

Hauraki Gulf Forum

Promoting and facilitating integrated management of the Hauraki Gulf – Tīkapa Moana, Te Moana-nui-a-Toi



Ko Papatūānuku te whaea o te tangata

E aroha nuitia ana a Te Moana-nui-o-Toi me Tikapa Moana e ngā iwi katoa

Papatūānuku is mother to all mankind

Te Moana-nui-o-Toi and Tikapa Moana are beloved by all people

*E ngā iwi, e ngā kārangatanga,
te iti me te rahi o ngā hau e whā.*

Ko tēnei te mihi ki a koutou.

Tēnā tātou katoa.

Under the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000, the Hauraki Gulf Forum is required to present an annual report on the exercise of its powers, the carrying out of its functions and progress towards achieving its purposes to the House of Representatives, through the Minister of Conservation, on or before 31 August each year.

Our Vision

Tikapa Moana / Te Moana-nui-a-Toi, the Hauraki Gulf is “celebrated and treasured”, is “thriving with fish and shellfish, kaimoana”, has a “rich diversity of life”, supports a “sense of place, connection and identity” and a “vibrant economy”.

Our Mission

To promote and facilitate integrated and co-ordinated management of the Gulf’s environmental, cultural, economic and recreational resources.

Our Challenge

The Hauraki Gulf has undergone an incredible transformation over two human life spans. That transformation is continuing in the sea and around the coast with most environmental indicators either showing negative trends or remaining at levels which are indicative of poor environmental condition.

– *State of our Gulf 2011*

Addressing the combined effects of suppressed environmental state, multiple and cumulative impacts, and high and increasing pressure will be technically and politically challenging.

Integrated ecosystem based management is required with ambitious targets and standards.

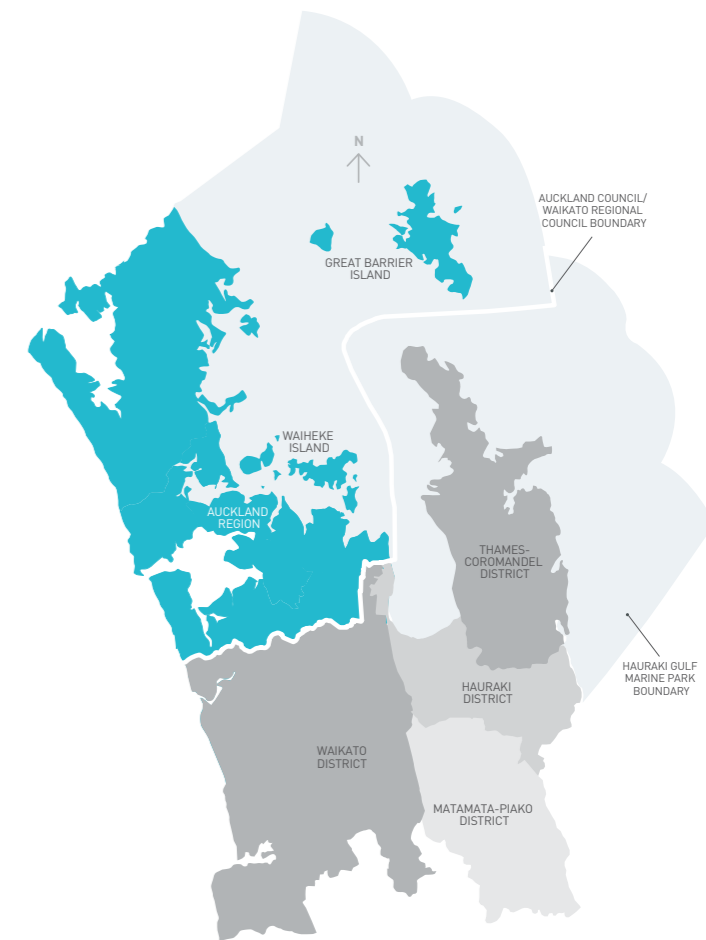
Constructive participation requires stakeholders to move beyond just being interested parties, position taking and lobbying to guardianship and responsibility ... typically associated with kaitiakitanga.

