

Foreword

Te Tai ō Marokura, the Kaikōura marine environment, is an ecological system where the whole is far more than the sum of the parts. Similarly the proposed Strategy is an integrated whole, reflecting the six years of research and discussion by Te Korowai. Each part of the Strategy is important and no part can be properly understood in isolation from the rest. We invite you to approach the Strategy in this same spirit and encourage you to engage with the full Strategy.

You can access the full Strategy or get a submission form:

- By downloading from www.teamkorowai.org.nz
- By emailing us at teamkorowai@gmail.com
- By writing to us at PO Box 121 Kaikōura 7340
- By ringing 03 319 6586 or 027 516 1715
- At the Kaikōura District Council and Public Library, Environment Canterbury offices in Kaikōura and Christchurch, Department of Conservation offices in Renwick, Picton, Nelson, and Wellington Head Office
- **Note that submissions go to tekorowaisubmissions@gmail.com or PO Box 303 Nelson 7040 for independent analysis.**

We have done our very best to work for the greater good of the people of Kaikōura, the well being of its natural environment, and to secure opportunities for future generations. We are not perfect and neither is our work. We offer this strategy humbly, but with a measure of satisfaction that we have put everything we could into it. We know that there is great wisdom in our community, and amongst people all over the world who have come to love the Kaikōura environment. Please tell us how we can make this strategy better, more effective, long lasting, and capable of your support.

Every submission made to us will be analysed, compared with the ideas of others, and taken into account to help finalise the Strategy. We will report to you with an analysis of submissions, a clear record of the decisions we make on the submissions, and how we have dealt with conflicting views. The final Strategy will be much briefer, without the background material included in this current proposal. It will focus on the actions that need to be taken.

Special legislation may be required to give effect to this Strategy. This was the case with the Fiordland Guardians. The same need for various legal requirements to come into place at the same time is also true in Kaikōura. Any such Bill will be subject to Select Committee hearings and everyone will then get another say.

We thank you for your patience, encourage your submissions, and look forward to the dialogue and discussion over the next three months.

John Nicholls
Chair
Te Korowai ō Te Tai o Marokura

Summary

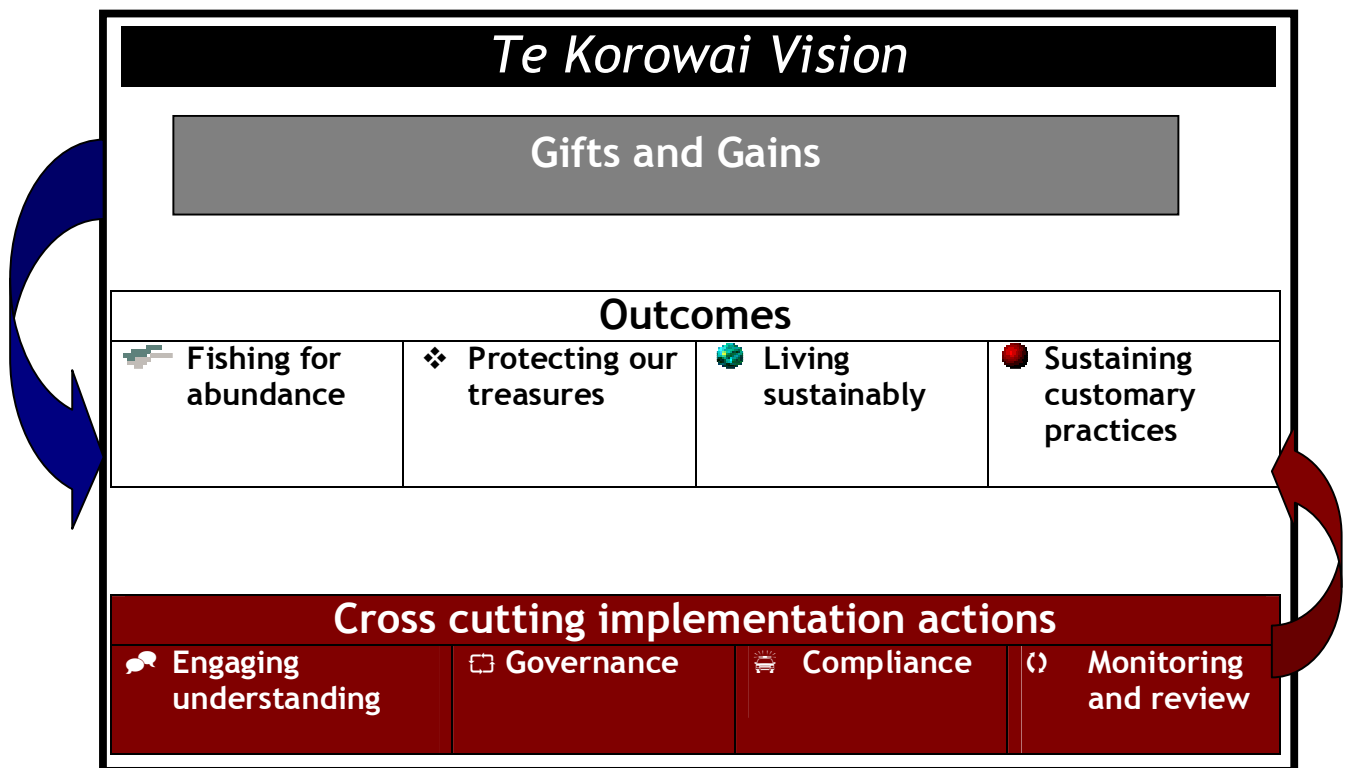
This summary gives an overview of the proposed Te Korowai Strategy. Each proposed action is described in detail in the full Strategy.

