# Reviewing the Northland Conservation Management Strategy

He mahere rautaki hei tiaki te taiao mō ngā tupuranga whakaheke

Have your say about the places you value!

### Why the Department of Conservation needs your input

The places, plants and animals the Department of Conservation (DOC) looks after belong to all New Zealanders. DOC manages them on your behalf and conservation management strategies are plans for how this happens. The process of reviewing the Northland strategy has resumed after starting a couple of years ago. If you weren't able to be involved then, this is your best opportunity to have a say about what you want for your public conservation land. If you were involved previously, here is a chance to reflect on whether anything has changed since.

#### How to get involved

DOC and the Northland Conservation Board are working together to seek input and feedback from as many Northlanders as possible. Every household in Northland should receive a postcard with brief information about this review and how to be involved. You can talk to DOC staff or board members, take part in a workshop or hui or complete our Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) questionnaire. We'll keep you informed of progress, acknowledge the points you make and let you know how your input influences decisions about the revised CMS.

## Check out www.doc.govt.nz/northlandcms for more information.

If you took part in the earlier phase of the review process, your input is still valid and hasn't been forgotten. You should have already heard back from DOC about what happened to your input. You can still take part this time round.

A summary of the common themes emerging from our 2008 review work is also on the Department's website. These included access, water quality, pest control, kaitiakitanga, pollution, marine protection and kaimoana.

# The review process

To help get your thinking started, the map shows a possible layout of the places DOC and the Northland Conservation Board want your input on. It's up to you to say what you want. You'll see from the questionnaire on our website that we're interested in some specifics about those places.



Your input forms part of the following process:

- 1. As many people in Northland as possible are asked to provide input and feedback;
- 2. A draft conservation management strategy is prepared, using that information
- 3. Formal submissions are called for on a publically advertised draft CMS
- 4. Hearings are held for people who want to speak to their submission
- 5. Submissions are summarized and the draft CMS is revised in light of the submissions.
- 6. The Northland Conservation Board consider the draft CMS and, if satisfied, recommend its approval to the New Zealand Conservation Authority (NZCA)
- 7. The Minister of Conservation has the opportunity to make comments before final approval by the NZCA.
- 8. DOC, its partners and communities implement the strategy over the next 10 years.

#### To find out more

Visit our CMS web pages at: <a href="www.doc.govt.nz/northlandcms">www.doc.govt.nz/northlandcms</a>. Or you can contact your nearest Department of Conservation office:

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