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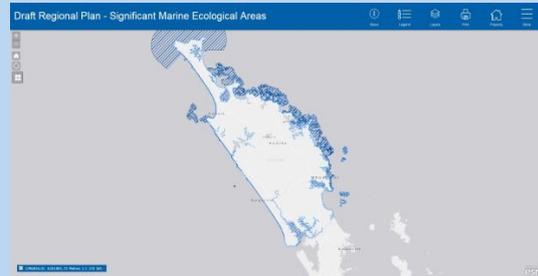
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I.3 Significant marine ecological areas map

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This map shows the following significant ecological areas in the coastal marine area:

- Significant Ecological Areas.
- Significant Bird Areas.
- Significant Marine Mammal and Seabird Areas.

The mapping is based on reports by Vince Kerr and Associates completed 2015/2016 that identify known:

- Indigenous taxa that are listed as threatened or at risk in the New Zealand Threat Classification System lists.
- Areas of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna, that are significant using the assessment criteria in Appendix 5 of the Regional Policy Statement for Northland.
- Areas set aside for full or partial protection of indigenous biodiversity under other legislation.

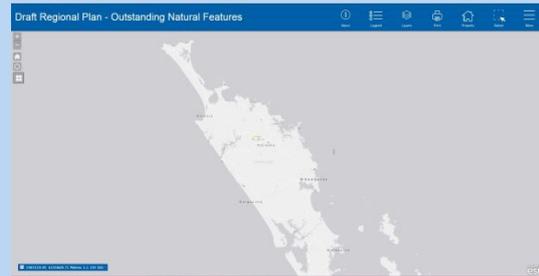
The following reports detail assessments used to map significant ecological areas in the coastal marine area:

- 1) Methodology Report – Mapping of significant ecological areas in Northland.
- 2) Identification and Mapping of Significant Ecological Marine Areas in Northland - Project Brief and Guide to Assessment.
- 3) Significant Ecological Marine Area Assessment Sheets for Significant Ecological Areas in harbours and estuaries:
 - a) Hokianga Harbour Entrance and Lower Harbour Marine Values;
 - b) Horahora Estuary Marine Values;
 - c) Houhora Harbour Marine Values;
 - d) Mangawhai Estuary Marine Values;
 - e) Matapouri Marine Values;
 - f) Ngunguru Estuary Marine Values;
 - g) North Kaipara Harbour;
 - h) Pārengarenga Harbour;
 - i) Pataua Estuary Marine Values;
 - j) Pickmere Channel shellfish Marine Values;
 - k) Rangaungu Marine Values;
 - l) Ruakaka Estuary Marine Values;

- m) Taiharuru Marine Values;
 - n) Tangatapu Bay of Islands Marine Values;
 - o) Te Haumi Estuary Marine Values;
 - p) Waipū Estuary Marine Values;
 - q) Waitangi Estuary Marine Values;
 - r) Whananaki Estuary Marine Values;
 - s) Whangārei Harbour Marine Values.
- 4) Significant Ecological Marine Area Assessment Sheets for Significant Ecological Areas in open coast areas (including toheroa beaches):
- a) Great Exhibition Bay Biogenic Habitat;
 - b) Ahipara Banks;
 - c) Berghan Point to Taupō Bay Coast;
 - d) Black Rocks, Bay of Islands;
 - e) Bland Bay Coast;
 - f) Bream Head Coast;
 - g) Cavalli Islands and coast;
 - h) Doubtless Bay;
 - i) Eastern Bay of Islands and Cape Brett Coast;
 - j) Eastern Bay of Island Biogenic Soft Sediment Complex;
 - k) Far North Special Biodiversity Area;
 - l) Hen and Chicks Islands;
 - m) Kawerua Offshore Reef;
 - n) Matapia Island Shallow Reefs;
 - o) Mimiwhangata Coast;
 - p) Poor Knights Islands;
 - q) Takou Beach to Ninepin Coast;
 - r) The Bluff, Ninety Mile Beach;
 - s) Toheroa Beaches, West Coast;
 - t) Tutukaka to Taiharuru Coast;
 - u) West Coast Shallow Reefs;
 - v) Whananaki Coast;
 - w) Whangaroa Coast.
- 5) Assessment sheets for Significant Bird Areas and Significant Marine Mammal and Seabird Areas:
- a) Significant Ecological Estuarine Area Assessment Sheet for Wading and Aquatic Birds;
 - b) SEA's coastal and island birds – Ecologically Significant Marine Area Assessment Sheet for Wading and Aquatic Birds;
 - c) Northland Coastal Management Area – General marine values for highly mobile and dispersed species (marine mammals and seabirds).

I.4 Outstanding natural features in fresh and coastal waters map

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This map shows Outstanding Natural Features in water bodies and coastal waters.

They are based on the Outstanding Natural Features as shown in the Regional Policy Statement, and updated or new areas based on the report: Hayward B, May 2016. *Outstanding Natural Features Identifying and Mapping additional sites in Northland.*

The maps only show the 'wet' parts of Outstanding Natural Features. District Plans will display the parts that are on land.

The following criteria have been used to identify Outstanding Natural Features. These are the criteria used to identify features for the NZ Geopreservation Inventory.

- 1) The extent to which the landform or geological feature contributes to the understanding of the geology or evolution of the biota in Northland, New Zealand or the earth.
- 2) The rarity or unusual nature of the feature.
- 3) The extent to which it is an outstanding representative example of the diversity of Northland's natural landforms and geological features.
- 4) The extent to which the landform or geological feature is a component of a recognisable group of geologically associated features (for example, Whangārei or Kaikohe volcanic fields).
- 5) The extent to which the landform or geological feature contributes to the aesthetic value or visual legibility of the wider natural landscape.
- 6) The community association with, or public appreciation of, the values of the feature.
- 7) The potential value of the feature for public education.
- 8) The potential value of the feature to provide additional understanding of the geological or biotic history.
- 9) The state of preservation of the feature.
- 10) The extent to which a feature is associated with a historically important natural event, geologically related industry, or individual involved in earth science research.