The container for this Strategy is the Te Korowai vision that:

- 👁️ By perpetuating the mauri and wairua of Te Tai o Marokura
- 👁️ We as kaitiaki of Tangaroa's tāonga
- 👁️ Are leading the community
- 👁️ To achieve a flourishing, rich and healthy environment
- 👁️ Where opportunities abound
- 👁️ To sustain the needs of present and future generations

Te Korowai has worked with local knowledge and the best science available to define how to achieve this vision. We have applied a philosophy of **gifts and gains** where each group has gifted concessions to sustain the integrity of the whole resource for the future. We have defined specific steps required to achieve each of the four key outcomes. We have described four further supporting cross cutting strands of action of implementation that support all the outcomes as shown in Figure 1 below.








Figure 1 Structure of the Strategy








Fishing for abundance

Objective: **Abundant fish for present and future generations.**







Fishing for abundance will be achieved by:

-  Fish theft minimised through better enforcement and education of fishers.
-  Localised fisheries managed under local recreational fishing rules (a list of changes proposed to the recreational fishing rules for Kaikōura is provided in section 3.4.2 of the full Strategy).
-  Charter fishers code of practice.
-  Voluntary agreements with commercial fishers brought into a comprehensive *Kaikōura Fishing Accord*.
-  Improved awareness and behaviour by fishers through education and awareness-raising.
-  More research and monitoring relevant to Kaikōura fisheries.
-  Increased reseedling of local stocks.

Gifts of fishing for abundance:

-  Recreational fishers gift reduced bag limits.
-  Commercial fishers gift fishing below maximum sustainable yield and within local codes.
-  Customary fishers gift open access to most areas.
-  Environmental interests concede to ongoing fishing in areas of high biodiversity.
-  Ministry of Fisheries gifts localised controls.

Gains of fishing for abundance:

-  More fish for all.
-  Traditional fisheries sustained.
-  More big fish accessible for recreational fishers.
-  Sustainable commercial fishing.
-  Increased opportunities for high-end charter fishing
-  Local control.

Protecting our treasures

Objective: That future generations can continue to experience the wonders that we have today.

Protecting our treasures will be achieved by:

- ❖ World Heritage status for Kaikōura from mountain tops to canyon floor (a map of the proposed area and description of effects is provided in the full Strategy in section 4.4.1).
- ❖ A marine mammal sanctuary for the whole Kaikōura coast (see Figure 2 and also section 4.4.2 of the full Strategy).
- ❖ A local code of practice for avoiding Hector's Dolphin entanglement in set net operations outside the closed area.
- ❖ Marine reserve status over the Kaikōura canyon with a connection to the coast South of Barney's Rock (see Figure 2 and also section 4.4.3 in the full Strategy for maps).
- ❖ A rāhui within the taiāpure around the Kaikōura Peninsula (see full Strategy in sections 4.4.3 and 6.4.2).

Gifts of protecting our treasures:

- ❖ Fishers gift fishing opportunities near Barney's rock.
- ❖ Fishers and mineral interests gift future exploitation of the canyon.
- ❖ Environmental interests gift by minimising reserve size on the coast and by accepting loss of marine reserve opportunities on the Peninsula.
- ❖ Ngātī Kurī gift long term loss of fishing near Barney's Rock.

