

# ANNUAL REPORT

Te Pūrongo ā Tau

**2021-22**



**Hauraki Gulf Forum**

Tīkapa Moana

Te Moananui-ā-Toi



He waka kōtuia  
kāhore e tukutukua  
ngā mimira.

*A canoe that is  
interlaced will not  
become separated  
at the bow. In unity  
there is strength.*



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:

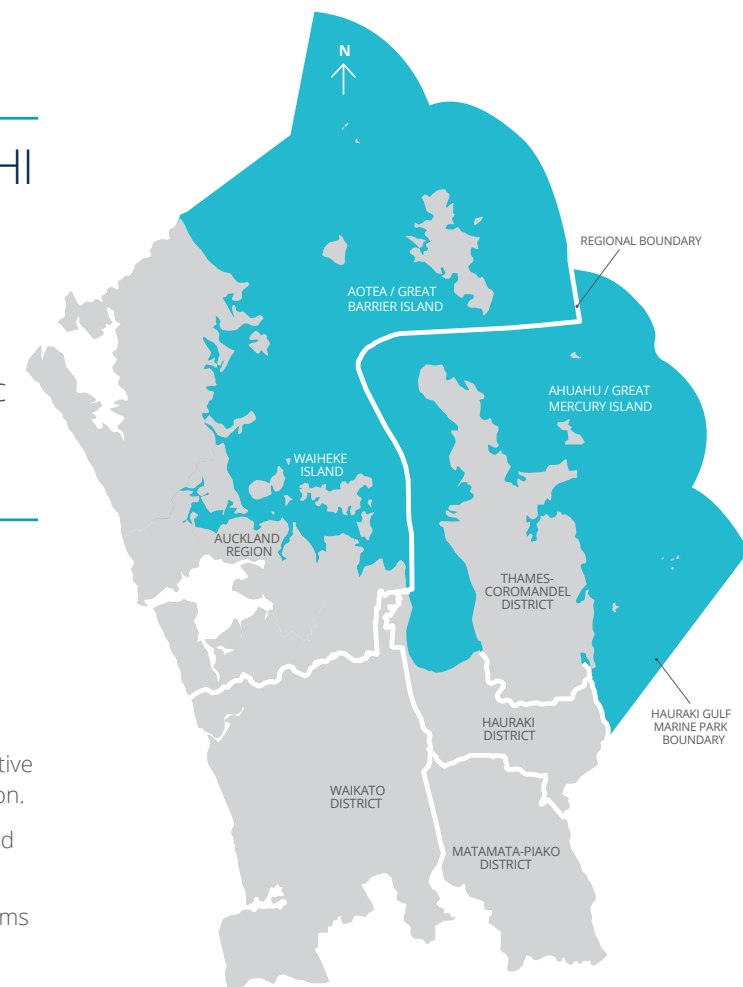
1. Improving integrated management through collaborative planning, informed decision-making and credible action.
2. Restoring water quality values through addressing land use activities that degrade those values.
3. Recognising those critical marine values and ecosystems through advocating for protection,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

The past year has been the most rewarding and challenging of our time as Co-Chairs of the Forum.

