

ANNUAL REPORT

Te Pūrongo ā Tau

2020-21



Hauraki Gulf Forum

Tīkapa Moana

Te Moananui-ā-Toi

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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.

KO Ō TĀTOU MOEMOEĀ Our Vision

Tikapa Moana / Te Moananui-ā-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”.

KO Ā TĀTOU WHĀINGA MAHI Our Mission

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

KO Ā TĀTOU RAUTAKI Our Strategic Issues

Centralised around three priorities:

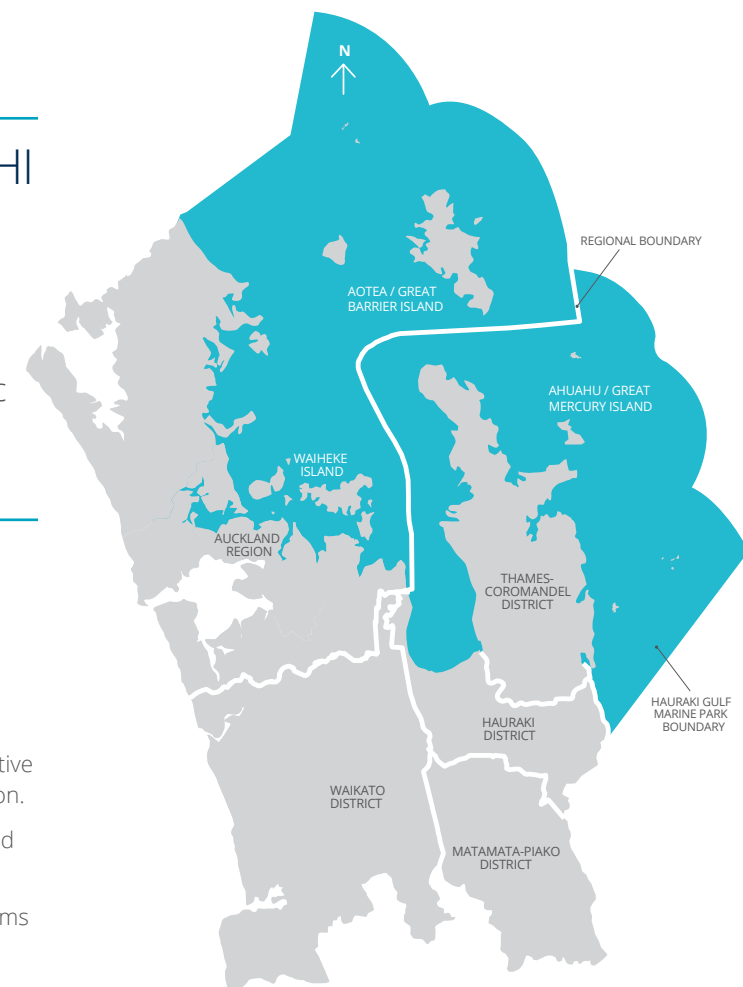
1. Improving integrated management through collaborative planning, informed decision-making and credible action.
2. Restoring water quality values through addressing land use activities that degrade those values.
3. Recognising those critical marine values and ecosystems through advocating for protection, restoration and enhancement.

KO Ā TĀTOU WHĀINGA NUI Our Big Goals

- At least 30% marine protection
- Restoration of 1000sqkm of shellfish-beds and reefs
- Riparian planting of the catchment
- Ending marine dumping near the Marine Park



**Hauraki Gulf
Marine Park**
Ko te Pātaka kai
o Tikapa Moana
Te Moananui-ā-Toi





HE KŌRERO NĀ NGĀ HEAMANA

Message from the Co-Chairs

Tēnā koutou,

2020–2021 marked the first full year of the Forum's co-governance leadership model, as established under our new Governance Statement.

We have seen an immediate and positive impact from this hard-fought change. Attendance at our hui from iwi, hapū, whānau and communities is up markedly. Mana whenua and mataawaka are actively bringing issues to the Forum table, and taking part in discussions. The Forum is also a more responsive and supportive partner to those using indigenous practices to help restore the mauri of Tikapa Moana, Te Moananui-ā-Toi.