– *State of our Gulf 2014*

Our priorities

R	Regenerating areas
E	Enhanced fisheries
M	Mana whenua expression
A	Active land management
K	Knowledge utilisation (ecosystem-based)

– Response framework, aligned to vision. Strategic Issues definition, March 2012



Many of the more than two dozen iwi groupings with mana whenua association to Tikapa Moana / Te Moana-nui-a-Toi are currently involved in treaty negotiations. Settlements by iwi and hapū have important cultural, environmental, economic and political implications for the Hauraki and Tāmaki Makaurau regions.



Building on success

The Hauraki Gulf Forum is a space for discussion about long term, big picture issues.

Over the past year a lot has been happening. The country's first marine spatial plan has been completed. Treaty settlements have seen new arrangements and expectations for management of islands, rivers and mountains. A review of the fisheries management system and marine protected areas legislation has been initiated. Development demands around the urban coast are at unprecedented levels.

Bringing this together through the lens of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act is an important challenge for the next Government.

Over its last term the Forum has shown that the integration and alignment sought by this legislation is possible.

Working alongside the shipping sector, port, regulators and environmental NGOs over the past term, we have brokered adoption of an operating protocol that is consistent with international targets for safe transit around whales: an outcome considered unlikely four years ago.

We have taken a similar approach with fishing interests and NGOs to lift and fast track seabird smart fishing behaviours across the commercial fleet.

The three-year Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari marine spatial planning process, catalysed by the Forum's work, has delivered a package of commitments in areas traditionally difficult to find consensus within. Fifteen marine protected areas, 13 areas for aquaculture development, a plan for transitioning from bottom contact fishing methods, commitments to set sediment and nutrient load limits and mechanisms for community and mana whenua coastal management were presented within a turn-around plan, intended for implementation over a generation.

It was pleasing to see the Government's acknowledgement for this achievement in December. Further commitment of support will be needed so these pathways can be explored and realised by responsible agencies, with contingency for transitional arrangements where necessary.

Another initiative sparked in 2012 by the Forum's work was effort to

restore marine habitats, particularly green-lipped mussel reefs. This attracted support from community, iwi and industry groups, as well as from agencies for funding and consents. However, early success has stalled due to interpretation of biosecurity risks by the Ministry for Primary Industries. A review of the distribution and spread of marine invasive species in the inner Hauraki Gulf is needed to clarify risks and potential conflict between biosecurity and restoration goals.

A new \$5 million fund established by Foundation North this year, plus interest from other philanthropic sources, creates the opportunity of a portfolio of prioritised, scaled up projects aligned with agency investments.

The momentum that has been generated by the Forum's work enables the Government to progress policy in a coherent and impactful way, and with high levels of community understanding and buy in.

Specifically, the following recommendations are made as a result of our work this year. The Government should:

- Note the success of collaborative group processes being used to address priority issues in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and the potential for further application.
- Note the package of recommendations within the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari plan and consider the opportunities it provides for coherent policy development.
- Note conflicting goals for marine biosecurity and restoration of green-lipped mussel reefs in the inner Hauraki Gulf and review policy to clarify risks and seek alignment.
- Note the Forum's success in encouraging, sharing and disseminating educational and promotional material and commitment increased, longer term funding for it.
- Note the opportunity to leverage investment in prioritised projects from current philanthropic interest in the Gulf.
- Note the opportunity of upcoming marine park and treaty anniversaries and the Americas Cup to leverage and ensure a legacy of protection and enhancement in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.
- Note the Forum's intention to review resourcing requirements and accountabilities to improve the effectiveness of its role in promoting the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act's management objectives.

I look forward to progressing these opportunities with you over the coming months.



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What we have achieved

Since the commencement of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act, the Forum has shaped understanding and expectations about the way the Gulf should be protected, used and managed.

