

A Case Study of the Functional Role on Conservation Management.

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Board

Establishment of Conservation Boards

- Public process
- Approved by Minister for Conservation
- Normally three year term
- Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) central to function
- Up to 12 members – two appointed by Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu

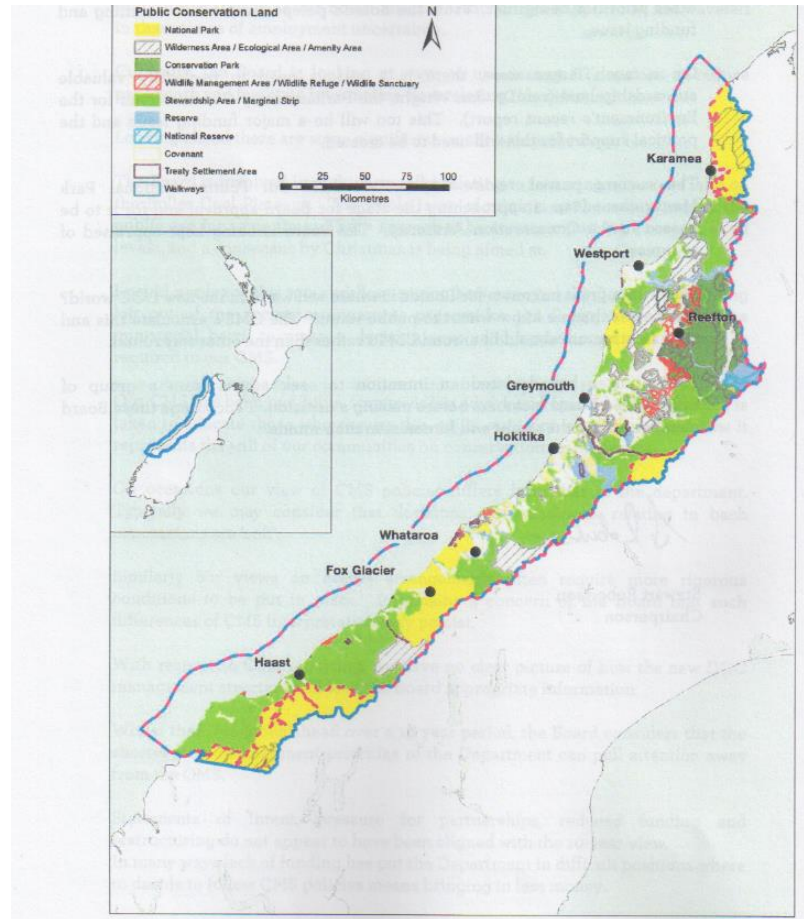
Functions

- Recommend approval of CMS by NZCA
- Approve conservation management plans
- Advise NZCA and Director General on CMS implementation
- Advise NZCA on land changes/classification
- Advise NZCA on new walkways
- Liaise with Fish and Game, Federated Farmers, Historic Places Trust, other Boards
- Exercise powers delegated by the Minister

Powers

- Implement CMS –integrated conservation management
- Powers necessary to expedite functions
- Advocate interests at public forums and statutory planning processes
- Right to appear before courts and tribunals relating to Boards functions

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Scope of Responsibilities

- Biodiversity
- Natural heritage
- Ecosystem management
- Geodiversity and landscapes
- Historical and cultural
- Protection
- Recreation

