

## *Regional Round-Up:*

# Waikato West Coast



Healthy environment

Strong economy

Vibrant communities

# Waikato Region



134 km's  
of coast

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# West Coast Beachcare Sites:

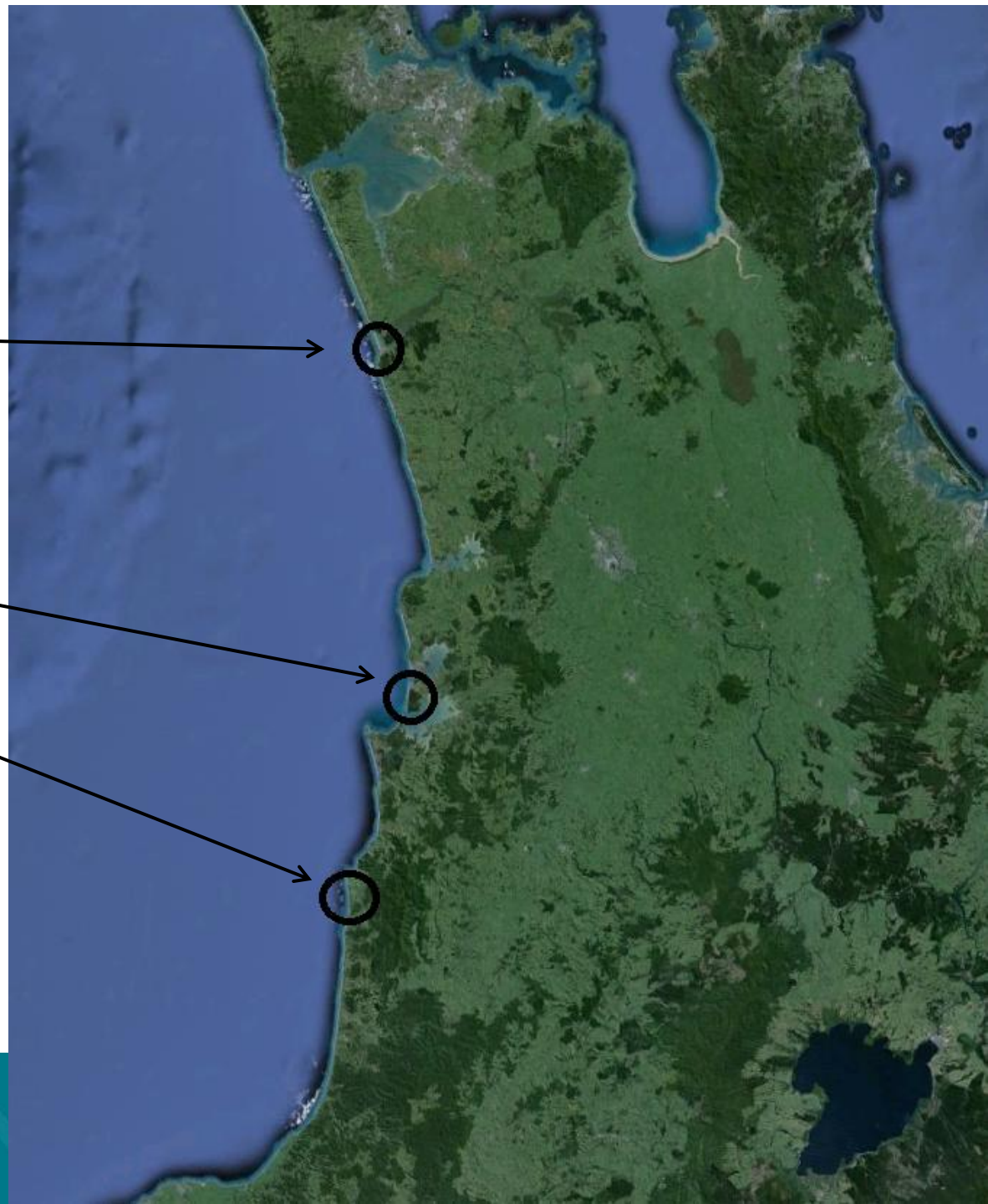


# Beachcare sites discussed:

1. **Port Waikato**  
- *biodiversity focus*

2. **Kawhia**  
- *cultural values*

3. **Nukuhakari Station**  
- *production*



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# Beachcare Port Waikato

## Group Focus:

- Biodiversity
- Natural character
- Involvement of community

## Challenges:

- Weeds (forestry related)
- Public use (vehicles)
- Multiple land-owners



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# Port Waikato Beachcare – phase 3 (2014+)





NZ Northern Dotterel



Port Waikato



Caspian Terns  
Port Waikato sand-spit



# Scrub Fire

## *- catalyst for Beachcare revival*

- Sunday, February 3, 2013
- Ignited by spark from vehicle stuck in dunes
- 20ha of scrub burnt (mostly pampas grass)











# Rubbish and debris exposed by scrub fire



Port Waikato Rubbish



# First activity of new Beachcare Port Waikato volunteers – removing rubbish and debris exposed by fire



# Beachcare Port Waikato volunteers planting native coastal species amongst pampas re-growth following fire



**Reference site:  
Aotea DoC Reserve**



Reference site:  
**Waikeratu Farm**



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# Beachcare Kawhia

## Group Focus:

- Cultural resource
  - pingao fibre
- Natural character
- Involvement of local youth

## Challenges:

- Exposed, difficult site
- Weeds (forestry related)
- Public use (vehicles)