That said, there is more to be done on our journey to fully delivering on one of the Forum's core purposes: "to recognise the historic, traditional, cultural, and spiritual relationship of the tangata whenua with the Hauraki Gulf, its islands, and, where appropriate, its catchments." (s15(c), HGMPA 2000) We are witnessing decisions being made on a regular basis by regulators

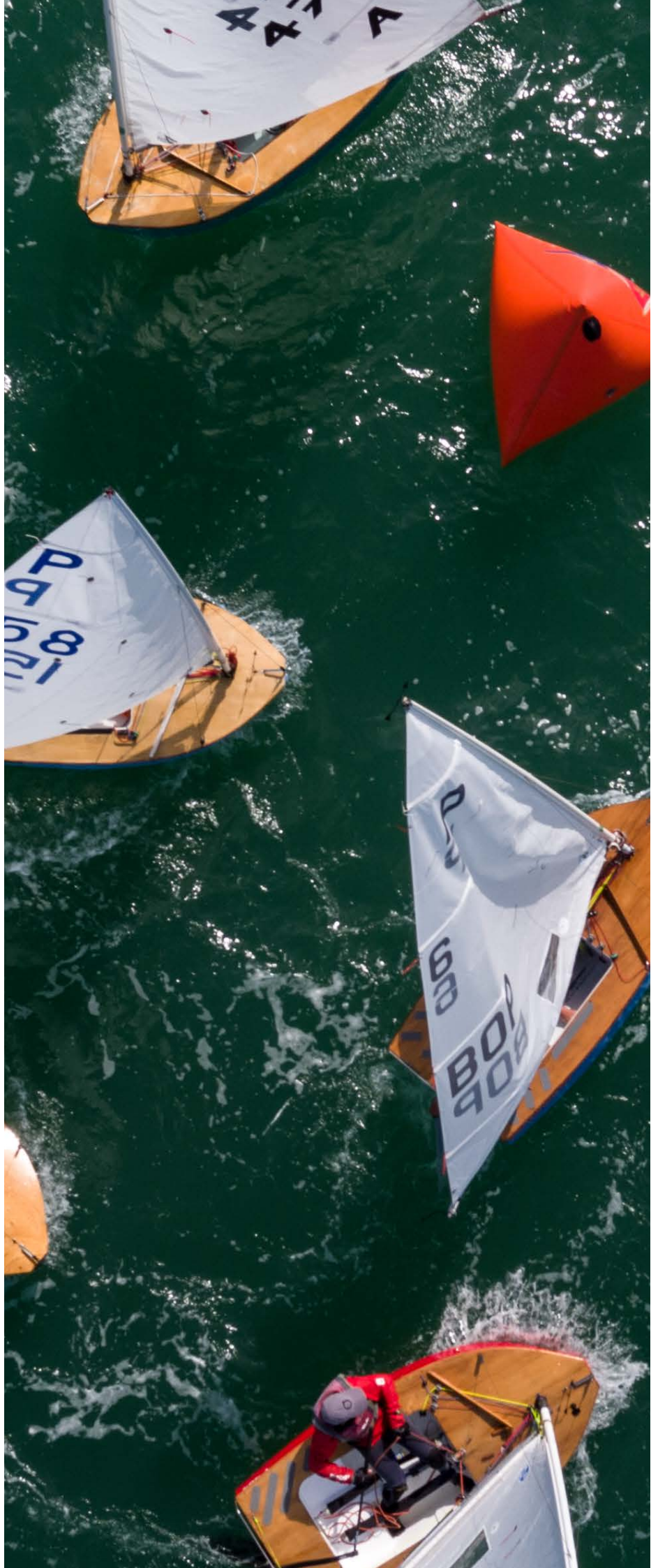
of the catchment, coastal and marine environment which seem to underplay and/or undermine that relationship. Recognising this, the Forum recently agreed to take the opportunity presented by the forthcoming Resource Management Act (RMA) reforms to advocate for an upgraded HGMPA, because it is clear that the overall balance is still tilted against te taiao — our environment.

