions.
14.2	Board members attend local events and opportunities with staff		Attendance at events has been restricted due to Covid.

<b>14.3</b>	Work together to support transition to lower carbon conservation delivery model		Board members regularly carpool and walk to meetings that are held locally.
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**Performance measures:**

- Feedback from Chair, Deputy, and staff on the quality of the relationship.
- DOC providing timely opportunity for Board to comment on regional expenditure priorities.

**Milestones:**

- Board advice and priorities on regional expenditure considered by DOC for financial year 2020-21 and feedback provided to Board on how advice was implemented.

## 15 Working with adjoining conservation boards and the Authority

15.1 **Board objective:** To build and maintain strong working relationships with adjoining conservation boards, other conservation boards and the NZ Conservation Authority

**Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones**

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
<b>15.1</b>	Identify Liaison roles and maintain regular contact.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellington CB – Lucy Meagher</li> <li>• Tongariro Taupo Conservation Board – John Meneer</li> <li>• Chatham Islands Conservation Board – Jordan Tibble</li> <li>• Bay of Plenty Conservation Board – Rena Kohere/Apenti Tamanui-Fransen</li> </ul>
<b>15.2</b>	Cross boundary conservation matters are raised and addressed.		Raukūmara Forest Kaimanawa Forest
<b>15.3</b>	Chair and Deputy attend annual NZCA and Chairs' conference		Rena attended the NZCA and Chair's conference virtually in November 2021.
<b>15.4</b>	Invite NZCA representative to Board meetings		A new liaison has been appointed to the ECHB CB and has been invited to meetings.

**Performance measures:**

- Feedback from Chair, Deputy, NZCA and staff on the quality of the relationship.
- Clear role definitions and goals.

- Phone conference with NZCA liaison person and Chair/Deputy twice per year, and as required.
- Cross boundary conservation matters addressed.

**Milestones:**

- NZCA liaison attendance either virtually or in person at Board meeting.
- Board liaison members attended at least one meeting at each neighbouring Board

**16 No Surprises**

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
16.1	Identify and communicate significant events.		Not applicable.
16.2	Identify and implement actions to mitigate negative impacts and to celebrate successes		Not applicable.

**Performance measures**

- Register of events to communicate
- Record of communications to Minister

**Milestones**

- Resolved/completed outcomes of events reported

## 17 Understand the Board's Obligations of Section 5 of the Conservation Board Manual

17.1 **Board objective:** Induction for new members and refresher for existing members

### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
17.1	Provide induction for all new Board members		
17.2	All members read and understand section 5 of the Conservation Board Manual		The manual is available electronically on MS Teams.

### Performance measures:

- One induction held per year

### Milestones:

- All Board members understand Section 5 obligations

## 18 Monitoring and Self-review

18.1 **Board objective:** To regularly monitor and review the Board's performance and effectiveness.

### Planned Board activities, measures, and milestones

	Action	Status	Progress commentary – from July 2021
18.1	Regular reviews of Work Programme and priorities		The Work Programme is reviewed at each meeting. Board members update work programme via SharePoint in between meetings.
18.2	Governance workshop for Board		

### Performance measures

This document will be reviewed and updated at each Board meeting, as a living document.

### Milestones:

- Approved Work Programme sent to NZCA and Minister.

## PART D: OPPORTUNITIES and RISKS

### Opportunities for conservation growth

	<p><b>Improving biodiversity through predator/pest/invasive weed controls and strategies.</b> Priority issues include possum management in Hawkes Bay (where TB has again emerged); ungulate management in Raukūmara Ranges; wilding pines in the Kaweka Ranges; more rat and stoat control projects on the East Coast to preserve our unique genetic populations and river protection.</p>
	<p><b>Protecting and restoring wetland.</b> The East Coast Hawes Bay region is particularly impacted by the loss of wetlands. The Board wants to ensure the CMS has appropriate milestones for the mahi to improve water quality and restore these essential ecological areas. Related to this will be a focus on mitigating the negative impacts of forestry slash and protected regionally significant species.</p>
	<p><b>A strategy for dog management.</b> The Board wants to help DOC to progress conversations and manage expectations with the public on avian aversion therapy and on access onto PCL by dog-owners.</p>
	<p><b>Jobs for Nature.</b> The Board to understand opportunity, conservation, and social outcomes through the Jobs for Nature Project.</p>

### Risks and Mitigations

	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
<b>A</b>	S4 is not reflected in legislation and not giving effect.	Openly engage with DOC on S4 obligations. Board to have regular report on agendas.
<b>B</b>	CMS Statutory and planning processes are delayed – climate adaptation and planning fall behind the rate of change	Maintain dialogue with DOC. Keep close to community understandings of conservation priorities during CMS process.
<b>C</b>	Board not visible to community.	Implement work plan. Complete media releases regularly. Encourage public participation at conservation board hui.

Risks and opportunities were reviewed at the East Coast Hawkes Bay Conservation Board meetings during 2021/2022.



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