Gains of protecting our treasures:

- ❖ Long term protection for biodiversity in the canyon.
- ❖ Assured protection for whales and dolphins from mineral exploitation.
- ❖ International recognition of Kaikōura.
- ❖ Protection of biodiversity on the Kaikōura Peninsula while recognising the mana of Ngātī Kurī.

Living sustainably

Objective: Integrated land and water planning and with resource management processes under local control.

Living sustainably is achieved by:

- An integrated land and water plan for the Kaikōura coast (scope and boundaries for the integrated plan are provided in sections 5.2 and 5.4 of the full Strategy).
- A public access and highway management plan for the Kaikōura coast.
- Effective marine biosecurity protection for Kaikōura.

Gifts of living sustainably:

- Environment Canterbury and Kaikōura District Council gift autonomy to local leadership in Resource Management Act planning.
- Environment Canterbury, the New Zealand Transport Agency, Department of Conservation and Kaikōura District Council gift autonomy to local leadership in highway and amenity planning.
- MAF Biosecurity and Environment Canterbury gift support to the development of local marine biosecurity capability.
- Te Korowai gifts time and effort to pick up leadership roles.

Gains of living sustainably:

- Integrated planning for management of land and sea.
- Increased confidence in environmental sustainability and landscape integrity.
- Better biosecurity.
- Local control.

Sustaining customary practices

Objective: Ngāti Kurī is recognised as tāngata whenua, and management provides for the traditional management practices and uses of the coast that sustain them as a people.

Sustaining customary practices will be achieved by:

- Mātaitai managed by tāngata whenua at Mangamaunu, Mussel Rock, and Oaro (see Figure 2) as the traditional food gathering places of tāngata whenua with mātaitai also proposed on the lower reaches of the Oaro, Kahutara and Conway Rivers (mātaitai are closed to commercial fishing but open to recreational fishing under mātaitai rules; for a description see section 6.4.1 of the full Strategy).
- Taiāpure around the Kaikōura Peninsula and Oaro Blocks to the Conway River (see Figure 2) are managed by locals with equal representation of tāngata whenua and other local interests (open to all under taiāpure rules; for a description see section 6.4.2 of the full Strategy).
- An education programme for the general public on customary rights and area management tools such as mātaitai and taiāpure.
- Scientific baseline surveys and ongoing monitoring of newly established mātaitai or taiāpure to assist reserve managers with restoring these fisheries.

Gifts of sustaining customary practices:

- Tāngata whenua seek control only over the most important areas even though their use of the whole coast is well documented.
- Commercial fishers forgo taking from the mātaitai areas.
- All fishers accept tāngata whenua leadership in taiāpure areas.
- Tāngata whenua offer shared management of taiāpure.

Gains of sustaining customary practices:

- Recognition of mana moana by tāngata whenua.
- Key food baskets protected for the future.
- Customary management practices sustained and made available for others.

Engaging understanding

Objective: The whole community consciously cares for Te Tai ō Marokura.

Achieved by:

- 🗨️ Sustaining and disseminating traditional and local knowledge.
- 🗨️ Growing new knowledge on Te Tai ō Marokura through research and monitoring.
- 🗨️ Informing people with a package of information utilising the latest technology available.
- 🗨️ Acting as focal point for marine education.
- 🗨️ Directly engaging with key groups to grow a sense of ownership and kaitiakitanga.



Kahutara River Mouth - Gina Solomon

Governance

Objective: Effective oversight of implementation.

Achieved by:

- 📄 Special legislation to embed the role of Te Korowai and introduce the suite of legal instruments identified in the Strategy.
- 📄 Secure ongoing funding for the work of Te Korowai in implementing the Strategy.
- 📄 Ongoing leadership by Te Korowai as kaitiaki of Te Tai ō Marokura.

Compliance

Objective: Legal rights and obligations and local customs and codes of practice are respected and complied with.

Achieved by:



Guardian endorsed branding of code compliant companies.



Ongoing enforcement presence by Ministry of Fisheries, Department of Conservation, Kaikōura District Council and Environment Canterbury.