On a practical level, having Co-Chairs has allowed for increased media engagement and having the Forum's leadership present at more events. Over the past year we have done a range of TV, radio and print engagements, and attended dozens of gatherings right around the Hauraki Gulf. We have also delivered on our promise to split meetings between the Auckland and Waikato regions, ensuring that we are capturing best practice irrespective of where in the Marine Park it is occurring. Whether we have been in Te Aroha, Pūkoro, or on Waiheke Island, we have been impressed by the incredible amount of mana whenua and community-led restoration underway, particularly

all the work going into riparian planting and re-wilding of the catchment.

One of the most important trends over the past year has been mana whenua stepping up and taking action. Examples of exceptional leadership include Ngāti Pāoa's rāhui around Waiheke, and Ngāti Hei's rāhui along the Wharekaho coast on the eastern Coromandel. What is equally heartening has been the overwhelming community support for those actions. We are clearly in a different place in 2021 than we were 10 or even 5 years ago.

With COVID continuing to impact on our activities over the past year, we have taken the opportunity to find new ways to connect with people, be that through the release of our first ever podcast — Hauraki Gulf Kōrero — or our new videos about co-governance and rāhui. We have also been growing our audience through social media and have established a range of supportive comms relationships with other organisations to push mutual content. We also entered into Strategic Partnerships with



the Sustainable Business Network, and Auckland Foundation.

The past year also saw the election of a new government. For the first time in its history the Forum was invited to submit a formal briefing to the incoming government. We received good feedback from Ministers and others on the clarity and readability of this report, and had the opportunity to run through it in person with the Minister of Conservation, Hon. Kiri Allan, and Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, Hon. David Parker. The appointment of New Zealand's first ever oceans Minister is cause for optimism. For too long our moana has been seen only through the prism of extraction and economic value. Minister Parker's expanded remit gives the opportunity to rebalance our relationship with the ocean.

The release in June 2021 of the Government's 'Revitalising the Gulf' strategy, responding to the Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari Marine Spatial Plan, was an important and welcome first step. We commend the leadership shown by Ministers in proposing new marine protected areas and changes to bottom-impact fishing. We look forward to working with Government to progress those proposals and see them implemented. We will also be urging greater ambition: (i) to remove bottom-impact fishing from the entire Marine Park, and (ii) to work with mana whenua to consider upgraded and/or new marine protection proposals that have emerged since the original Sea Change plan was finalised in 2016.

The following pages detail in more depth the Forum's achievements over the past 12 months and the road ahead. We hope that you find this useful and wish to acknowledge the design work by Tracy and Shaun Lee and the beautiful photography by Richard Robinson.

Nicola MacDonald

Nicola MacDonald
Co-Chair – Tangata Whenua

Pippa Coom

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Co-Chair

HE AHA NGĀ MAHI KUA WHAKATUTUKIHIA E TĒNEI RŌPŪ?

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 tangata 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 tangata whenua of the Gulf and its islands.

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

2002 Forum endorses inclusion of 304 ha 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 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 tangata 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 War Memorial Museum, becoming an annual event.

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.

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.

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

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

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 War Memorial 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 Online *Gulf Journal* initiated to support inspired management and action around the Gulf.

2016 Forum draws attention to marked decline in crayfish within Cape Rodney – Ōkakarī 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”.

2017 Fifth state of the environment report published presenting a well-articulated, clear pathway for addressing some of the issues facing the Gulf.

2018 Reset of Strategic Issues around three priorities:

Forum Operations
Water Quality
Marine Ecosystems

2019 Recommendation of two Big Goals for the Marine Park: (1) at least 20% of the waters protected; (2) 1000sqkm of shellfish-beds restored.

2019 Communications Strategy and Review.

2020 Sixth state of the environment report published telling the 20-year story of the Marine Park, interweaving Mātauranga and science.