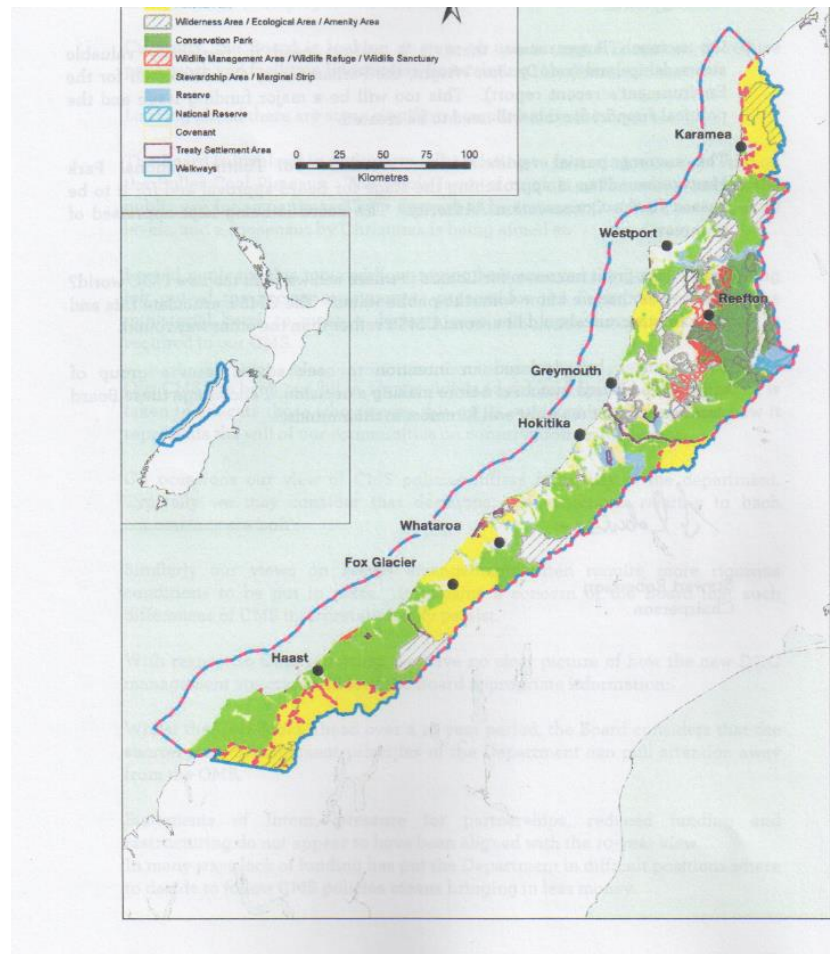
Conservation Issues for WCTPCB

- Mining – all types (89 concessions – mining, exploration, prospecting)
- Mine rehabilitation
- High impact tourism e.g. the glaciers (69 concessions for tourism)
- Concessions - tourism, baches, mining, hydro
- RMA consents – local authorities
- Marine – sea birds, sea mammals
- Marine Protected Areas

Future Issues 1

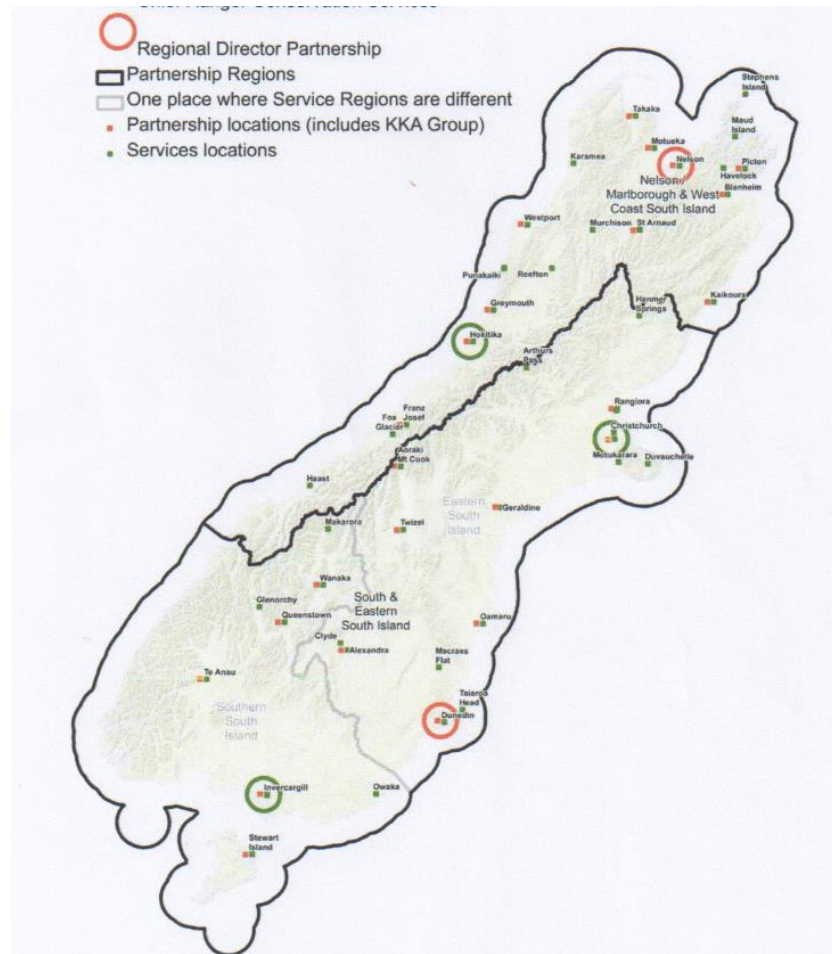
- Reorganization of Department of Conservation
- 83% West Coast Public protected conservation land
- West Coast staff: 111.4 to manage 1.914 million hectares
- Contrast Auckland: 74.5 staff to manage 35,655 hectares

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New Department of Conservation Structure

West Coast



Future Issues 2

- Mining – coal, minerals, oil and gas
- New marine oil and gas exploration
- National Parks management
- Marine Protected Area – reviews
- Status of Stewardship Land
- RMA changes
- Conservation Law Amendment Bill