1990 Hauraki Gulf Maritime Park disestablished as government reduces number of environmental and conservation 'quangos'.

1991 Minister of Conservation Denis Marshall establishes working party, led by Jim Holdaway, which recommends creation of a Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

1992 Many iwi of the Gulf meet to consider a marine park and ratify the Motutapu Accord asserting tāngata whenua ownership of this taonga.

1997 Auckland Regional Council establishes a Hauraki Gulf Forum of local and central government agencies to co-ordinate management of the Gulf.

1998 The Waitangi Tribunal considers a claim on the proposed Hauraki Gulf Marine Park legislation lodged by the Hauraki Māori Trust Board.

2000 Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act (HGMPA) comes into force, with purpose to integrate management and sustain the life-supporting capacity of the environment.

2000 The Hauraki Gulf Forum established to promote HGMPA management objectives; with members from 13 local authorities within the Gulf's catchment, three ministerial representatives and six representatives of the tāngata whenua of the Gulf and its islands.

2000 Auckland Regional Council acts as administering authority and its chairman Philip Warren is elected the first chair of the Forum.

2001 Waitangi Tribunal submits

report (Wai 728) on the HGMPA claim, encouraging all parties to focus on "the need for the Hauraki Gulf environment to be protected for future generations."

2002 Tāngata whenua representative Laly Haddon of Ngāti Wai / Ngāti Manuhiri is elected second chair of the Forum.

2002 Forum publishes first Strategic Issues paper, emphasising the importance of public access.

2002 Forum endorses inclusion of 304ha of covenanted private land on Waiheke Island within the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

2003 Report on depletion of shellfish resources commissioned, leading to establishment of the Community Shellfish Monitoring Programme, which has continued since.

2004 First state of the environment report published, providing mixed report of environmental declines and improvements.

2004 External review of Forum recommends new governance statement, shared budget and dedicated executive support.

2007 Hauraki Mayor John Tregidga elected third chair of the Forum.

2007 Conservation Minister Chris Carter attends Forum meeting and outlines pest eradication programme for Rangitoto-Motutapu.

2007 Appointment of jointly-funded Forum Executive Officer.

2008 Forum initiates *Weaving the Strands* quarterly newsletter.

2008 Cross boundary planning approach advocated within review of Strategic Issues paper, particularly by tāngata whenua members.

2008 Second state of the environment report finds regulatory approaches and management arrangements may be inadequate to deal with pressures facing the Gulf. Launched with United Nations Environment Programme Executive Director Achim Steiner.

2009 *Governing the Gulf* published, to guide implementation of the HGMPA in Resource Management Act policies and plans.

2010 *Fishing the Gulf* published, to guide alignment of fisheries management with the HGMPA.

2010 Waitākere City Council reserves bordering the Waitematā Harbour and Forest and Bird covenanted land on Waiheke are vested in marine park.

2010 10th anniversary of HGMPA held on Motutapu Island. First Hauraki Gulf Marine Park seminar held with Auckland Museum, becoming an annual event.

2010 Auckland Council formed, with administrative authority responsibility for the Forum passing to it.

2011 Marine park poster series initiated with New Zealand Herald, to be repeated in subsequent years.

2011 *Spatial Planning for the Gulf* published, noting potential as process to integrate and improve management, consistent with HGMPA.

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini – it's not the work of the individual that creates success, but the work of the collective.

2011 Third state of the environment report published, concluding incremental, ongoing decline off a low environmental base, with bold steps needed for change.

2012 REMAK Strategic Issues framework identified in response to state of the environment report.

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2012 Forum meets on Great Barrier Island. Visits Glenfern Sanctuary. Seeks to broaden involvement and ownership of stakeholders in resolution of Gulf issues.

2012 Collaborative group initiated to examine ship strike, prompting Ports of Auckland transit protocol a year later, and progressive reductions in ship speed.

2012 New community group formed to explore restoration of mussel reefs following Forum seminar.

2012 Commissioned report indicates economic activities in the Gulf generate over \$2 billion annually and have "environment at the very core of their value proposition."

