

## Some marine mammals of the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana



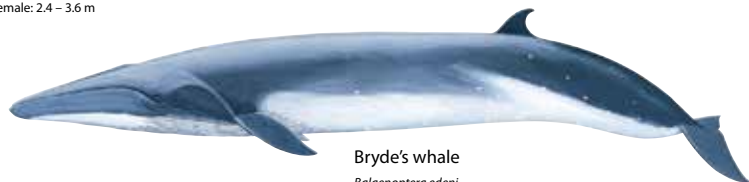
**Bottlenose dolphin**

*Tursiops truncatus*  
male: 2.5 – 3.8 m  
female: 2.4 – 3.6 m



**Common dolphin**

*Delphinus delphis*  
male: 1.7 – 2.0 m  
female: 1.6 – 1.9 m



**Bryde's whale**

*Balaenoptera edeni*  
male: 11.9 – 12.0 m  
female: 12.0 – 13.0 m



**Sei whale**

*Balaenoptera borealis*  
male: 12.8 – 17.7 m  
female: 13.3 – 18.6 m



**Long-finned pilot whale**

*Globicephala melas*  
male: 4.1 – 6.3 m  
female: 3.1 – 4.3 m



**Dwarf minke whale**

*Balaenoptera acutorostrata* subsp.  
male: 6.7 – 7.0 m  
female: 7.0 – 7.8 m



**Orca**

*Orcinus orca*  
male: 5 – 8.2 m  
female: 4.6 – 7 m

### Help look after the Gulf's marine life. If you are near marine mammals in your boat:

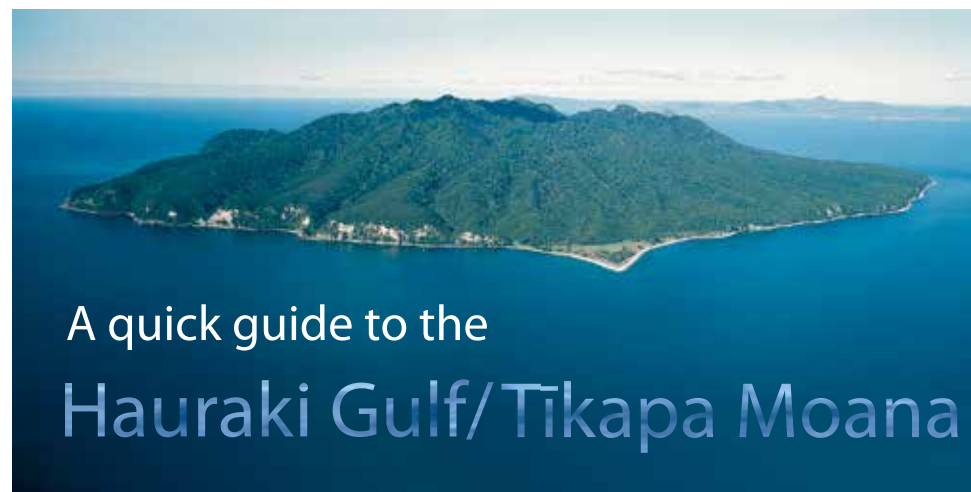
- ✓ Allow plenty of space and stay behind or beside marine mammals, not in front.
- ✓ Travel no faster than idle or 'no wake' speed when you are within 300 m of marine mammals.
- ✓ Don't make sudden or repeated changes in speed or direction.
- ✓ Reduce speed near 'work-ups' as dolphins may be feeding on fish just below the surface, out of sight.
- ✓ Respect their environment – dispose of your rubbish when you return home.

**DOC HOTline**  
**0800 362 468**  
Report any safety hazards  
or conservation emergencies  
For Fire and Search and Rescue Call 111

Published by: Department of Conservation, Auckland Office,  
Private Bag, 68908 Newton, Auckland 1145, New Zealand. March 2016.