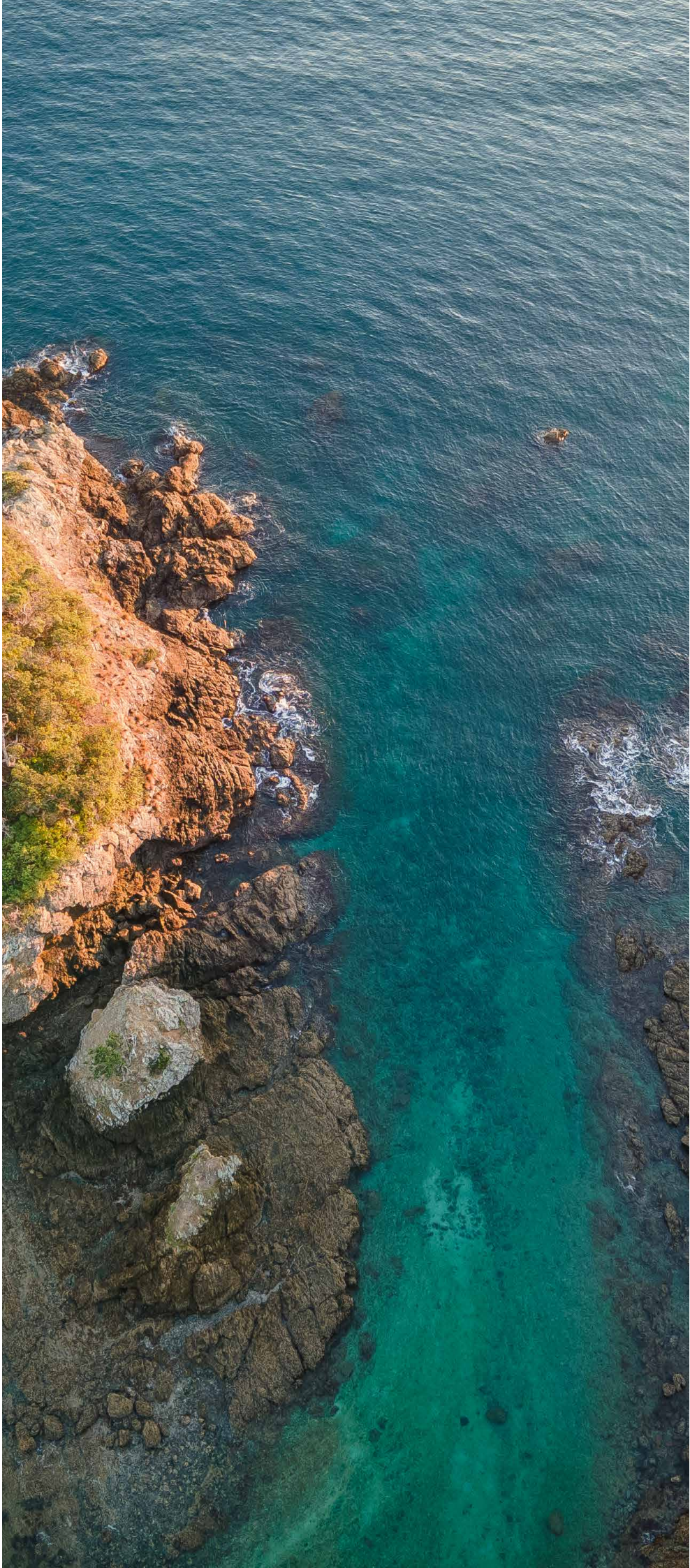
We have witnessed some wonderful highs:

- The introduction new mussel-beds in Ōkahu Bay, led by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei, and off Kawau, led by Ngāti Manuhiri – both in partnership with Revive Our Gulf. The deployment off Kawau is the single largest mussel-bed restoration deployment in our country's history and globally!
- Continued growth in riparian and restorative planting, led by mana whenua, community groups and organisations, local and central government, farmers, landholders and many others right from the northern reaches of the Marine Park all the way to the southern fringes of the catchment.
- The unveiling of Revitalising the Gulf, central government's response to Sea Change Tai Timu Tai Pari, heralding the most significant proposed use of conservation and fisheries powers in the Gulf in the 22-years since the Marine Park was created.

- Changes to the daily bag limit to bring in all finfish and close the loophole which was allowing plundering of certain species like pink maomao.
- Rāhui tapu laid down by mana whenua around the Hauraki Gulf, including leadership and support from past and present Forum members Liane Ngamane (Ngāti Tamatera) Joe Davis (Ngāti Hei) Dean Ogilvie (Ngāti Paoa), Mook Hohneck and Nicola MacDonald (Ngāti Manuhiri), which has seen the area of the Gulf covered by rāhui surge from less than 1% to well over 50%.
- The adoption by the Forum of an Advocacy Position on updating and strengthening the Marine Park Act, to enable a Treaty Partnership model, which has been presented to Ministers for consideration.
- A public survey of 1,000 respondents confirmed a massive shift of public support in favour of marine protection and restoration, with upwards of 70 and 80 percent in favour of all the Hauraki Gulf Forum's big goals.

