

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	12	48.2919
Waiariki	2	8.9030
Tairāwhiti	2	14.1413
Tākitimu	1	0.2124
Aotea	15	659.1240
Te Waipounamu	1	1.9600
Total	38	771.1899

Māori Freehold Land Titles:

Rohe	#	Area (ha)
Taitokerau	5,394	147,870.5143
Waikato Maniapoto	3,716	124,225.9531
Waiariki	5,098	305,896.2257
Tairāwhiti	5,341	268,506.5352
Tākitimu	1,357	87,914.6732
Aotea	4,079	452,585.5110
Te Waipounamu	2,357	66,539.2703
Total	27,342	1,453,538.6828

Trusts

(Note: The term trusts includes all types of management structure, including Ahu Whenua Trusts, Whenua Tōpū Trusts, Pūtea Trusts, Māori Incorporations and non-Māori Land Court created structures or organisations but it does not include agencies or agents)

Rohe	# Trusts	# Blks with Trusts	# Blks no Trusts	Area vested(ha)	Area not vested(ha)
Taitokerau	1,088	1,459	3,940	88,704.9389 (60%)	59,204.1327 (40%)
Waikato Maniapoto	1,293	1,613	2,115	95,537.9377 (77%)	28,736.3073 (23%)
Waiariki	2,221	2,456	2,644	272,635.6759 (89%)	33,269.4528 (11%)
Tairāwhiti	1,314	1,790	3,553	217,667.2594 (81%)	50,853.4171 (19%)
Tākitimu	509	667	691	70,052.6643 (80%)	17,862.2213 (20%)
Aotea	1,235	2,098	1,996	352,079.8031 (78%)	101,164.8319 (22%)
Te Waipounamu	586	1,399	959	42,570.3825 (64%)	23,970.8478 (36%)
Total	8,246	11,482	15,898	1,139,248.6618 (78%)	315,061.2109 (22%)

Other Statistics

Blocks without trusts have an average size of 20ha and average 7 owners;
Blocks with a trust have an average size of 99ha and average 217 owners;

Overall an average Māori land block has a size of 53 ha and 106 owners; and

The total number of ownership interests in all blocks is 2,879,054.

Notes:

Exclusion List

In total 879 blocks covering an area of 46,538.5113ha have been excluded from this update and are considered as *Other Status Types* or are *Blocks pending internal review*.

Other status types

As this update is specifically for Māori Customary Land and Māori Freehold Land it excludes the following land status types that fall within the jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court:

- Crown Land
- Crown Land Reserved for Māori
- General Land (which maybe vested in a Māori Land Trust)
- General Land Owned by Māori (which maybe vested in a Māori Land Trust);
- Ownership Only (ownership interests in secondary property rights such as easements, birding, fishing or mineral rights);
- Treaty Settlement (General) Land – (General land returned through Treaty Settlement processes and vested in a Māori Land Trust);
- Leasehold Land;
- Other blocks.

There are 672 blocks excluded under this category covering an area of 43,751.2160ha.

Blocks pending internal review

In addition there is also a subset of blocks that are currently under review by the Court having been identified as part of ongoing bi-monthly data matching work between Land Information New Zealand and the Court. Both agencies are currently investigating these blocks which require significant research to rectify and they are included on the exclusion list pending final confirmation of their status.

There are 207 blocks excluded under this category covering an area of 2,787.2953ha.

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