2012 Forum briefed on the significance of new legislation to settle the historical treaty claims of Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei and Ngāti Manuhiri and provide financial and cultural redress. Te Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier returns to Ngāti Manuhiri and is then gifted back to the people of New Zealand as a nature reserve.

2012 Meeting at Ōrākei Marae supports marine spatial plan project design with Forum role on steering group.

2013 *Seabirds of the Hauraki Gulf* published, helping, along with other initiatives, to promote the Gulf as a 'seabird hotspot'.

2013 Sea Change – Tai Timu Tai Pari marine spatial plan process launched.

2013 Auckland Museum's *Moana-My Ocean*, prompted by the Forum's *State of our Gulf* assessment, becomes its most popular temporary exhibition.

2013 Forum supports Southern Seabird Solutions Trust to promote seabird smart fishing in the Gulf.

2013 Inaugural Holdaway Award for leadership introduced as part of marine park seminar.

2014 Forum briefed on Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act which provides mana whenua with ownership and governance responsibilities for maunga and motu. Interests in harbours are signalled.

2014 Fourth state of the environment report published, reiterating environmental decline and ongoing challenges for integrated management.

2015 Independent 10-year review challenges Forum to strengthen its influence in promoting Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act objectives.

2015 Forum notes signing of treaty settlement with Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki.

2016 On-line *Gulf Journal* initiated to support inspired management and action around the Gulf.

2016 Forum draws attention to marked decline in crayfish within Cape Rodney – Okakari Point Marine Reserve at Leigh.

2016 Foundation North announces \$5 million Gulf Innovation Fund Together (GIFT) to respond to issues identified in *State of our Gulf* reports.

2016 Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari plan released.

2017 Marine scientist tells Radio NZ "Hauraki Gulf Bryde's whale crisis averted".



The 2016 Holdaway Award recognised Raewyn Peart, author of *The Story of the Hauraki Gulf: Discovery, Transformation, Restoration*: a 'best book of the year' according to the New Zealand Herald and The Listener.

Communication, co-operation and co-ordination

The Forum meets quarterly to consider integrated and effective future management of the Gulf. It engages with groups seeking common goals. New potentials are being generated. But greater Government support will be needed to realise them.

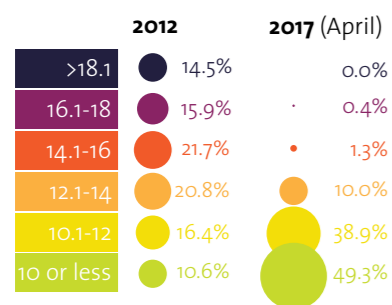
Shared enquiries pay dividends

The Hauraki Gulf Forum co-initiated and acts as the secretariat of the Bryde's Whale Ship Strike Collaborative Group and supports and regularly hosts meetings of the Black Petrel Working Group.

These processes provide insight and learnings about effective response to urgent issues.

Large vessel speeds through the Hauraki Gulf are now close to the internationally accepted target speed of 10 knots, despite initial opposition from industry and concerns there would be significant costs involved in changing transit rules.

Percent of vessels traveling in speed bands (knots)



The process of reducing speed from an average of 14.6 knots to 10.4 knots in response to a voluntary protocol shows the importance of several factors for success:

- (1) Engagement of all critical actors – regulators, users, iwi, environment and community advocates.
- (2) Shared research enquiry
- (3) Transparency

A similar dynamic is being created within the Black Petrel Working Group, which initiated and operationalised a pledge to seabird smart fishing, successfully trialled the use of on-board cameras to monitor performance and accidental captures, and, most recently, began investigating performance standards and assurance measures, funded by Foundation North's GIFT programme.

The Forum is interested in exploring other opportunities for marine park-linked standards of operating within its future work programme.

The Government should note the success of collaborative group processes being used to address priority issues in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and the potential for further application.