At the same time, challenges also came thick and fast:

- We saw the unwelcome arrival of two strains of a new invasive seaweed – first at Aotea Great Barrier and now also at Great Mercury.
- The Hauraki Gulf endured its longest marine heatwave in history.
- New data on scallops / tipa showed that the fishery had all but collapsed. This came as no surprise to mana whenua and communities that had already began to act, and finally resulted in a decision by the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries to close upwards of 90 percent of the Gulf to scallop dredging and harvesting on sustainability grounds.
- The longest COVID lockdown to date resulted in three of our four quarterly meetings having to go online, restoration efforts being rescheduled, and events deferred.
- Our adoption of an Advocacy Position resulted in a public campaign against the Forum and some of our members.



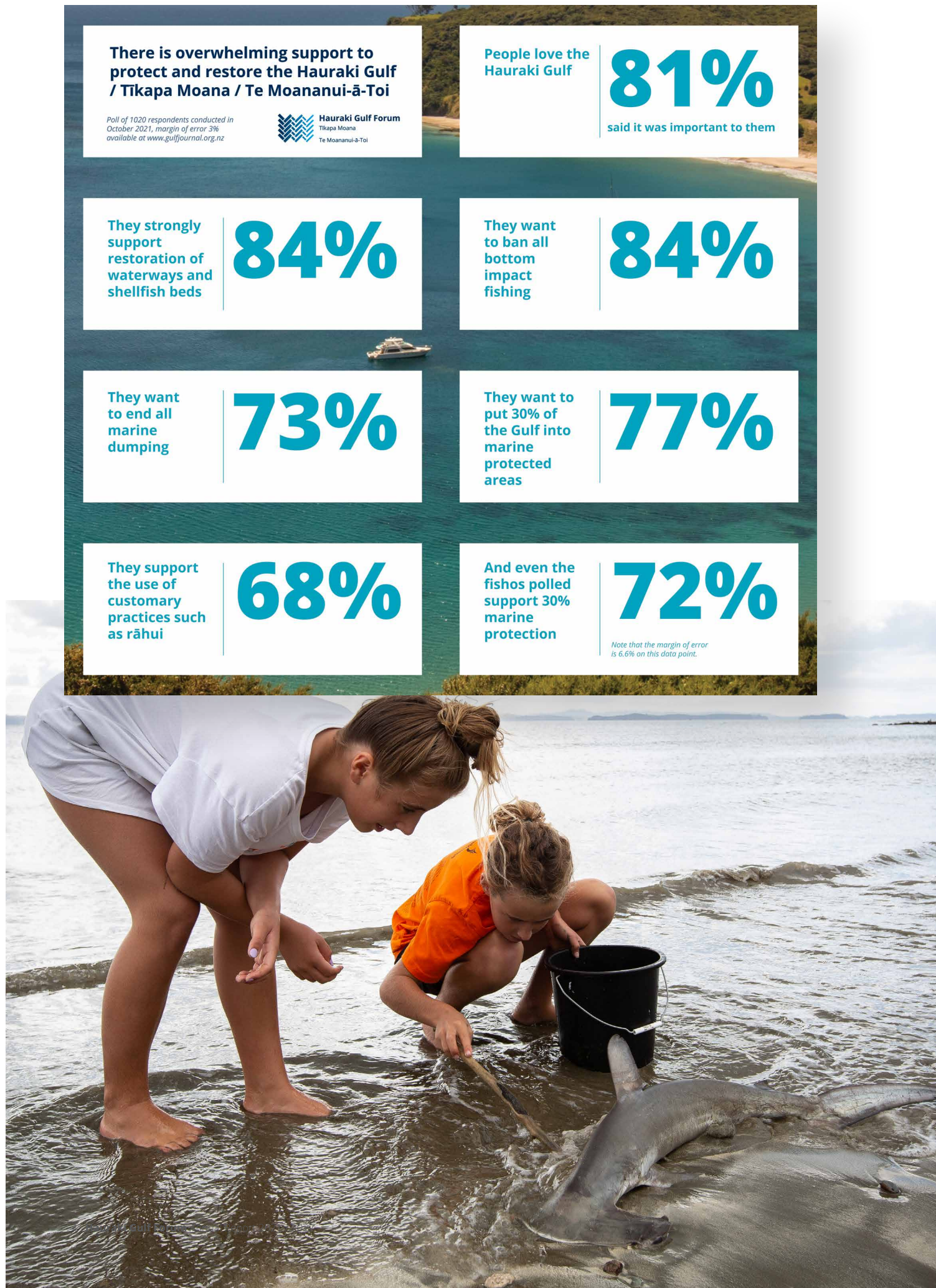
With the gradual lifting of COVID restrictions we have been steadily able to re-engage in person, both as a Forum and, as Co-Chairs, with our Ministers and with MPs across Parliament thanks to support from Awhi Group and Foundation North. We are also underway once again with our most significant function under the Marine Park Act – with the production of the next State of the Gulf report, due for public release in mid-2023.