2020 Adoption of four **Big Goals**

At least 30% marine protection
Restoration of 1000sqkm of shellfish-beds and reefs
Riparian planting of the catchment
Ending marine dumping near the Marine Park

2020 Adoption of new Governance Statement, including the appointment of Co-Chairs.

2020 Invited to submit a Briefing to Incoming Government for the first time in the Forum’s history.

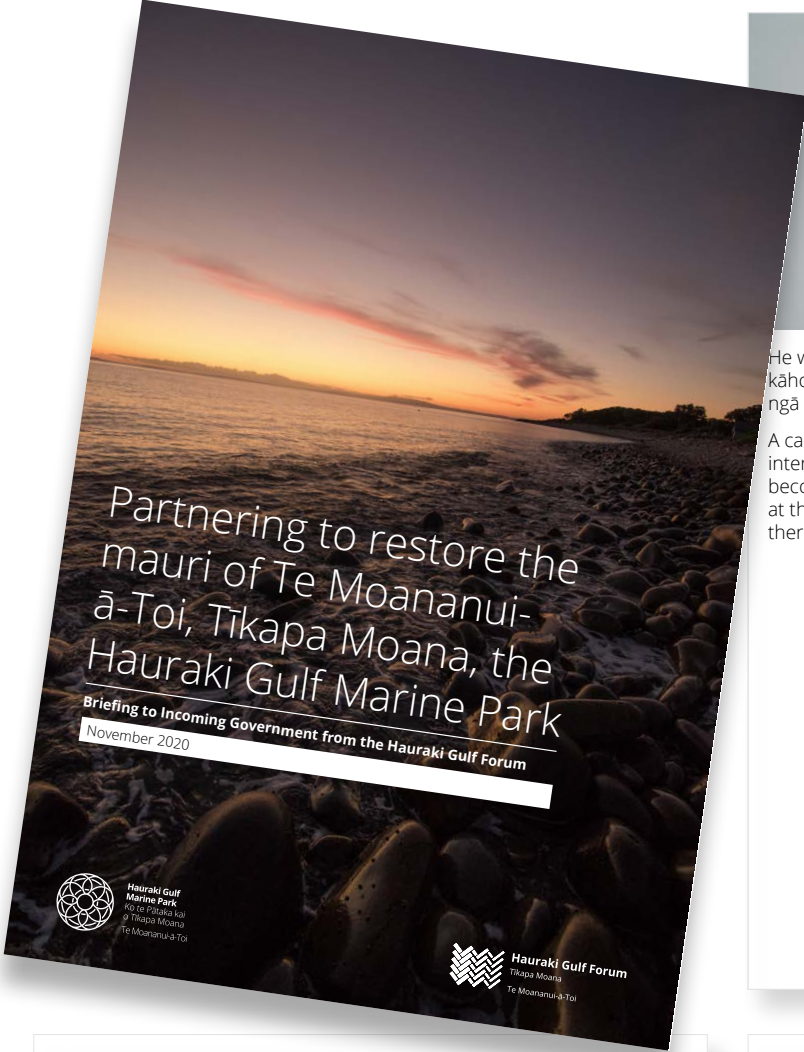
2020/2021 Forum supports rāhui by Ngāti Tamaterā, Ngāti Hei and Ngāti Pāoa.

2021 Release of Hauraki Gulf Kōrero podcast.

2021 Agreed to advocate for an updated Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act.

PAST CHAIRS:

2000–02 Philip Warren
2002–07 Laly Haddon
2007–18 John Tregidga
2018–20 John Meeuwssen



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Tēnā koe e te Pirimia e ngā Minita.

The realm of Aotearoa New Zealand is over 90% ocean, and no part of that moana is more intensively used than the Hauraki Gulf, Tikapa Moana, Te Moananui-ā-Toi.

The Hauraki Gulf was once a jewel in our crown – an abundant, thriving ecosystem with kaimoana for all. Even today it still sparkles in the sunshine. But it is far from its former glory, having been degraded for generations.

Our recently released 2020 State of our Gulf Report speaks of kina barriers, arm-deep soft sediment, plastics in the puku of our marine life, beach closures and disappearing birdlife and habitat. Those are among many worrying trends outlined in the report which, taken together, show an ecosystem struggling, an Atua – Tangaroa – hurting, and a challenge that demands our full attention.