Potential for alignment

During the past year the Hauraki Gulf Forum received briefings on several initiatives with significant potential to align with the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act, including:

- National: (National Direction on Aquaculture, Predator-Free 2050)
- Regional: (the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan)
- Treaty partnership initiatives: (Te Hauturu-o-Toi / Little Barrier Island Nature Reserve Conservation Management Plan consultation)

The Forum previously provided input to, and offered further engagement with, recent Government reviews of the fisheries management

system and marine protected areas legislation.

The Forum receives updates each quarter from its member agencies. In May 2017 it noted the Minister of Primary Industries' acceptance of a long-term plan to rebuild snapper stock to 40% of its unfished state (from the current 23%) by 2040, based on recommendations of the SNA1 Strategy Group. It has also noted concern at recent declines in crayfish and scallop stocks and populations in the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and sought further reports on the situation.

Issues associated with rebuilding fish stocks and restoring habitats were widely canvassed and considered within the three-year Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari process, completed in December 2016. The Forum is tracking agency consideration of the plan, in order to encourage and support integrated assessment and implementation.

The Government should note the package of recommendations within the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari plan and consider the opportunities it provides for coherent policy development.



Restoration initiative stalled

In 2012 the Hauraki Gulf Forum initiated and provided start-up support for attempts to restore green-lipped mussel reefs, once the dominant benthic habitat of the Gulf.

A community trust (Revive our Gulf) was established. This enabled the creation of several small reefs, with generous support from the mussel industry, and for monitoring to be established to track and study recovery.

Marae, universities and an Australasian shellfish restoration network have engaged in and extended this work. Financial commitment been secured from several government agencies, councils and funding bodies for consents and operations.

However, large scale transfer of mussels from marine farms to restoration sites has been halted, awaiting clarification of biosecurity policy by the Ministry of Primary Industries.

The invasive species of concern – *Sabella spallanzanii* (Mediterranean fanworm), *Styela clava* (Clubbed tunicate) and *Undaria pinnatifida* (Wakame/Undaria) – are known to be well established in the inner Gulf at sites identified for restoration.

The Government should note conflicting goals for marine biosecurity and restoration of green-lipped mussel reefs in the inner Hauraki Gulf and review policy to clarify risks and seek alignment.

Building profile

The Forum has continued to build a suite of initiatives that communicate the special character of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

A partnership with New Zealand Media and Entertainment Limited (NZME) – now in its eighth year – enabled the publication of an Explore the Gulf poster series with the *New Zealand Herald* in February 2017.

The posters illustrate species common to shallow, mid and deep waters of the Gulf. To encourage youth engagement an App was created to reveal linked video content on devices, presented by *Young Ocean Explorer* Riley Hathaway. The posters have subsequently been provided to all schools in New Zealand through the *Education Gazette* and are incorporated in curriculum-linked material provided by Young Ocean Explorers.

The *Gulf Journal*, initiated by the Forum in 2016, provides a quarterly platform to explore Gulf issues and initiatives in depth, alongside a wrap

up of news stories and access to the Forum's knowledge products. Its first six issues examined topics such as predator-free Waiheke, progress with the National Science Challenges, innovation in the fishing industry, and catchment clean-up efforts.

The annual Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Seminar, first held in 2010, continues to be a popular event in Auckland Museum's calendar of activities. The 2016 seminar explored what it takes to 'Do the Right Thing' with speakers including Motutapu farmer Rick Braddock, Hauraki story teller and archivist Charles Royal, fishers Karl and Sarah Warr and whale research Jochen Zaeschmar.

The seminar included presentation of this year's Holdaway Award for emerging leadership to Raewyn Peart, author of *The Story of the Hauraki Gulf: Discovery, Transformation, Restoration*.

These initiatives currently rely on extra-budgetary contributions from supportive agencies and foundations.

The Government should note the Forum's success in encouraging, sharing and disseminating educational and promotional material and commit increased, longer term funding for it.

Top: The Forum's 2017 Hauraki Gulf Marine Park posters were adapted for exhibit during a visit by Tara, formerly Sir Peter Blake's vessel *Seamaster*.