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 cover images donated by Revive Our Gulf, the design work by Shaun Lee and the beautiful photography by Project Kahurangi. We also want to acknowledge the valued contribution made by Qiane Matata-Sipu who produced our wonderful podcast series Hauraki Gulf Kōrero. Finally, we want to recognise the incredible contribution made over many years by former member Liane Ngamane who passed away earlier this year. Moe, moe mai rā e Rangatira.

**Nicola MacDonald**  
*Co-Chair – Tangata Whenua*

**Pippa Coom**  
*Co-Chair*





There is overwhelming support to protect and restore the Hauraki Gulf / Tikapa Moana / Te Moananui-ā-Toi

Poll of 1020 respondents conducted in October 2021, margin of error 3% available at [www.gulfjournal.org.nz](http://www.gulfjournal.org.nz)



People love the Hauraki Gulf

**81%**  
said it was important to them

They strongly support restoration of waterways and shellfish beds

**84%**

They want to ban all bottom impact fishing

**84%**

They want to end all marine dumping

**73%**

They want to put 30% of the Gulf into marine protected areas

**77%**

They support the use of customary practices such as rāhui

**68%**

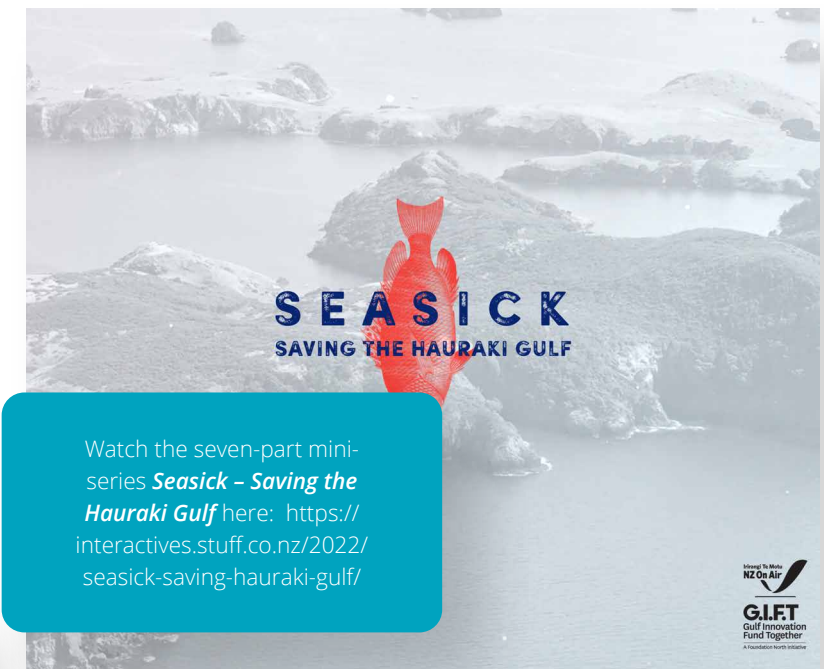
And even the fishos polled support 30% marine protection