Why? Because the Auckland and Waikato regions, and Aotearoa as a whole, will not reach full potential until our oceans thrive.

There is no reason the Hauraki Gulf cannot be the most pristine urban harbour in the world.

The path to that vision is undoubtedly challenging. At 20 times the size of Lake Taupō, with a catchment that extends almost as far south as Rotorua, the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park is a big area with large-scale, interconnected problems that will take time to fix. In addition, there are a broad range of stakeholders with diverse a range of views on the way forward.

However, if we partner to tackle those challenges together, we can make rapid and sustained progress in restoring the mauri of Tikapa Moana, Te Moananui-ā-Toi.

Nā māua noa, nā.


Nicola MacDonald
Co-Chair – Tangata Whenua


Pippa Coom
Co-Chair

Partnering to restore mauri:
Areas for central government leadership

Our objectives and goals with requests for central government action this term.



Ensuring Integrated Management

Deepen partnerships with mana whenua to support their aspirations for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park.

Ensure whole-of-government coordination on the Marine Park to support the Minister of Conservation's lead role – this must include the Minister/Ministry for the Environment.



Improving Water Quality

Partner and co-invest with local/regional government and impacted communities to bring forward water quality improvements in both urban and rural areas and restore waterway health to reduce flows of pollutants, including sediment, plastics and heavy metals, into the Marine Park.



Restoring Marine Ecosystems

Adopt holistic ecosystem-based management of the marine environment which enhances indigenous biodiversity.

Continue investments in science and research.



At least 30% marine protection

Support all available tools, including customary protection measures and resourcing of their enforcement.

Reform the antiquated Marine Reserves Act 1971 to broaden its purposes and usability.

Take immediate steps to protect the seafloor of the Marine Park from dredging and other destructive methods.



Restoration of 1000sqkm of shellfish-beds and reefs

Ensure a supportive biosecurity regulatory framework which enables restoration and is complimentary to applicable local/regional government frameworks.

Expand initial investment in partnership with mana whenua and community to supercharge deployments.



Riparian planting of the catchment

Invest in a whole ecosystem of regenerative success, from nursery production to ongoing care and maintenance.

Set ambitious targets for the Hauraki Gulf catchment using natives.



Ending marine dumping near the Marine Park

Reform the Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act to prevent marine dumping near the Marine Park.

Further detail on all of those recommendations can be provided on request.



Learn about our recent shift to a co-governance leadership model in our latest Annual Report:
<https://bit.ly/35byl6Q>



Understand the challenges by reading the State of our Gulf 2020 summary:
gulfforum.org.nz/state-of-the-gulf/



TAUĀKĪ KĀWANATANGA

Governance Statement

This Governance Statement replaces all prior versions. It covers how the Forum works, and key roles and responsibilities. The Forum's purposes, membership, functions and powers are set out in detail in Part 2 of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000 (HGMPA) and are not repeated here.

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A canoe that is interlaced will not become separated at the bow.

In unity there is strength.

In the highly developed craft of building ocean going waka the bow section was laced to the centre hull. The waka provides a metaphor for tangata whenua, in that a people interlaced will not be separated and through that unity we find strength.

How the Forum works

Te whakahonore i o maatau hononga Tiriti hei painga mo Te Moananui-ō-Toi; Tikapa Moana; Hauraki Gulf.

The Forum will operate in partnership under the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act, including the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi under Section 6.

It will integrate and respect both Te Ao Māori and other world views.

The Forum's conduct, and all those that interact with it, will adhere to the intent of the following principles:

- **Aroha:** being considerate – having respect for relationships and being of service.

- **Openness and impartiality:** having an open mind when making decisions and listening to other points of view.

- **Tautoko:** supporting others by respecting and upholding others

mana, dignity, identity and unique perspective.

- **Manaaki:** caring for others by responsibly valuing others and ensuring they feel valued.

- **Stewardship:** using powers and resources prudently.