Old Wharf - Richard Craig

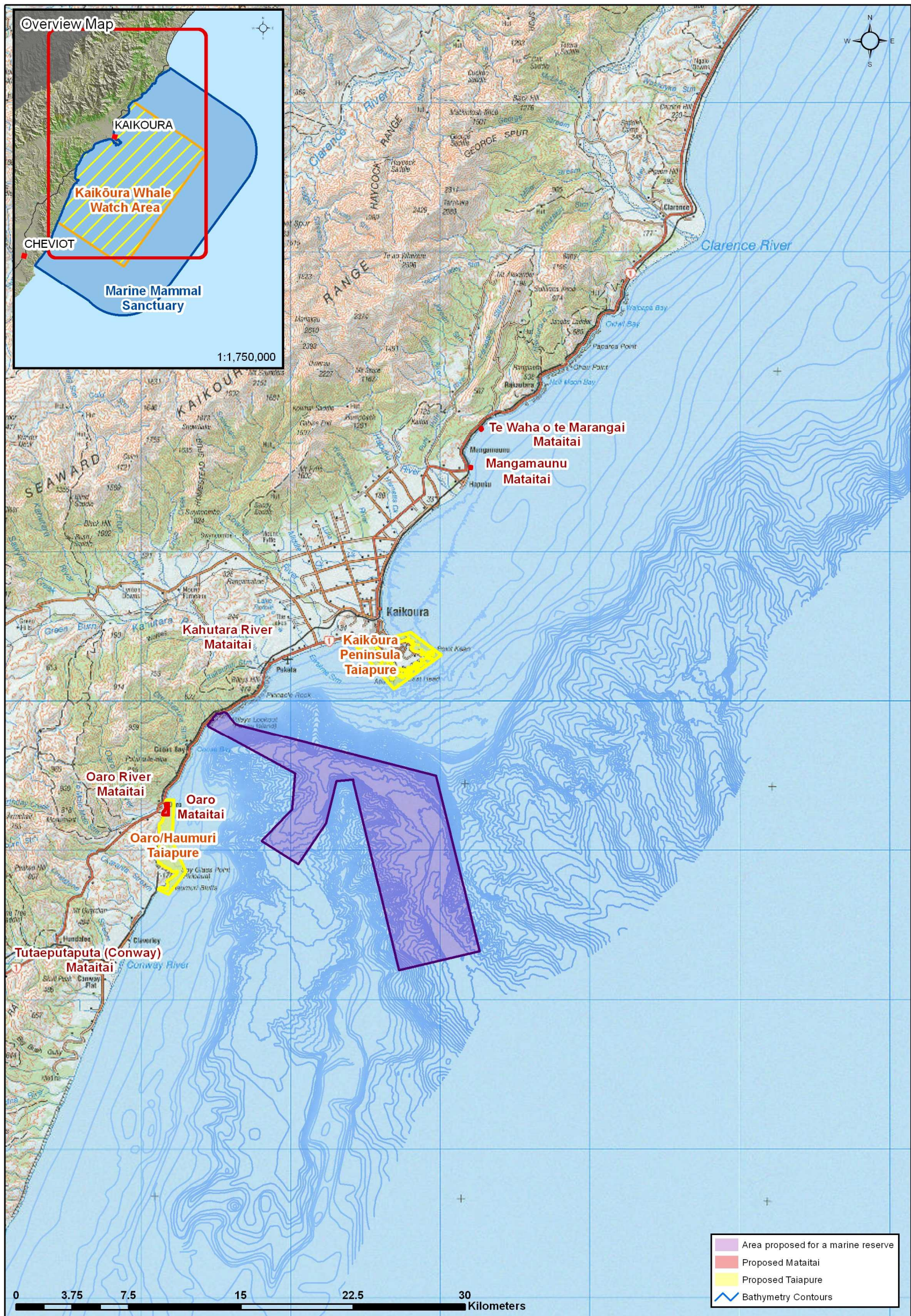
Monitoring and review

Objective: The Strategy remains up-to-date and implementation is adapted over time.

The Strategy will be reviewed every 10 years in an open process that involves opportunities for whole community to influence future directions. All protection mechanisms will be reviewed for effectiveness at least every 25 years.

The key indicators for this strategy will be based on assessing:

- ② Progress with implementing each of the actions above.
- ② Changes in numbers of key indicator species inside and outside marine reserves, marine mammal sanctuaries, taiāpure, mātaimai, and rāhui.



**Figure 2 - Overview map of key proposals
(for details and other proposals see full Strategy)**