**72%**

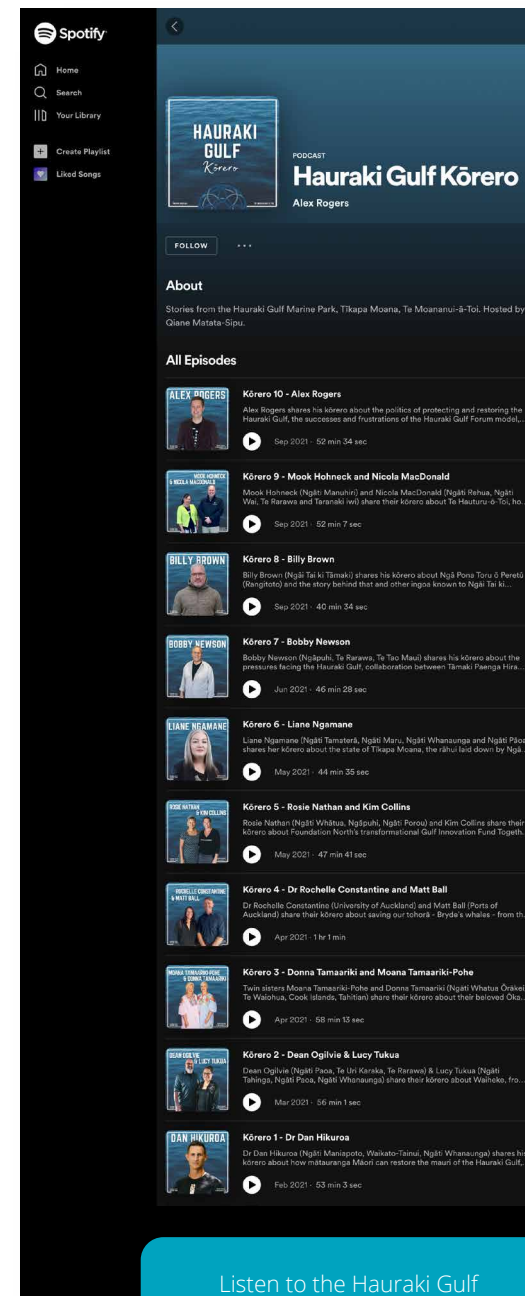
Note that the margin of error is 6.6% on this data point.

## Growing Public Awareness

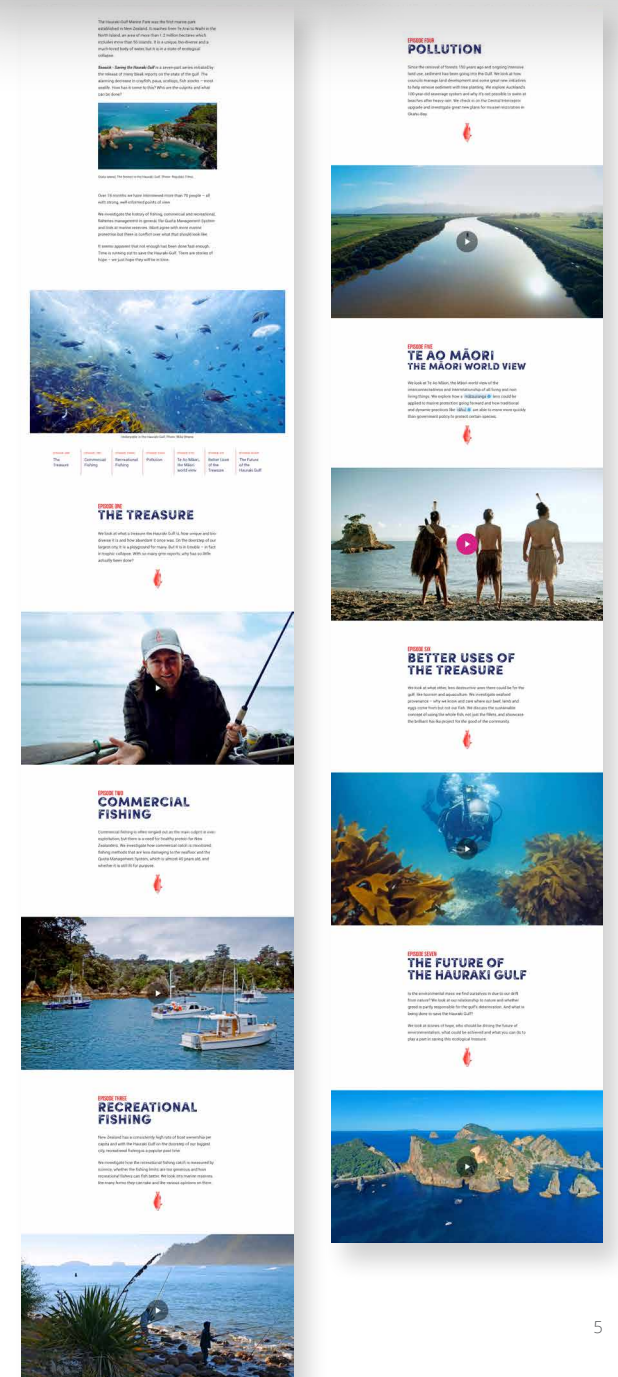
Over the past year we have seen the use of new media connect new audiences to the challenges and opportunities facing the Hauraki Gulf. Both the *Seasick* mini-series and the *Hauraki Gulf Kōrero* podcast season have been very well received. We also released an independant public poll about the Hauraki Gulf showing overwhelming support to protect and restore it.



