

New Zealand Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

New Zealand has a total of 62 MPAs - 44 Type 1 MPAs and 18 Type 2 MPAs as at 10 September 2014.

Type 1 MPAs are fully protected marine reserves.

Type 2 MPAs include areas that are partially protected. The areas may not have been established or managed with the primary purpose of biodiversity protection and include fisheries closure areas, mātaihai, marine parks and sub-marine cable and pipeline protection zones.

New Zealand Marine Protected Area Facts

MPA type	Number	Area (Km2)	Percentage (%) of New Zealand marine environment
Established Type 1 MPAs (no-take marine reserves)	44	17,400	0.42
Established Type 2 MPAs (no-take and partial protection)	18	4,604	0.11
Total established MPAs	62	22,004	0.53

New Zealand Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) Inventory

Notes: Data sourced from: Hon David Carter Min 12-0690 19/12/2012; Hon. Nick Smith 05/11/2013; NABIS <http://www.nabis.govt.nz/>; ; DOC <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/marine-and-coastal/marine-protected-areas/>; and Department of Conservation and Ministry of Fisheries (2011) Coastal marine habitats and marine protected areas in the New Zealand Territorial Sea: a broad scale gap analysis. Volume 1: Report and Appendices 1 to 6. Department of Conservation and Ministry of Fisheries. Wellington, New Zealand. 50p.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/conservation/marine-and-coastal/marine-protected-areas/coastal-marine-habitats-marine-protected-areas.pdf>.

Data are rounded to the nearest km² and area reported here may differ slightly from other reported figures, particularly those calculated using GIS.

The NZ MPA policy states that an inventory of MPAs will be maintained and made publically accessible .

see: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/conservation/marine-and-coastal/marine-protected-areas/>

Department of Conservation and Ministry of Fisheries (2005) Marine Protected Areas Policy: Policy and Implementation Plan. Department of Conservation and Ministry of Fisheries, Wellington, New Zealand. 25 p. <http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/conservation/marine-and-coastal/marine-protected-areas/mpa-policy-and-implementation-plan.pdf>

In addition the NZ MPA Policy states that a monitoring programme will be undertaken to assess the performance of the MPA network, with respect to its viability, and the effectiveness of the individual MPAs at achieving their own specific biodiversity objectives. Results from the monitoring programme will be made publicly available. Where monitoring reveals that management tools are not adequately protecting the area, the management tools for that MPA will need to be reviewed. The agency responsible for administering the corresponding piece of legislation for a particular MPA is primarily responsible for managing, enforcing and monitoring that MPA. The nature of this monitoring varies between MPAs, depending on each MPAs purpose.

MPA name	MPA Type	Year est	Area (Km ²)	Location	Legislation	Management agency
Cape Rodney-Okakari Point Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1975	5	Auckland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Poor Knights Islands Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1981	24	Northland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Kermadecs Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1990	7,480	Kermadec Islands	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Kapiti Island Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1992	22	Wellington	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Whanganui A Hei (Cathedral Cove) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1992	9	Waikato	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Tuhua (Mayor Island) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1992	1	Bay of Plenty	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Long Island-Kokomohua Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1993	6	Nelson/Marlborough	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Te Awaatu Channel (The Gut) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1993	1	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Piopiota (Milford Sound) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1993	7	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Tonga Island Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1993	18	Nelson/Marlborough	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Westhaven (Te Tai Tapu) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1994	5	Nelson/Marlborough	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Long Bay-Okura Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1995	10	Auckland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Motu-Manawa-Pollen Island Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1995	5	Auckland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Te Angiangi Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1997	4	Hawkes Bay	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Pohatu (Flea Bay) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1999	2	Canterbury	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Te Tapuwae o Rongokako Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	1999	2	Hawkes Bay	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Auckland Islands (Motu Maha) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2003	4,980	Subantarctic, Auckland Islands	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Ulva Island - Te Wharawhara Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2004	11	Stewart Island	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Te Hapua (Sutherland Sound) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	5	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation

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Haweia (Clio Rocks) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	4	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation
Kahukura (Gold arm) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	5	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation
Kutu Parera (Gaer Arm) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	4	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation
Taipari Roa (Elizabeth Island) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	6	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation
Moana Uta (Wet Jacket Arm) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	20	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation
Taumoana (Five Finger Peninsula) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	15	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation
Te Tapuwae o Hua (Long Sound) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	37	Fiordland	Marine Reserves Act 1971 directed under the Fiordland (Te Moana o Atawhenua) Marine Management Act 2005	Department of Conservation
Te Matuku Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2005	7	Auckland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Horoirangi Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2006	9	Nelson/Marlborough	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Parininihi Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2006	18	Whanganui	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Te Paepae o Aotea (Volkner Rocks) Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2006	13	Bay of Plenty	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2006	2	Whangarei	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Tapuae Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2008	14	Whanganui	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Taputeranga Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2008	9	Wellington	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Tāwharanui Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2011	4	Auckland	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Moutere Hauriri/Bounty Islands Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	1,046	Bounty Islands	Subantarctic Islands Marine Reserves Act 2014	Department of Conservation
Moutere Ihupuku/Campbell Island Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	1,133	Subantarctic, Campbell Island	Subantarctic Islands Marine Reserves Act 2014	Department of Conservation
Moutere Mahue/Antipodes Island Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	2,173	Subantarctic, Antipodes Island	Subantarctic Islands Marine Reserves Act 2014	Department of Conservation
Akaroa Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	5	Subantarctic, Canterbury	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Hikurangi Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	104	Kaikoura	Kaikōura (Te Tai o Marokura) Marine Management Act 2014	Department of Conservation
Kahurangi Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	85	West Coast	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation

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Punakaiki Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	36	West Coast	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Waiau Glacier Coast Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	46	West Coast	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Hautai Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	8	West Coast	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Tauparikākā Marine Reserve	Type 1 MPA	2014	0.16	West Coast	Marine Reserves Act 1971	Department of Conservation
Total Type 1 MPAs	44		17,400			
Fiordland Marine Area	Type 2 MPA	2005	372	Fiordland	Fisheries (Southland and Sub Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Mimiwhangata Marine Park	Type 2 MPA	1983	19	Northland	Section 5 of the Fisheries (Auckland and Kermadec Area Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Sugar Loaf Islands Marine Park	Type 2 MPA	1991	7	Whanganui	Sugar Loaf Islands Marine Protected Area Act 1991	Department of Conservation and Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Cook Strait Submarine Cable Closure	Type 2 MPA	1992	236	Wellington	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996	Ministry of Transport
Great Barrier Island Submarine Cable Closure	Type 2 MPA	1992	24	Auckland	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996. Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Order 2009	Ministry of Transport
Hauraki Gulf Submarine Cable Closure	Type 2 MPA	1992	850	Auckland	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996. Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Order 2009	Ministry of Transport
Kawau Island Submarine Cable Closure	Type 2 MPA	1992	4	Auckland	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996. Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Order 2009	Ministry of Transport
Whangaparaoa Peninsula Submarine Cable Closure	Type 2 MPA	1992	1	Auckland	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996. Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Order 2009	Ministry of Transport
Muriwai Beach Submarine Cable Closure	Type 2 MPA	1992	314	Auckland	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996. Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Order 2009	Ministry of Transport
Pohokura Protection Area	Type 2 MPA	2006	8	Taranaki	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996. Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Order 2006 Amendment (Pohokura Gas Field Development)	Ministry of Transport
Oaonui Submarine Cable Closure	Type 2 MPA	1992	142	Taranaki	Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Act 1996. Submarine Cables and Pipelines Protection Order 2009	Ministry of Transport

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Te Whaka a Te Wera Mātaitai	Type 2 MPA	2004	77	Stewart Island	Fisheries (Kaimoana Customary Fishing) Regulations 1998. Fisheries (Declaration of Te Whaka a Te Wera Mātaitai Reserve Bylaws) Notice 2006 Fisheries (Declaration of Mātaitai Reserve and Appointment of Tāngata Tiaki/Kaitiaki) Notice 2004 (No. F310)	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Pukerua Bay Fisheries Closure	Type 2 MPA	2009?	2	Wellington	Regulation 5(D) of the Fisheries (Central Area Amateur Fishing) Regulations 1986. Fisheries (Pukerua Bay Temporary Closure) Notice 2009 (SR 2009/151)	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Paterson Inlet Fisheries Closure	Type 2 MPA	1993	11	Stewart Island	Fisheries (Southland and Sub Antarctic Areas Commercial Fishing) Regulations 1986.	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Moutere Hauriri/Bounty Islands (bottom trawling and Danish sein prohibition)	Type 2 MPA	2014	758	Subantarctic, Bounty Islands	Fisheries Act 1986	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Motu Ihupuku/Campbell Island (bottom trawling and Danish sein prohibition)	Type 2 MPA	2014	1,767	Subantarctic, Campbell Island	Fisheries Act 1986	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Punakaiki MPA (bottom trawling and Danish sein prohibition)	Type 2 MPA	2014	3	West Coast	Fisheries Act 1986	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Gorge MPA (bottom trawling and Danish sein prohibition)	Type 2 MPA	2014	9	West Coast	Fisheries Act 1986	Ministry of Primary Industries (Fisheries)
Total Type 2 MPAs	18		4,604			
Total MPAs	62		22,004			