



Māori Land Update – Ngā Āhuatanga o te whenua

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Māori Customary Land Titles:			Māori Freehold Land Titles:			
Rohe	#	Area (ha)	Rohe	#	Area (ha)	
Taitokerau	5	38.5573	Taitokerau	5,492	138,991.2467	
Waikato-Maniapoto	14	48.2919	Waikato-Maniapoto	3,786	123,900.0378	
Waiariki	2	453.2479	Waiariki	5,208	305,667.7757	
Tairāwhiti	2	4.8688	Tairāwhiti	5,383	269,112.0017	
Tākitimu	1	0.2124	Tākitimu	1,434	88,093.2990	
Aotea	15	659.1240	Aotea	4,051	412,189.5239	
Te Waipounamu	0	0.0000	Te Waipounamu	2,325	66,129.6711	
Total	39	1,204.3023	Total	27,679	1,404,083.5559	

Management Structures

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

Rohe	# Structures	# Blks with Structures	# Blks without Structures	Area vested (ha)	Area not vested (ha)
Taitokerau	1,349	1,537	4,135	82,938.3557 (58%)	60,109.3005 (42%)
Waikato-Maniapoto	1,458	1,751	2,246	98,480.5154 (77%)	29,363.0164 (23%)
Waiariki	2,437	2,588	2,815	289,087.9912 (89%)	34,585.2575 (11%)
Tairāwhiti	1,504	1,916	3,653	234,282.9522 (82%)	51,262.8941 (18%)
Tākitimu	630	766	741	76,332.6160 (83%)	15,170.9588 (17%)
Aotea	1,319	2,283	2,055	441,396.2020 (92%)	38,810.6386 (8%)
Te Waipounamu	627	1,453	973	55,805.2758 (68%)	26,495.8837 (32%)
Total	9,324	12,294	16,618	1,278,323.9083 (83%)	255,797.9496 (17%)

Other Statistics

- Blocks with a management structure have an average size of 112.84ha and average 207 beneficial owners;
- Blocks without a management structure have an average size of 15.39ha and average 45 owners;
- Overall an average Māori land block has a size of 53.06ha and 114 owners; and
- The total number of allocated ownership records recorded in all blocks is 3,287,810

Rohe	Total	Māori Incorporations	Ahu Whenua Trusts	Māori Reservations	Whenua Tōpū Trusts	Pūtea Trusts	Other Trusts
Taitokerau	1,139	14	506	616	1		2
Waikato-Maniapoto	1,272	13	955	291	6		7
Waiariki	2,155	27	1,576	538	7		7
Tairāwhiti	1,402	59	1,049	271	4		19
Tākitimu	534	6	412	110	4		2
Aotea	1,220	21	837	350	11		1
Te Waipounamu	563	6	426	124	2		5
Total	8,285	146	5,761	2,300	35	0	43

Management Structure Details

The total number of Whānau Trusts nationally is 12,171 The total number of Kaitiaki Trusts nationally is 2,453

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 448 blocks covering an area of 23,448.6384 ha); and
- Blocks pending internal review and investigation (a total of 220 blocks covering an area of 5,202.3754 ha)

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