

Māori Land Update – Ngā Āhuatanga o te whenua

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Māori Customary Land Titles:

| Rohe | # | Area (ha) |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Taitokerau | 5 | 38.5573 |
| Waikato-Maniapoto | 14 | 48.2919 |
| Waiariki | 2 | 453.2479 |
| Tairāwhiti | 2 | 4.8688 |
| Tākitimu | 1 | 0.2124 |
| Aotea | 15 | 659.1240 |
| Te Waipounamu | 0 | 0.0000 |
| Total | 39 | 1,204.3023 |

Māori Freehold Land Titles:

| Rohe | # | Area (ha) |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Taitokerau | 5,473 | 138,863.8874 |
| Waikato-Maniapoto | 3,780 | 124,182.7919 |
| Waiariki | 5,188 | 304,660.9620 |
| Tairāwhiti | 5,358 | 269,069.6041 |
| Tākitimu | 1,412 | 88,037.6733 |
| Aotea | 4,040 | 412,558.5483 |
| Te Waipounamu | 2,328 | 66,129.4530 |
| Total | 27,579 | 1,403,502.9200 |

Management Structures

(Note: This includes management structure types of Ahu Whenua Trusts, Whenua Tōpū Trusts, Pūtea Trusts, Māori Incorporations, Maori Reservations and Other trusts)

| Rohe | # Structures | # Blks with Structures | # Blks without Structures | Area vested (ha) | Area not vested (ha) |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Taitokerau | 1,116 | 1,475 | 4,171 | 81,599.2041 (57%) | 61,305.4726 (43%) |
| Waikato-Maniapoto | 1,309 | 1,736 | 2,248 | 97,535.0542 (76%) | 30,266.9625 (24%) |
| Waiariki | 2,202 | 2,491 | 2,889 | 287,209.5956 (89%) | 35,455.0370 (11%) |
| Tairāwhiti | 1,404 | 1,864 | 3,682 | 230,874.0606 (81%) | 54,631.0178 (19%) |
| Tākitimu | 535 | 648 | 835 | 73,084.5689 (80%) | 18,352.2373 (20%) |
| Aotea | 1,271 | 2,262 | 2,063 | 439,487.9514 (92%) | 40,679.4180 (8%) |
| Te Waipounamu | 599 | 1,421 | 1,002 | 54,205.8087 (68%) | 25,100.0690 (32%) |
| Total | 8,436 | 11,897 | 16,890 | 1,263,996.2435 (83%) | 265,790.2142 (17%) |

Other Statistics

Blocks with a management structure have an average size of 107.53ha and average 204 beneficial owners;

Blocks without a management structure have an average size of 14.83ha and average 45 owners;

Overall an average Māori land block has a size of 43.14ha and 111 owners; and

The total number of ownership records recorded in all blocks is 3,866,332

Management Structure Details

| Rohe | Total | Māori Incorporations | Ahu Whenua Trusts | Māori Reservations | Whenua Tōpū Trusts | Pūtea Trusts | Other Trusts |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Taitokerau | 1,116 | 15 | 500 | 592 | 1 | | 8 |
| Waikato-Maniapoto | 1,309 | 16 | 953 | 303 | 6 | 1 | 30 |
| Waiariki | 2,202 | 28 | 1,571 | 549 | 7 | 1 | 46 |
| Tairāwhiti | 1,404 | 63 | 1,035 | 275 | 5 | | 26 |
| Tākitimu | 535 | 5 | 400 | 114 | 4 | | 12 |
| Aotea | 1,271 | 23 | 840 | 375 | 11 | | 22 |
| Te Waipounamu | 599 | 10 | 433 | 143 | 2 | | 11 |
| Total | 8,436 | 160 | 5,732 | 2,351 | 36 | 2 | 155 |

The total number of Whānau Trusts nationally is 11,127

The total number of Kaitiaki Trusts nationally is 1,757

Exclusion List

The following land types have been excluded from this update:

- Crown Land, Crown Land Reserved for Māori, Other, General Land owned by Māori (a total of 446 blocks covering an area of 23,442.0371ha); and
- Blocks pending internal review and investigation (a total of 216 blocks covering an area of 2,205.5264ha)

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