Watch the seven-part mini-series *Seasick - Saving the Hauraki Gulf* here: <https://interactives.stuff.co.nz/2022/seasick-saving-hauraki-gulf/>









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

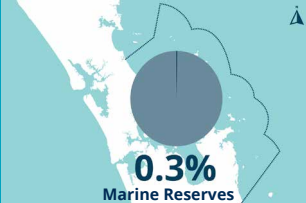
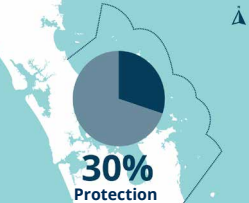










# MAHERE MAHI

## Work Plan 2020–2022

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

GOAL	CURRENT STATE	KEY ACTIONS	FUTURE STATE
At least 30% protection		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call on all sides to take less from the Marine Park</li> <li>Call for an end to fishing practices which destroy benthic habitat</li> <li>Support the use of indigenous tools and reform of the Marine Reserves Act</li> </ul>	<div>Medium-term</div> 
1000 sqkm of restored shellfish-beds and reefs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for a supportive regulatory framework</li> <li>Advocate for trials throughout the Marine Park</li> <li>Support the work of the Shellfish Coordination Restoration Group</li> </ul>	<div>Long-term</div> 
No marine dumping in the Marine Park or near its border		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call for an end to the use of dump sites near the Marine Park</li> <li>Advocate to minimise marine dredging and promote alternatives</li> </ul>	<div>Short-term</div> 
Riparian planting of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park catchment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request and publish information on existing initiatives</li> <li>Support planting efforts and facilitate collaboration</li> <li>Advocate for a catchment-wide approach</li> </ul>	<div>Long-term</div> 

# Progress against Work Plan as at June 2022

On track





3x 100 tonne restored shellfish-beds by end 2022

100km of new riparian planting in the catchment by end 2022

Advocate for upgraded Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act



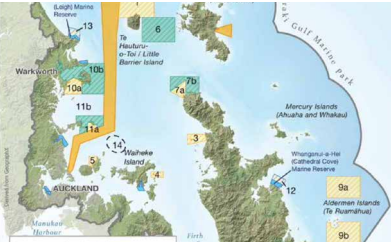

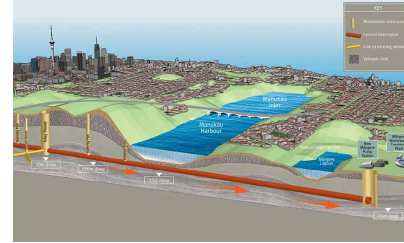


Supporting iwi/hapu and community-led efforts

Growing public support for change

Broad engagement with stakeholders

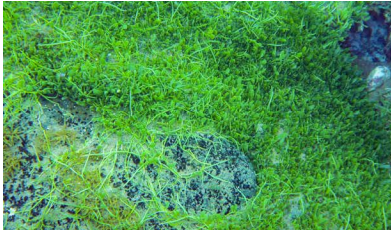

Some progress

5% of the Hauraki Gulf in Marine Protected Areas by end 2022

Partial closure of dredge fishery due to tipa / scallop population collapse

Investment in and improvements to water quality around the catchment

Coordinated marine and land biosecurity

Work on limiting bottom trawling and danish seining to 'corridors' has begun

No progress yet

Review of marine dumping legislation



# 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.

**He waka kōtuia kāhore e tukutukua ngā mimira.**

**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.



KO WAI TĀTOU?

