



Actions needed this term to protect and restore the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana / Te Moananui-ā-Toi

Briefing to Incoming Government from the Hauraki Gulf Forum

November 2023



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



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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.

Tēnā koutou, dear all, the Hauraki Gulf is at a crossroads and you have a simple choice – is the future of the Gulf:

- ***The image on the cover of this briefing?***
- ***Or the image on the back?***

As you know, the Hauraki Gulf is regionally, nationally and internationally significant. It is the seabird capital ***of the world***, a whale superhighway, home to our largest city, and a \$100 billion natural capital asset.

But it is in real trouble. We are seeing: the rise of milky-flesh snapper; our whales ingesting three million pieces of microplastic a day; sediment-laden, polluted, acidifying and warming waters, black-flagged beaches, and the spread of invasive species like exotic *Caulerpa*.

The Hauraki Gulf is a taonga, a treasure to all New Zealanders, and there is no reason why it could not once again be among the most pristine, biodiverse and abundant coastal marine areas in the world. ***All it takes is ambition.***

Ambition to:

- Protect 30% in marine protected areas
- Stem land-based impacts at source
- Restore keystone species
- End bottom-impact fishing
- Address challenges like kina barrens
- Eradicate *Caulerpa*, and
- Empower mana whenua and local communities in the protection and restoration of their local area.

Nā māua noa, nā.

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Urgent actions needed to protect and restore the Gulf

By end 2024



Pass the Hauraki Gulf Marine Protection Bill



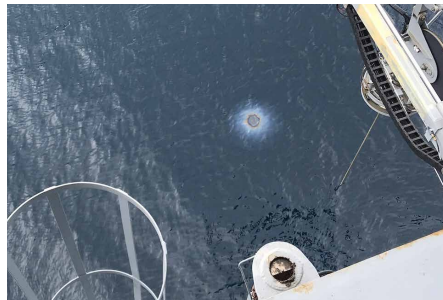
Set up a taskforce to reduce land-based impacts including sediment



Resource the removal and eradication of exotic *Caulerpa*



End bottom-impact fishing in the Marine Park



Investigate the RMS Niagara wreck and deal to risks identified

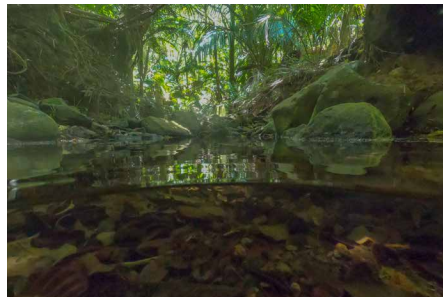


Support active restoration of key species & address kina barrens

This term



Establish a process for achieving 30% marine protection by 2030



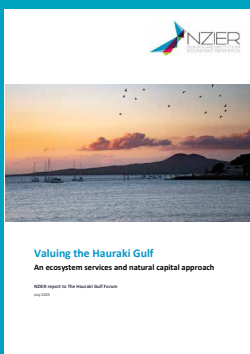
Support riparian planting of the catchment by land owners



Empower mana whenua, local communities and the Forum

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

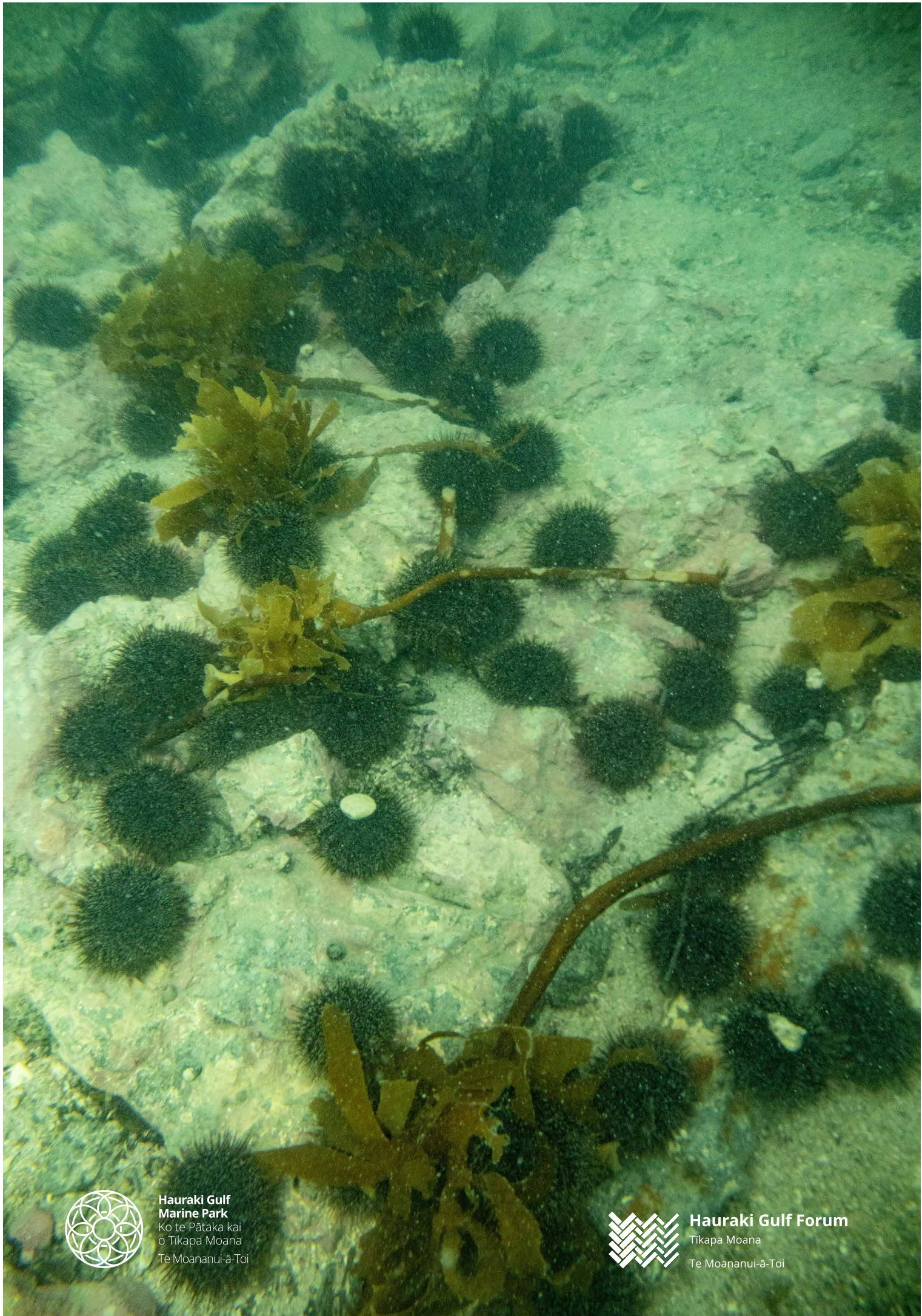
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