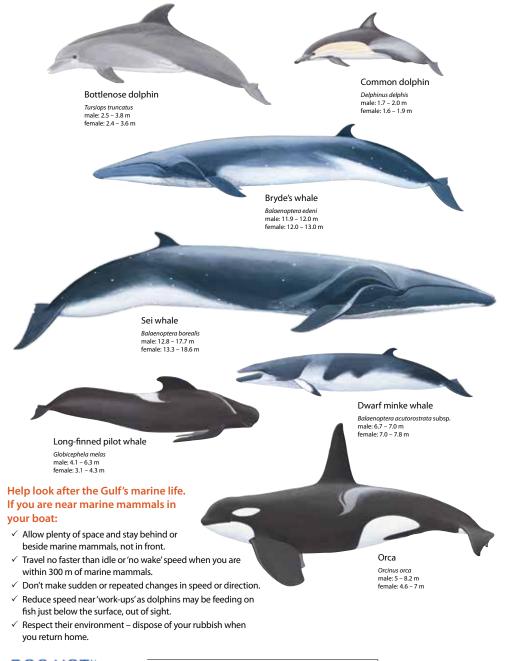
Some marine mammals of the Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana





A quick guide to the Hauraki Gulf/Tīkapa Moana

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Help keep our Hauraki Gulf islands pest-free





Rainbow/plague skinks Soil and see

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.



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.

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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.

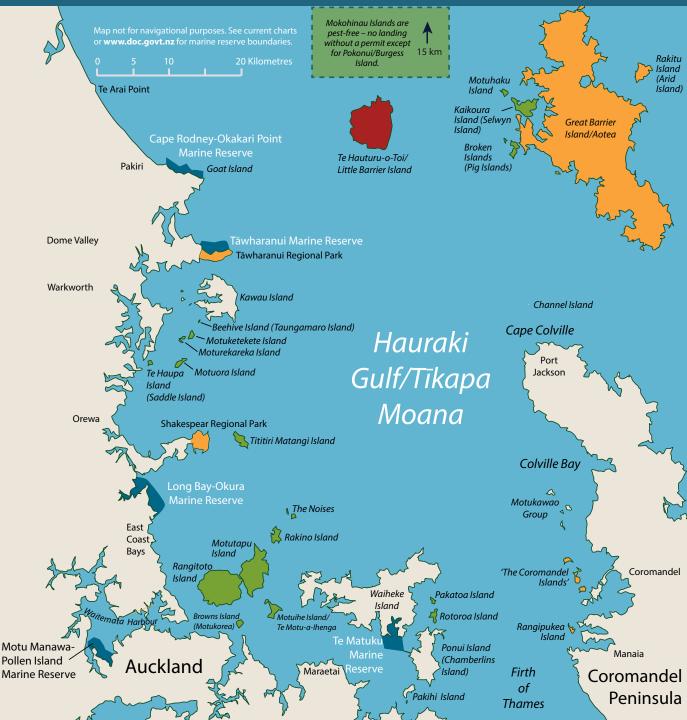
What should you do if you find a stowaway pest?

- ✓ Destroy rats, mice, ants or skinks found in your gear or on your boat/kayak.
- \checkmark 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.

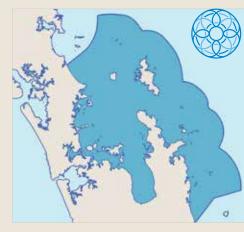
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Pest f ree The Hauraki Gulf – Tīkapa Moana



Hauraki Gulf Marine Park



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.



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

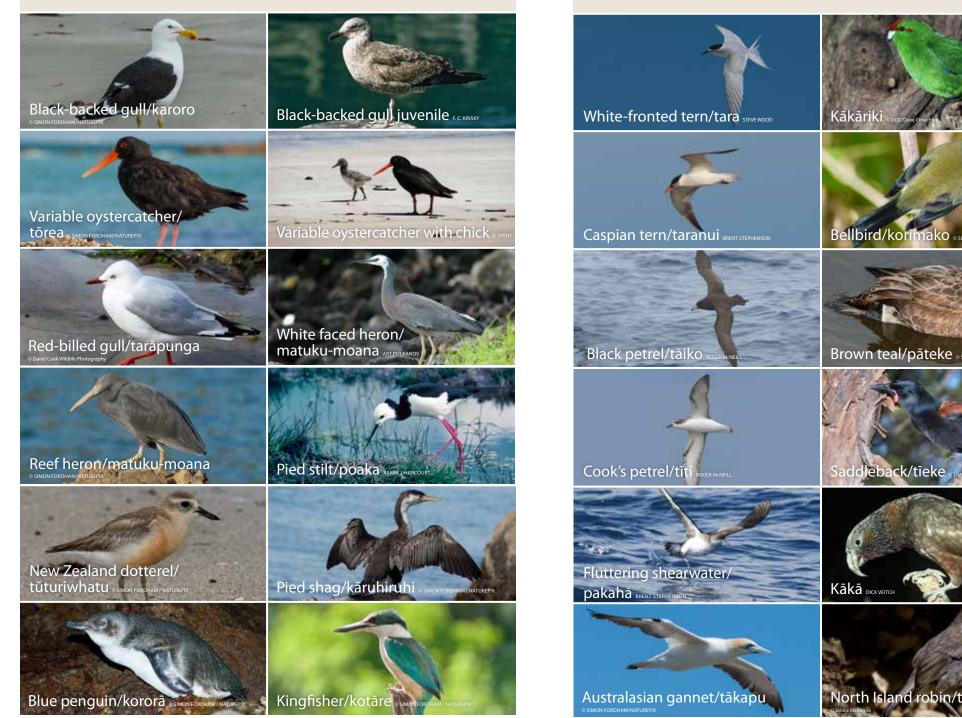
Hauraki Gulf

Marine Park

Te Moananui a Toi

- ✓ 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





Native birds

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Common seabirds