Looking Ahead

2020 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. A year later Team New Zealand is expected to defend the Americas Cup on its waters. Two decades on and we will celebrate the bicentenary of the Treaty of Waitangi. *These create opportunities for Government to leverage and ensure a legacy of protection and enhancement.*

Increasing philanthropic interest

In August 2016 Foundation North announced the creation of the \$5 million Gulf Innovation Fund Together to respond to issues highlighted in the Forum's *State of our Gulf* assessments.

The purpose of the fund is to encourage breakthrough insights, innovations and solutions to the complex environmental issues facing the Hauraki Gulf.

Foundation North's CEO Jennifer Gill told the Forum in September 2016 that prototypes with the potential to significantly improve the mauri of the Foundation North region of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park would be a priority. The fund builds on the foundation's long history of supporting conservation projects in the Gulf.

Several initial grants have been provided to test and advance ideas generated by dialogue through the Forum and the Sea Change Tai Timu

Tai Pari process. Other philanthropic trusts and foundations have also expressed interest in supporting a portfolio of investment opportunities.

The Government should note the opportunity to leverage investment in prioritised projects from current philanthropic interest in the Gulf.

State of our Gulf 5

The Forum is currently preparing its fifth triennial state of the environment assessment required under the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act.

Recent *State of our Gulf* reports served to prioritise issues and provide insight, context and impetus for their resolution.

The 2011 assessment documented a pattern of incremental decline in many indicators, off historically low baselines. The 2014 assessment recognised new commitments and processes were needed to deal with increasing pressure, suppressed state and multiple, cumulative impacts.

The latest assessment – due for completion at the end of 2017 – will give particular attention to significant responses by agencies and users and their potential to align with the expectation of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act.

Seabird insights

The 2017 Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Seminar will take its inspiration from seabirds, ngā manu o te moana.

Recognised as global hotspot, 27 seabird species make their home in the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana. Some breed nowhere else and many roam the world's oceans between visits.

The September 6 event will examine the rich and complex lives of these birds, hear stories of determined restoration effort and responsibility, and consider opportunities for improved management and use.

Bookings at <http://gulffjournal.org.nz/seminars/>



Funding and administrative support

The Auckland Council acts as the administering authority of the Hauraki Gulf Forum. It provides support for the meetings of the Forum as a joint special committee of the council.

The Forum is also supported by a jointly-funded Executive Officer and a Technical Officers Group, comprising staff from the agencies of the Forum and nominees of each tangata whenua member.

The Forum's \$265,000 budget in 2016-2017 was met through a shared

funding formula established within the Forum's governance statement, shown below.

Additional project contributions were made by Auckland Council, Waikato Regional Council, Department of Conservation and Foundation North. Significant in-kind project contributions were provided by New Zealand Media and Entertainment Ltd, Auckland Museum and Soar Print.

The Department of Conservation contributes to the remuneration and

costs of tangata whenua members and their technical officers. In 2016-2017 this amounted to \$54,600.

In June 2017 the Forum noted options to reorganise and resource its work and agreed to examine these options within 12 months to enable enhanced impact and accountabilities.

The Government should note the Forum's intention to review resourcing requirements and accountabilities to improve the effectiveness of its role in promoting the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act's management objectives.

2016-2017 Work Plan Budget							
Funding contribution per sector	Authority	Population in the Gulf catchment (2006)	Population (%)	Land area in the Gulf catchment (ha)	Land Area (%)	Population: (% land area, 60:40 weighting)	Contribution to a \$265,000 budget
33.3%	MPI DoC TPK						\$29,415 \$29,415 \$29,415
33.4%	WRC AC	75,624 985,029	7.13 92.87	565,137 217,080	72.25 27.75	24.13 9.27	\$29,365 \$59,145
33.3%	AC WDC HDC TCDC MPDC	985,029 1,776 17,757 25,944 30,147	92.87 0.17 1.67 2.45 2.84	217,080 15,051 124,355 218,980 161,567	29.45 2.04 16.87 29.71 21.92	9.81 0.68 5.62 9.89 7.30	\$59,568 \$809 \$6,842 \$11,783 \$9,243
Total		1,060,653	100	737,032	100	100	\$265,000

Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000

Purposes of the Forum

The Forum has the following purposes:

- (a) to integrate the management and, where appropriate, to promote the conservation and management in a sustainable manner, of the natural, historic and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and catchments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people and communities of the Gulf and New Zealand;
- (b) to facilitate communication, co-operation and co-ordination on matters relating to the statutory functions of the constituent parties in relation to the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and catchments, and the Forum; and
- (c) to recognise the historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship of tāngata whenua with the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and, where appropriate, its catchments.