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**Before (2011)**



**During (2012-2014)**



# After (2014)



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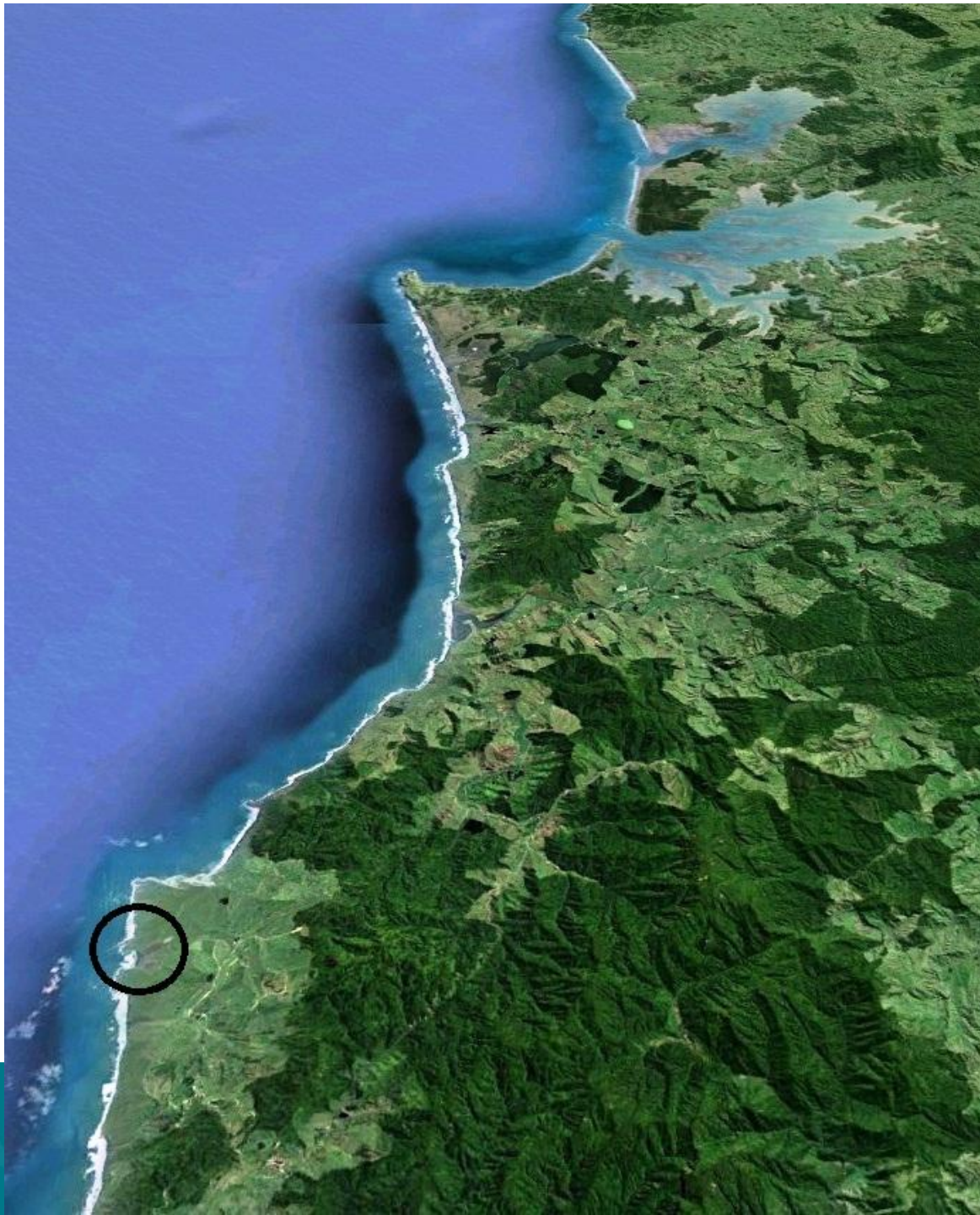
# Beachcare Nukuhakari

## Group Focus:

- Protection of production values
  - pasture / oil well site
- Natural character / biodiversity

## Challenges:

- Exposed, difficult site
- Remote location
- Lack of volunteers
- Rabbits



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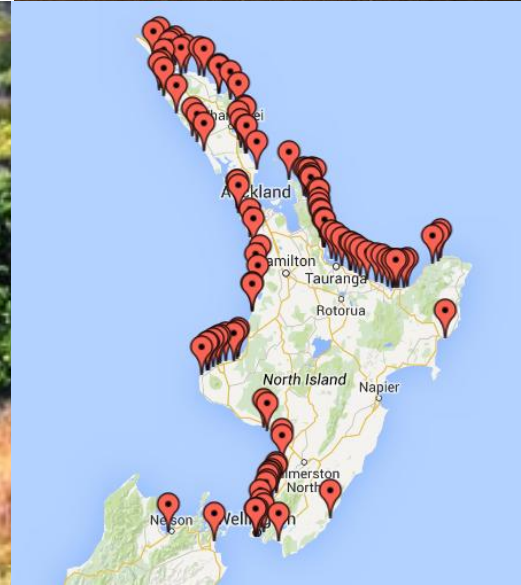




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# Upcoming 2015 projects ...

- “Carpaccino” koi-carp fertiliser trials with dune plantings
- Accounting for the carbon in coastal forest plantings
  - E.g. Project Crimson pohutukawa planting projects
  - Private sector sponsorship to off-set carbon footprint
- “Nature Space” profiles for each Beachcare group
  - Each groups data stored on an accessible platform
  - Link from Dunes Trust map?



***The End***  
***...Questions?***