- **Awhi:** helping others by entering into effective engagements in the spirit of co-operation and good faith.

- **Leadership:** inspiring action toward achieving common goals.

- **Tika:** being responsible – doing the right thing with integrity and accountability.

- **Pono:** being effective – building credibility.

- **Ethics:** maintaining the highest standard of ethical conduct.

The Forum will endeavour to meet quarterly, with meetings split between the Auckland and Waikato regions. It will hold additional workshops and meetings as required.

Our Roles and Responsibilities

• Co-Chairs

- One Co-Chair is from and elected by the membership at large.
- One Co-Chair is from and decided by the Tangata Whenua members.
- Co-Chairs lead the Forum and are its spokespeople.
- Co-Chairs work in partnership with each other.
- Co-Chairs exemplify the principles by which we work.
- Co-Chairs chair Forum meetings, set strategic direction, support and work with all Members, and front public engagement.

(A separate Co-Chairing arrangement records the practical aspects of Co-Chairing)

• Members

- Members support and work with the Co-Chairs and each other to take effective decisions and progress the agenda of the Forum.
- Members bring their expertise and mana to ensure quality decision making in the interests of the Marine Park.
- Members represent

their Constituent Party, as defined under the HGMPA.

- Members may send alternates to meetings they are unable to attend so long as this is notified in advance and in accordance with any applicable practice.

• Executive Officer

- The Executive Officer functions as the Chief Executive of the Forum and is responsible for taking forward resolutions of the Forum, ensuring adherence to the HGMPA, supporting the Co-Chairs and all Members, preparing meeting papers, coordination with external partners, and the Forum's management, contracts, finance and administration.

- The Executive Officer chairs meetings of Technical Officers and works closely with the Governance Advisor.

• Governance Advisor

- The Governance Advisor is responsible for collating and publishing meeting agendas, writing minutes and providing advice on process.

• Technical Officers

- Members are encouraged to have

Technical Officers to provide them and the Forum with expert support and advice.

- Technical Officers will work with their Members, the Executive Officer and each other to progress the Forum's resolutions, as appropriate.

• Administering Authority







- Auckland Council is the Administering Authority (for responsibilities see s28, HGMPA).

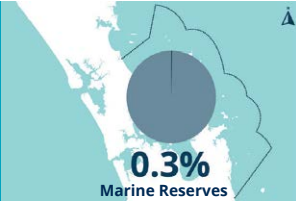
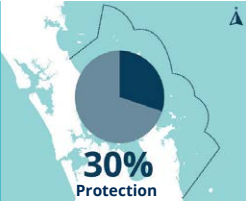


• Review





This Governance Statement will be reviewed every 3 years.

MAHERE MAHI


Work Plan 2020–2022

STRATEGIC ISSUE	CURRENT STATE	KEY ACTIONS	FUTURE STATE
Integrated Management		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage our collective strength Partner, collaborate and coordinate Support iwi/hāpu and community-led efforts Advocate to upgrade HGMPA 	<div>Long-term</div> 
Water Quality		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce flows of pollutants Highlight and help resolve water quality concerns Request and publish the latest data and information 	<div>Long-term</div> 
Marine Ecosystems		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for more marine protection and enhanced biodiversity Support biosecurity efforts Understand climate change risks/mitigation 	<div>Long-term</div> 

GOAL	CURRENT STATE	KEY ACTIONS	FUTURE STATE
At least 30% protection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call on all sides to take less from the Marine Park Call for an end to fishing practices which destroy benthic habitat Support the use of indigenous tools and reform of the Marine Reserves Act 	<div>Medium-term</div> 
1000 sqkm of restored shellfish-beds and reefs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for a supportive regulatory framework Advocate for trials throughout the Marine Park Support the work of the Shellfish Coordination Restoration Group 	<div>Long-term</div> 