Functions of the Forum

- (1) To promote sections 7 and 8, the Forum has the following functions in relation to the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and catchments:
 - (a) to prepare a list of strategic issues, determine a priority for action on each issue and regularly review that list;
 - (b) to facilitate and encourage co-ordinated financial planning, where possible, by the constituent parties;
 - (c) to obtain, share and monitor information on the state of the natural and physical resources;
 - (d) to receive reports on the completion and implementation of deeds of recognition;
- (e) to require and receive reports from constituent parties on the development and implementation of policies and strategies to address the issues identified under paragraph (a);
- (f) to receive reports from the tāngata whenua of the Hauraki Gulf on the development and implementation of iwi management or development plans;
- (g) to prepare and publish, once every three years, a report on the state of the environment in the Hauraki Gulf, including information on progress towards integrated management and responses to the issues identified in accordance with paragraph (a);
- (h) to promote and advocate the integrated management and, where appropriate, the sustainable management of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and catchments;
- (i) to encourage, share, co-ordinate where appropriate, and disseminate educational and promotional material;
- (j) to liaise with, and receive reports from, persons and groups having an interest in the Hauraki Gulf and business and community interests to promote an interest in the purposes of the Forum; and
- (k) to commission research into matters relating to the functions of the Forum.

- (2) When carrying out its functions under subsection (1), the Forum must have particular regard to the historic, traditional, cultural and spiritual relationship of tāngata whenua with the natural, historic and physical resources of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and catchments.

Powers of the Forum

- (1) The Forum has the powers that are reasonably necessary to carry out its functions.
- (2) The Forum's powers include the powers:
 - (a) to consider issues related to its purpose; and
 - (b) to receive reports from constituent parties; and
 - (c) to make recommendations to constituent parties; and
 - (d) to advise any person who requests the Forum's advice; and
 - (e) to commission or undertake those activities that are necessary to achieve its purpose.
- (3) The Forum must not:
 - (a) appear before a court or tribunal other than as a witness if called by a party to proceedings; or
 - (b) take part in a decision-making process under any enactment other than to advise when requested to do so.

Sections 7 and 8's management objectives seek to promote protection and enhancement of:

The life-supporting capacity of the Gulf's environment

The historic, traditional, cultural and spiritual relationship of tāngata whenua with the Gulf

