

Customary Coastal Management and the RMA

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- Coastal management under the RMA
- Overlaps between fisheries management and resource management
- RMA requirements relating to Maori
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Coastal Management under RMA

- Covers management of the effects of structures, dredging, reclamation, discharges, subdivision and landuse,
- Virtually all coastal resource management issues except fisheries, navigation and safety, and allocation of mineral resources.

Coastal Management Planning under RMA

- Minister of Conservation
 - NZCPS (coastal environment)
- Regional Councils
 - Regional Policy Statement (coastal environment)
 - Regional Coastal Plan (coastal marine area)
- District Councils
 - District Plan (coastal land)

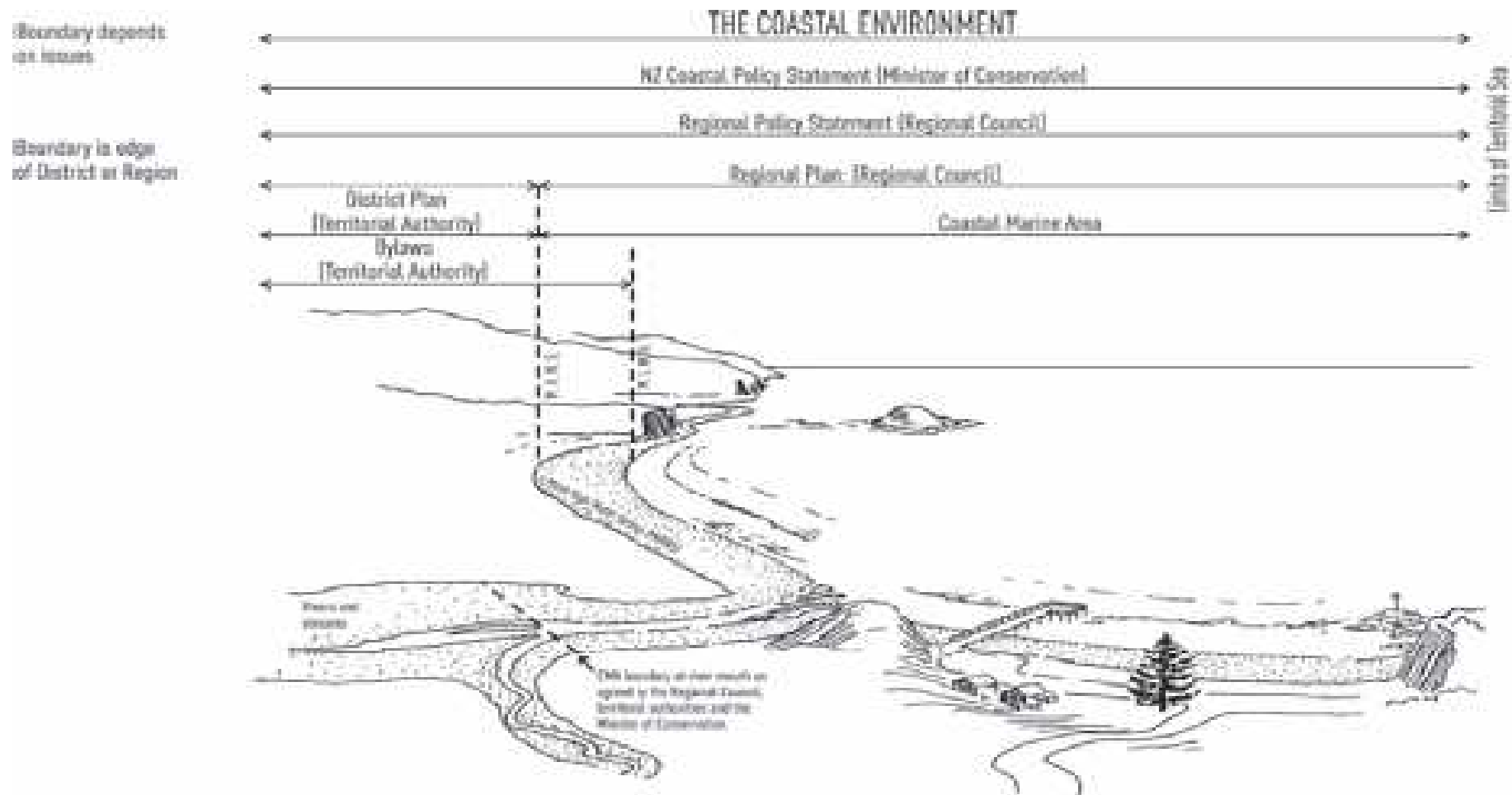


Figure 1.4: Administrative jurisdictions



Overlaps with Fisheries Management

- Fisheries habitat protection
- Water quality management
- Access to the coast

RMA Requirements

- To recognise and provide for the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga (Section 6(e))
- To have particular regard to kaitiakitanga (section 7(a))
- To take into account any relevant planning document recognised by an iwi authority...to the extent its content has a bearing on resource management issues of the region (section 61(2A)(a))
- To state resource management issues of significance to Iwi authorities (section 62(1)(b))

- The challenge for regional councils is to establish practical and meaningful ways and means of recognising and providing for the customary relationships of tangata whenua with coastal resources.

Regional Plan Provisions

- Recognition of the role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki
- Commitment to relationship building and information sharing
- Involvement in plan and consent processes
- Identification and protection of sites of significance to Maori
- Direct involvement in the management of resources within formally identified areas (incl. taiapure, maataitai reserves)
- Assistance in developing iwi/hapu management plans
- Involvement in monitoring programmes

Opportunities for customary management – Northland

- Coastal care
 - Omapere flax weavers/pingao planting
- Taiapure/Maataitai Reserves
 - Waikare Inlet
- Resource consents
 - Whangarei Harbour Kaitiaki Group
- Iwi/hapu management plan implementation
 - Ngati Kuta and Ngati Rehia
- Treaty Settlement
 - Te Uri O Hau (Kaipara Harbour)

Any questions?

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