Who we are



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(Co-Chair)  
Tangata Whenua



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Cr Donna Arnold  
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Tangata Whenua



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Cr Phillip Buckthought  
Hauraki District Council



Joe Davis  
Tangata Whenua



Cr Christine Fletcher  
Auckland Council



Mayor Sandra Goudie  
Thames-Coromandel  
District Council



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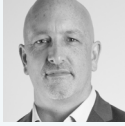
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Auckland Council



Cr Wayne Walker  
Auckland Council



Cr John Watson  
Auckland Council

SAVE THE DATE

# 18 OCTOBER

2022 HAURAKI GULF MARINE PARK CONFERENCE  
9:00AM - 4:00PM AT AUCKLAND MUSEUM / TĀMAKI PAENGA HIRA

E TITIRO WHAKAMUA ANA

Looking ahead

2022 / 2023

The year ahead marks the start of a new term of sorts for the Hauraki Gulf Forum. With 12 of our 21 members coming from Local Government, a fresh round of Mayoral appointments will take place following this year's Local Body elections scheduled for October 2022. The Forum will then induct both returning and new members before hitting the ground running in early 2023.



The next six months will see public consultation on key elements of the government's **Revitalising the Gulf package** and the return of our annual conference on 18 October 2022.

### Mercury Bay kekeno count 2022

We want to know more about kekeno / New Zealand fur seals in the Mercury Bay area and we need your help.

If you find a dead kekeno, you can help by sending us

- A photo looking straight down on the animal, including your foot or something else to indicate scale.
- Photos of the sides and head of the animal.
- The location of the animal.
- The date the animal was found.

Send your photos and other information to [kekeno@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kekeno@doc.govt.nz) as soon as possible, especially if it's a freshly dead animal, as we may want to do a necropsy to find out why it died.

We are also looking for people who regularly use a boat or walk the beaches in this area to help with a live kekeno count. Email [kekeno@doc.govt.nz](mailto:kekeno@doc.govt.nz) with 'Live kekeno count' in the subject line to discuss how you can help.

### Areas of interest

We are working with DOC, local iwi and community on a new research project to support recovering kekeno / NZ fur seals.

We will also be keeping a close eye on the progress of the Resource Management reforms and consequential amendments to the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act, and working hard on the next State of the Gulf report, which is due for publication around mid-2023.





## 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 \$315,000 budget in 2021/2022 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 \$28.964 in 2021 / 2022.

2021 / 2022 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 \$315,000.00
33.3%	MFish DoC TPK			11.10% 11.10% 11.10%			11.10% 11.10% 11.10%	11.10% 11.10% 11.10%	\$34,965.00 \$34,965.00 \$34,965.00
<b>Subtotal (FNZ, DoC, TPK)</b>				<b>33.30%</b>			<b>33.30%</b>	<b>33.30%</b>	<b>\$104,895.00</b>
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%	\$35,134.62 \$70,075.38
<b>Subtotal (Regions)</b>		<b>1,258,917</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>33.4%</b>	<b>804,377</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>33.40%</b>	<b>33.40%</b>	<b>\$105,210.00</b>
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%	\$71,163.20 \$897.05 \$8,026.09 \$13,946.40 \$10,862.25
<b>Subtotal (Selected TLAs)</b>		<b>1,253,241</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>33.30%</b>	<b>737,641</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>33.30%</b>	<b>33.30%</b>	<b>\$104,895.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>100.00%</b>			<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$315,000.00</b>



2021 / 2022 Expenditure		
	Budget	Actual to end of June
Communications	\$75,000	\$38,132
Legislative requirements	\$65,000	\$0
Training and travel expenses	\$7,500	\$10,319
HR and administration	\$167,500	\$150,909
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>\$315,000</b>	<b>\$199,359</b>

2021 / 2022 Revenue		
	Budget	Actual to end of June
Constituent party contributions FY22	\$173,761	\$173,761
Auckland Council contribution FY22	\$141,239	\$141,239
Department Of Conservation necropsies funding FY22	\$0	\$10,000
Constituent Party contributions FY23		\$37,379
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$315,000</b>	<b>\$362,379</b>

Revenue less expenditure	\$0	\$163,020
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Accumulated surplus balance as at 30 June 2021	\$144,075	\$144,075
Revenue less expenditure FY22	\$0	\$163,020
Accumulated surplus balance as at 30 June 2022	\$44,889	\$307,095

All costs are presented exclusive of GST.



# 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** Hauraki Gulf Kōrero podcast series released.

**2021** 60 tonne kūtai deployment at Okahu bay.

**2022** Advocacy Position on updating and strengthening the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act presented to Ministers.