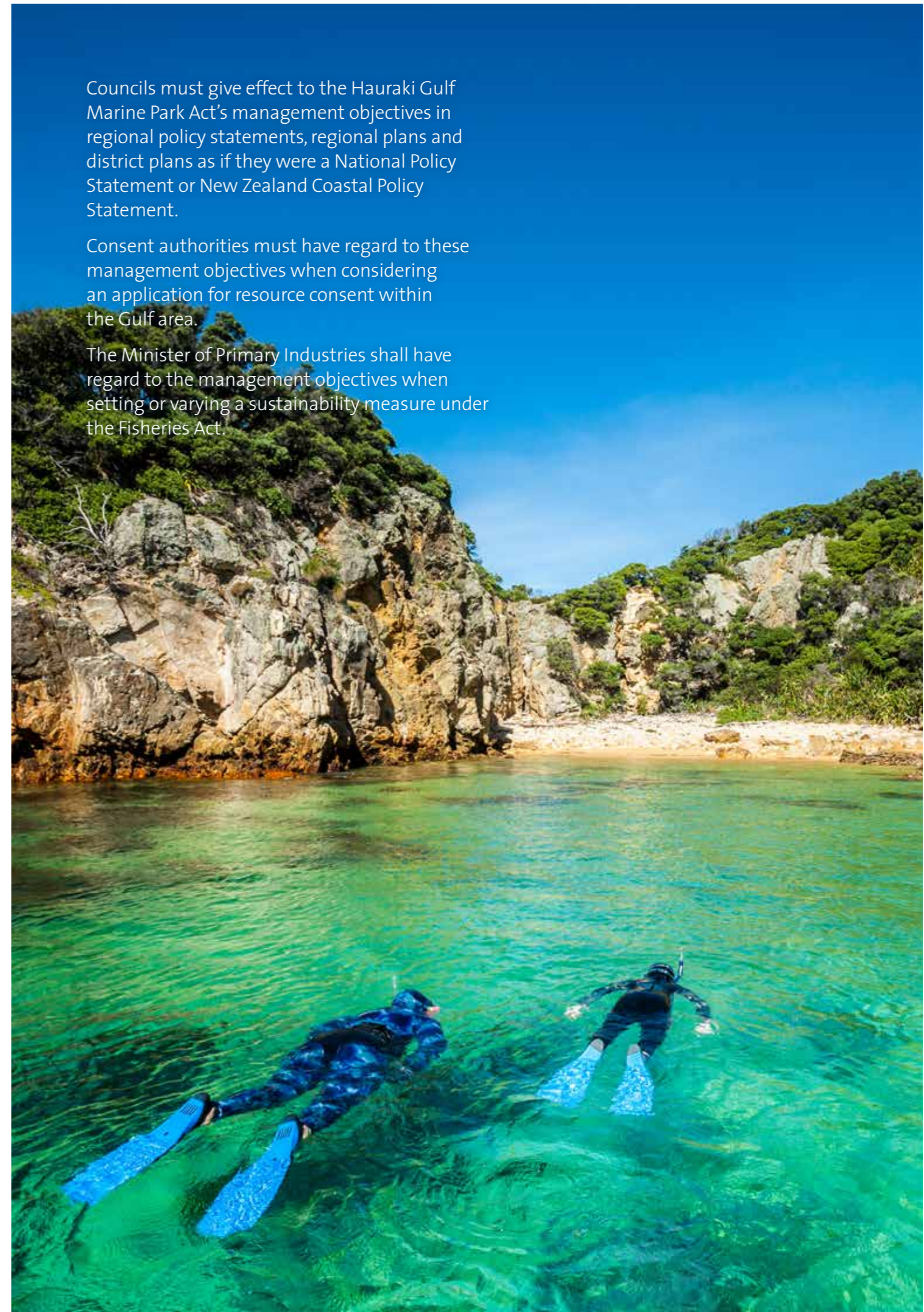
The Gulf's natural, historic and physical resources

People's relationship to, use and enjoyment of, these resources.

Councils must give effect to the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act's management objectives in regional policy statements, regional plans and district plans as if they were a National Policy Statement or New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

Consent authorities must have regard to these management objectives when considering an application for resource consent within the Gulf area.

The Minister of Primary Industries shall have regard to the management objectives when setting or varying a sustainability measure under the Fisheries Act.





“Sustaining the life supporting capacity of the Gulf and its islands is a matter of national significance. This is the centre of the Act. It is a long term intergenerational test and points us to the ultimate objective of our tasks.”

Dr Graeme Campbell, Orientation Workshop



Hauraki Gulf Forum is a statutory body charged with the promotion and facilitation of integrated management and the protection and enhancement of the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana. The Forum has representation on behalf of the Ministers for Conservation, Primary Industries and Māori Development, elected representatives from Auckland Council (including the Great Barrier and Waiheke local boards), Waikato Regional Council, and the Waikato, Hauraki, Thames Coromandel and Matamata Piako district councils, plus six representatives of the tāngata whenua of the Hauraki Gulf and its islands.

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Tīkapa Moana

Te Moananui a Toi