Whale illustrations: Pieter Folkens.  
Front cover photographs: Hauturu/Little Barrier Island – DOC; New Zealand  
storm petrel (recently rediscovered in the Gulf), common dolphins – Steve Wood.

This publication is produced using  
paper sourced from well-managed,  
renewable and legally logged forests.



## A quick guide to the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana



Pest-free islands  
Native birds  
Marine mammals



 **Department of  
Conservation**  
*Te Papa Atawhai*



Hauraki Gulf  
Marine Park  
Ko te Pataka kai  
o Tikapa Moana  
Te Moananui a Toi

**Auckland  
Council**  
*By Kāwhiri e Tāwhiri Māhuru*

# Help keep our Hauraki Gulf islands pest-free



Rats and mice



Argentine ants



Rainbow/plague skinks



Soil and seeds

**These pests threaten the native wildlife thriving in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana. They can accidentally arrive with you – in or on your footwear and gear.**

- **Rats, mice, Argentine ants, rainbow/plague skinks injure and kill our native wildlife and compete for their food.**
- **Weeds such as moth plant and rhamnus can alter the habitat that our wildlife need to survive.**
- **Soil can carry disease such as kauri dieback which is killing our native kauri trees.**

## What can you do?

### *Before you leave, and between islands:*

- ✓ Check your gear for rats, mice, ants, and skinks.
- ✓ Clean any dirty gear and footwear – remove all soil and seeds.
- ✓ Pack all food into sealed hard plastic containers.
- ✓ Make sure your bag/pack has no holes and a zip that works.
- ✓ Never leave bags open and unattended when you pack.
- ✓ Take a spare plastic bag for your rubbish – there are no rubbish bins on many islands.

### *Boat or kayak:*

- ✓ Check your boat/kayak for rats, mice, ants, and skinks.
- ✓ Look for signs of pests on your boat/kayak e.g. droppings, gnawed wiring, skink eggs.
- ✓ Keep fresh rodent bait and or set traps on your boat or kayak and where it's stored.

## No dogs allowed

Your pets can harm wildlife. Leave them at home, or on your boat.

Dogs, cats and other pets are banned from all pest-free islands and many reserves on other islands in the Gulf, including beaches.



[treasureislands.co.nz](http://treasureislands.co.nz)

## Visiting overnight?

*Camping and overnight gear are ideal homes for pests as they are often stored for long periods between use.*

- ✓ Before you leave – thoroughly check tents, ground sheets and sleeping bags for animal pests, soil and seeds.
- ✓ No loose items – pack your sleeping bag into your pack.
- ✓ Seal any holes with tape e.g. tape up drawstring closures.