NEW GOALS	CURRENT STATE	KEY ACTIONS	FUTURE STATE
No marine dumping in the Marine Park or near its border		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call for an end to the use of dump sites near the Marine Park Advocate to minimise marine dredging and promote alternatives 	<div>Short-term</div> 
Riparian planting of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park catchment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request and publish information on existing initiatives Support planting efforts and facilitate collaboration Advocate for a catchment-wide approach 	<div>Long-term</div> 






















Progress against Work Plan as at June 2021

On track 	Some progress 	No progress yet 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3x 100 tonne restored shellfish-beds by end 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% of the Hauraki Gulf in Marine Protected Areas by end 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of marine dumping legislation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100km of new riparian planting in the catchment by end 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in and improvements to water quality around the catchment. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated marine and land biosecurity. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ending bottom-impact fishing practices in the Marine Park. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for upgraded Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting iwi/hapu and community-led efforts. 	



KO WAI TĀTOU?

Who we are

 <p>Nicola MacDonald <i>(Co-Chair)</i> Tangata Whenua</p>	 <p>Pippa Coom <i>(Co-Chair)</i> Auckland Council</p>	 <p>Cr Donna Arnold Matamata-Piako District Council</p>
 <p>Charmaine Bailie Tangata Whenua</p>	 <p>Andrew Baucke Department of Conservation</p>	 <p>Cr Phillip Buckthought Hauraki District Council</p>
 <p>Joe Davis Tangata Whenua</p>	 <p>Cr Christine Fletcher Auckland Council</p>	 <p>Mayor Sandra Goudie Thames-Coromandel District Council</p>
 <p>Cath Handley Waiheke Local Board, Auckland Council</p>	 <p>Terrence Hohneck Tangata Whenua</p>	 <p>Jacob Hore Fisheries New Zealand</p>
 <p>Paul Majurey Tangata Whenua</p>	 <p>Martin Mariassouce Te Puni Kōkiri, Ministry of Māori Development</p>	 <p>Cr Rob McGuire Waikato District Council</p>
 <p>Scott Milne Orakei Local Board, Auckland Council</p>	 <p>Dean Ogilvie Tangata Whenua</p>	 <p>Cr Denis Tegg Waikato Regional Council</p>
 <p>Valmaine Toki Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board, Auckland Council</p>	 <p>Cr Wayne Walker Auckland Council</p>	 <p>Cr John Watson Auckland Council</p>



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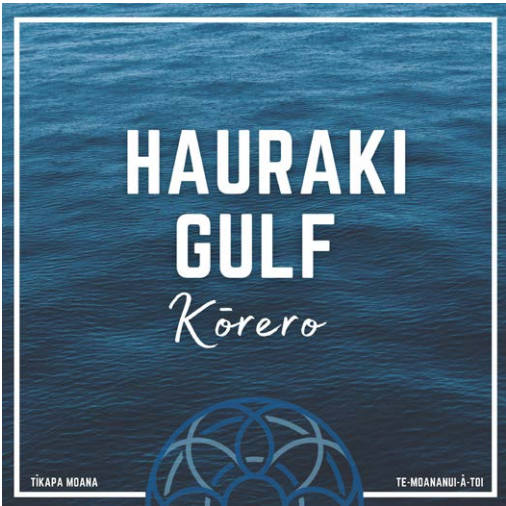
Looking ahead

2021 / 2022

The year ahead will be shaped by a once-in-a-generation opportunity to engage with and move forward the Government’s recently released ‘Revitalising the Gulf’ plan for the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park. The plan includes proposed new marine protection areas as well as changes to where bottom-impact fishing can occur. This is the most significant set of proposed changes since the Marine Park and Forum were established back in 2000.

Our Annual Conference will also return in the first half of 2022, and we look

forward to once again providing that space for a meeting of all parties interested in progressing protection and restoration in the Hauraki Gulf and its catchment. Other things to look forward to include several new deployments of mussels into restored shellfish-beds and reefs, ever-expanding planting efforts in the catchment, and forthcoming legislative reforms including of the Resource Management Act which can help deliver better protections for our environment. There is much to look forward to in the year ahead.



Listen to the Hauraki Gulf Kōrero podcast, on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and all major podcast platforms.



