

# MANGROVE MANAGEMENT

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# Current Mangrove Policy

## Recent plan change (Coastal Plan - March 2011).

- Comprehensive evidence base: Value = 'case-specific'
- 'Most liberal' policy and rule framework.
- Policy recognises mangrove pros & cons
  - +ve:- ecological, hazard mitigation
  - -ve:- amenity, recreation, navigation, wading birds, infrastructure & drainage
- Signif. management best as part of integrated plan
- Provides guidance where management is and isn't appropriate
- Expanded PAs, new seedling removal PA.
- Wading bird provisions (PA seedlings, CA adult)
- Still need consent (RDA) for most adult clearance
- Removed Prohibited A. (to DA/NCA)



# Continuing issues

## Local Board and community concerns

- cost, difficulty, etc
- 2011 - **Mangrove Management Options** report
  - Promoted existing reg. framework, & proving resourcing to work within it.
- **ESF, LB's, RDOC ( Dec 2011) resolution:**
  - Retain existing RMA regulatory framework for UP
  - Acknowledge LB key role, note LTP funding reqt.
  - Regional assessment (time dependent).

# LB feedback - initial response

- **Harbour-based management plans.** [Albert-Eden, Orakei]
  - Site-by-site, agreed criteria, individual consents
  - Promoted by existing framework
  - Being developed & applied in Mangere-Otahuhu (& Mangere)
- **Permitted Activity** [Franklin, Kaipatiki, Papakura]
  - Historically impt. (& natural) waterways, SW/flooding mngt, prev. remediation.
  - Requires site-specific assessment
  - Conditions & scale of prev. granted consents
  - Inappropriate to transfer
- **Regional Consenting process** [Manukau Harbour Forum, Franklin, Kaipatiki, Mangere-Otahuhu]
  - Simplified, consistent process
  - Consistency available, no one-size-fits-all solution



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- **Waterways and beaches** [Kaipatiki, Manukau Harbour Forum]
  - PA Adult mangroves 5m of centre line of navigable waterways serving public recreational beach
  - Navigable waterways broad definition, possible non-target application, effects uncertain.
  - Beaches: room for further consideration, looks like potentially low risk, needs careful definition (what's in, what out?).
  - Seedlings – relax 'non-motorised' hand held tools.
  - Agreed