## What should you do if you find a stowaway pest?

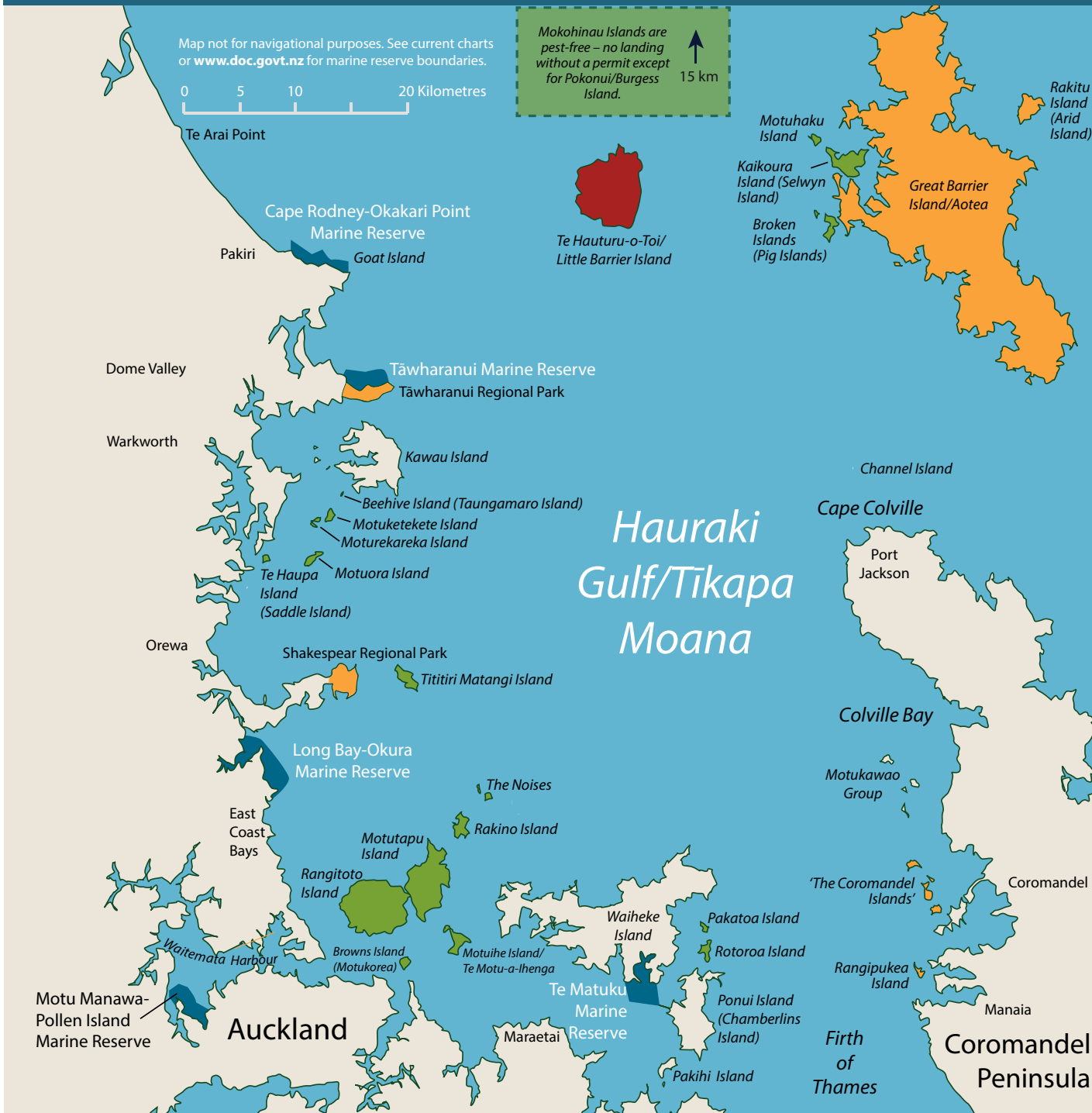
- ✓ Destroy rats, mice, ants or skinks found in your gear or on your boat/kayak.
- ✓ Don't throw rats or mice overboard alive – they can swim up to 1 kilometre.
- ✓ Call **0800 DOC HOT** (0800 362 468) to:
  - find out how to correctly identify and report your pest.
  - report sightings of pests on pest-free islands.

Find out more – [www.treasureislands.co.nz](http://www.treasureislands.co.nz)

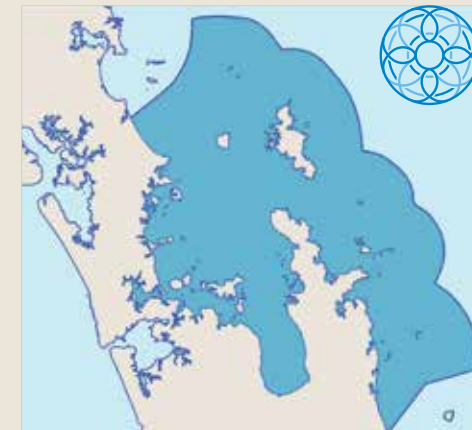


Photo: Arno Gastfinger

## Pest-free Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana



## Hauraki Gulf Marine Park



Hauraki Gulf Marine Park  
Ko te Pataka kai o Tikapa Moana  
Te Moananui a Toi

The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park was created in the year 2000 to recognise and protect 1.2 million hectares of ocean and more than 30 major island groups. It is New Zealand's first national park of the sea.