KO TE PŪTEA UTU WHAKAHAERE

Funding and administrative support

Auckland Council kindly fulfils the role as the Administering Authority of the Hauraki Gulf Forum (see section 28, Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000).

It employs the Executive Officer and provides governance, finance and admin support functions. Forum

members are individually supported by Technical Officers (normally staff from the constituent party and, in the case of tangata whenua members, appointed by the tangata whenua member).

The Forum's \$242,500 budget in 2020/2021 was met through a

shared funding formula adopted by the Forum, as outlined in the table below. Additional funding toward the tangata whenua members and their technical officers is met by the Department of Conservation. This amounted to \$26,616 in 2020 / 2021.

2020 / 2021 Budget									
Funding contribution per sector	Authority	Population in the Gulf catchment (2018 Census)	Population (%)	% Contribution per Project, based on population	Land area in the Gulf catchment (2018 region & TLA boundaries)	Land area (%)	% contribution per project based on land area	% population: % land area (60:40 weighting)	Contribution to a budget of \$242,500.00
33.3%	MFish DoC TPK			11.10% 11.10% 11.10%			11.10% 11.10% 11.10%	11.10% 11.10% 11.10%	\$26,917.50 \$26,917.50 \$26,917.50
Subtotal (FNZ, DoC, TPK)				33.30%			33.30%	33.30%	\$80,752.50
33.4%	WRC AC	89,781 1,169,136	7.1% 92.9%	2.38% 31.02%	585,501 218,875	72.79% 27.21%	24.31% 9.09%	11.15% 22.25%	\$27,048.08 \$53,946.92
Subtotal (Regions)		1,258,917	100.0%	33.4%	804,377	100.00%	33.40%	33.40%	\$80,995.00
33.3%	AC WDC HDC TCDC MPDC	1,169,136 1,272 19,836 29,466 33,531	93.3% 0.1% 1.6% 2.4% 2.7%	31.07% 0.03% 0.53% 0.78% 0.89%	218,875 14,648 123,590 219,169 161,360	29.67% 1.99% 16.75% 29.71% 21.88%	9.88% 0.66% 5.58% 9.89% 7.28%	22.59% 0.28% 2.55% 4.43% 3.45%	\$54,784.37 \$690.59 \$6,178.81 \$10,736.52 \$8,362.21
Subtotal (Selected TLAs)		1,253,241	100.00%	33.30%	737,641	100.00%	33.30%	33.30%	\$80,752.50
TOTALS				100.00%			100.00%	100.00%	\$242,500.00



2020 / 2021 Expenditure		
	Forecast (\$)	Actual to end of June (\$)
Communications	\$55,000	\$43,019
Legislative requirements	\$65,000	\$4,848*
Training and travel expenses	\$7,500	\$3,828
HR and administration	\$165,000	\$141,618
Total expenditure	\$292,500	\$193,313

*\$60,000 carried forward for 2023 State of the Gulf report.

2020 / 2021 Revenue		
	Forecast (\$)	Actual to end of June (\$)
Constituent party contributions	\$133,769	\$133,769
Auckland Council contribution	\$108,731	\$108,731
Total revenue	\$242,500	\$242,500

Forecast revenue less expenditure	(\$50,000)	\$49,186
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Accumulated surplus balance as at end of June 2020	\$94,889	\$94,889
Forecast revenue less expenditure 2020 / 2021	(\$50,000)	\$49,186
Accumulated surplus balance as at end of June 2021	\$44,889	\$144,075

All costs are presented exclusive of GST.



Part 1 of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000 — 'Management of Hauraki Gulf' — covers, inter alia, recognition of the national significance of the Gulf, management objectives, the Act's relationship to the Resource Management Act, and the creation of a New Zealand coastal policy statement by the Act.

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, its islands and catchments.

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



Hauraki Gulf Forum

Tīkapa Moana

Te Moananui-ā-Toi

The 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 of Conservation, Oceans and Fisheries and Māori Development, elected representatives from Auckland Council (including the Aotea 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 tangata whenua of the Hauraki Gulf and its islands.

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