**2022** cross-Parliament engagement on future of the Hauraki Gulf.

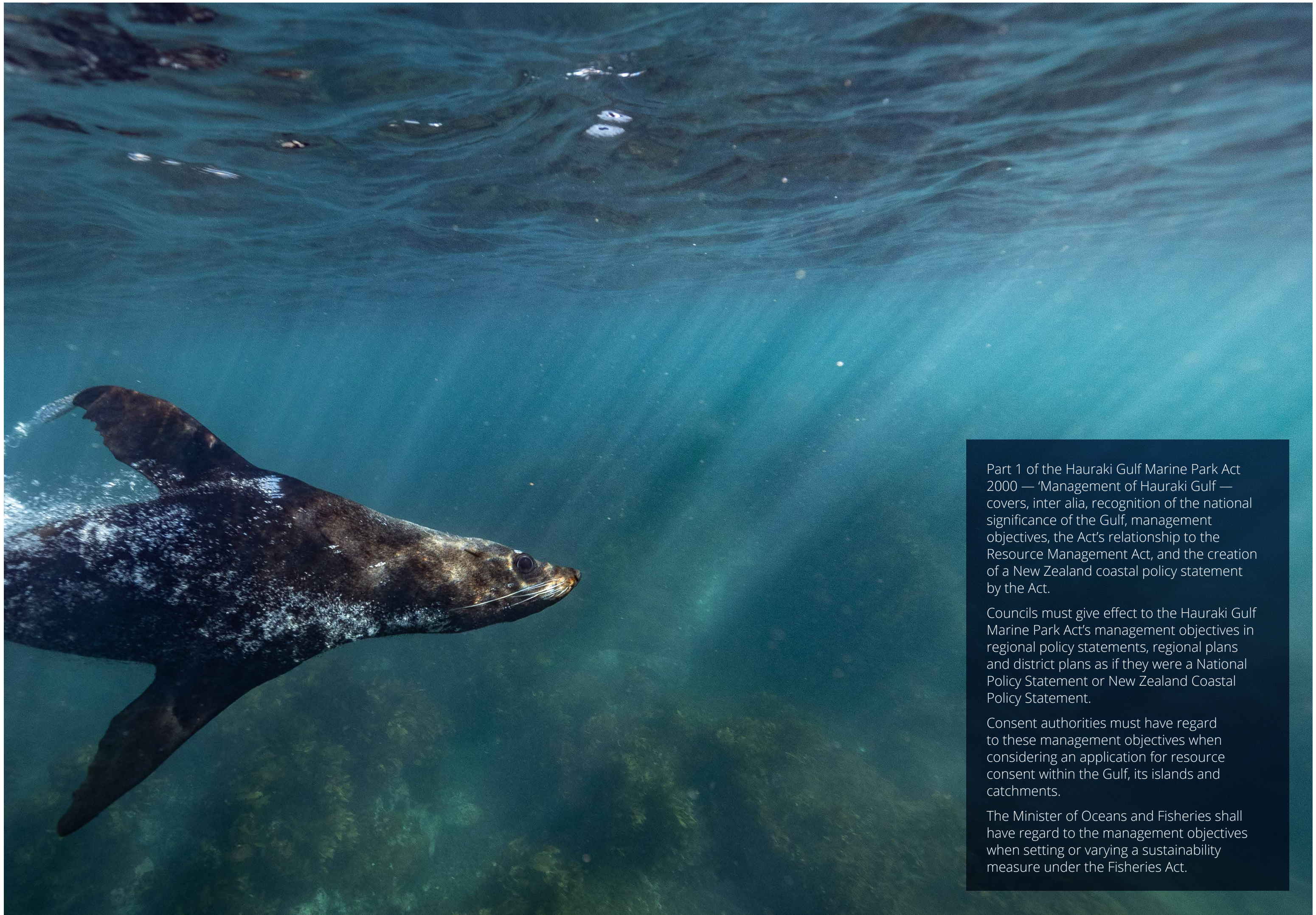
**2022** 95% of the HGMP closed to scallop dredging / harvest.

**2022** 150 tonne kūtai deployment near Kawai.

### PAST CHAIRS:

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





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

Tikapa 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 / Tikapa 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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