### Key

- Hauraki Gulf Marine Park
- Marine reserve/marine park — No fishing
- Nature reserve — No landing without a permit
- Partly pest-free
- Pest-free

Goat Island is also known as Motu Hawere, and Mokohinau Islands are also known as Pokohinau Islands.

### Which islands are pest-free?

- ✓ Beehive Island/Taungamaro
- ✓ Browns Island (Motukorea)
- ✓ Broken Islands (Pig Islands)
- ✓ Te Hauturu-o-Toi/Little Barrier Island
- ✓ Kaikoura Island (Selwyn Island)
- ✓ Mokohinau Islands
- ✓ Motuhaku Island
- ✓ Motuihe Island/Te Motu-a-Ihenga
- ✓ Motuketekete Island
- ✓ Motuora Island
- ✓ Moturekareka Island
- ✓ Pakatoa
- ✓ Rakino Island
- ✓ Rangitoto Island and Motutapu Island
- ✓ Rotoroa
- ✓ Tarakihi (east of Waiheke)
- ✓ Te Haupa Island (Saddle Island)
- ✓ The Noises
- ✓ Tiritiri Matangi Island

## Common shorebirds



Black-backed gull/karoro

© SIMON FORDHAM/NATUREPIX



Black-backed gull juvenile

F. C. KINSKY



Variable oystercatcher/  
tōrea

© SIMON FORDHAM/NATUREPIX



Variable oystercatcher with chick

D. STENT



Red-billed gull/tarāpunga

© David Cook Wildlife Photography



White faced heron/  
matuku-moana

ART POLKANOV



Reef heron/matuku-moana

© SIMON FORDHAM/NATUREPIX



Pied stilt/poaka

BARRY J. HARCOURT



New Zealand dotterel/  
tūturiwhatu

© SIMON FORDHAM / NATUREPIX



Pied shag/kāruhiruhi

© SIMON FORDHAM / NATUREPIX



Blue penguin/kororā

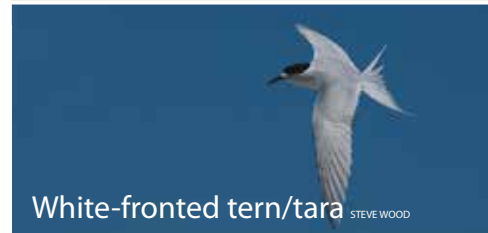
© SIMON FORDHAM / NATUREPIX



Kingfisher/kotāre

© SIMON FORDHAM / NATUREPIX

## Common seabirds



White-fronted tern/tara

STEVE WOOD



Caspian tern/taranui

BRENT STEPHENSON



Black petrel/tāiko

ROGER McNEILL



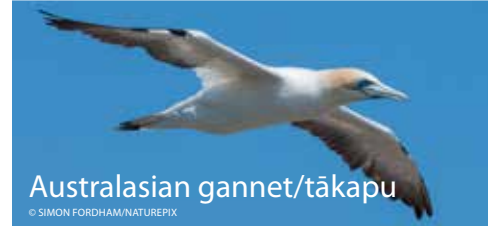
Cook's petrel/titi

ROGER McNEILL



Fluttering shearwater/  
pakahā

BRENT STEPHENSON



Australasian gannet/tākapu

© SIMON FORDHAM/NATUREPIX

## Native birds



Kākāriki

© DOC/Dave Crouchley



Bellbird/korimako

© SIMON FORDHAM / NATUREPIX



Brown teal/pāteke

© SIMON FORDHAM / NATUREPIX



Saddleback/tieke

© SIMON FORDHAM / NATUREPIX



Kākā

DICK VEITCH



North Island robin/toutouwai

© Janice McKenna