

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	5,478	138,936.5503
Waikato-Maniapoto	3,787	124,197.9723
Waiariki	5,191	304,667.1472
Tairāwhiti	5,365	269,160.5472
Tākitimu	1,417	88,042.9941
Aotea	4,045	412,558.9265
Te Waipounamu	2,325	66,129.2749
Total	27,608	1,403,693.4125

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	1,123	1,479	4,178	81,661.3200 (57%)	61,327.6433 (43%)
Waikato-Maniapoto	1,313	1,740	2,254	97,553.7494 (76%)	30,265.1933 (24%)
Waiariki	2,205	2,497	2,887	287,231.8928 (89%)	35,439.7050 (11%)
Tairāwhiti	1,417	1,887	3,662	231,282.4597 (81%)	54,307.8426 (19%)
Tākitimu	542	653	835	73,109.4036 (80%)	18,332.7234 (20%)
Aotea	1,274	2,265	2,064	439,525.5045 (92%)	40,645.0823 (8%)
Te Waipounamu	599	1,421	996	54,205.8087 (69%)	24,416.9865 (31%)
Total	8,473	11,942	16,876	1,264,570.1387 (83%)	264,735.1764 (17%)

Other Statistics

Blocks with a management structure have an average size of 107.17ha and average 203 beneficial owners;

Blocks without a management structure have an average size of 14.78ha and average 45 owners;

Overall an average Māori land block has a size of 53.07ha and 111 owners; and

The total number of ownership records recorded in all blocks is 3,919,068

Management Structure Details

Rohe	Total	Māori Incorporations	Ahu Whenua Trusts	Māori Reservations	Whenua Tōpū Trusts	Pūtea Trusts	Other Trusts
Taitokerau	1,123	15	501	596	1		10
Waikato-Maniapoto	1,313	16	956	304	6	1	30
Waiariki	2,205	28	1,572	552	7	1	45
Tairāwhiti	1,417	63	1,047	275	5		27
Tākitimu	542	6	404	115	4		13
Aotea	1,274	22	842	377	11		22
Te Waipounamu	599	10	433	143	2		11
Total	8,473	160	5,755	2,362	36	2	158

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 449 blocks covering an area of 23,443.9675ha); and
- Blocks pending internal review and investigation (a total of 216 blocks covering an area of 5,200.0184ha)

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