

Rotorua Lakes ED Survey

MOTUTAWA ISLAND

RAP No. 62 PNA No. 181 Area 3.9 ha Altitudinal Range 395 - 423 m

Grid Reference NZMS260 U16 004257

Landform Unit Hills; lakes Status Unprotected

BIOCLIMATIC ZONE	VEGETATION TYPE	LANDFORM
Lowland	 Rewarewa-kamahi forest (with mahoe, makomako and kotukutuku). Rewarewa-kohuhu forest. Mahoe-kohuhu-makomako/rarahu shrubland. Lake margins (not mapped) (kiokio, harakeke, Cyperus ustulatus, Carex secta, and Cortaderia fulvida are common around the lake margins). 	hillslopes hillslopes hillslopes wetland

Vegetation Secondary vegetation which has developed following clearance.

Flora Karaka occurs on the island.

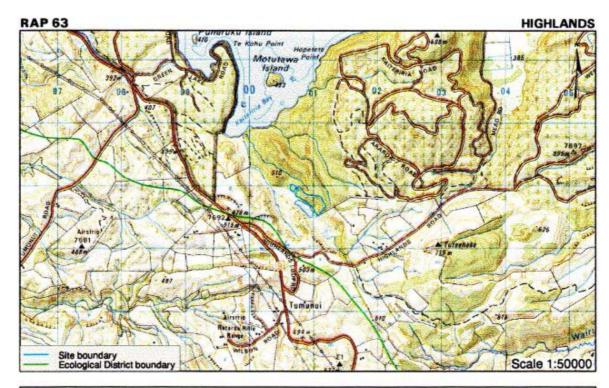
Fauna Common forest birds are present.

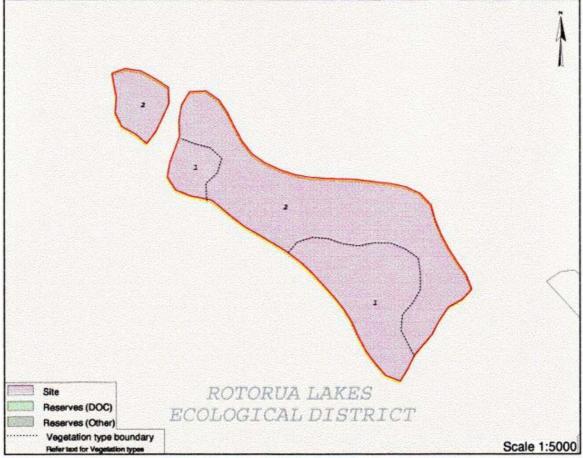
Threat/Modification A few weed species are present including Douglas fir, crack willow, buddleia

and Montpellier broom.

Justification Small area of secondary vegetation isolated from threats.

Note This site was viewed from a boat but was not landed on.





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HIGHLANDS

RAP No.

63

PNAP Survey No. (1996/97)

183

Area

9.0 ha

Altitudinal Range

420 - 520 m

Grid Reference

NZMS 260 U16 010238

Landform Unit

Hills

Status

Unprotected

BIOCLIMATIC ZONE	VEGETATION TYPE	LANDFORM
Lowland	(Rewarewa)-(kamahi)-(radiata pine)/wheki ponga-mahoe-kohuhu scrub and fernland with local rarahu. Rewarewa-tawa-kamahi forest (with kotukutuku and mahoe common in the subcanopy).	steep hillslope steep hillslope

Vegetation

Remnant tall forest modified by the Tarawera eruption and secondary vegetation

forest and scrub developed following burning.

Flora

Typical species only were noted.

Fauna

Common forest birds present.

Threat/Modification

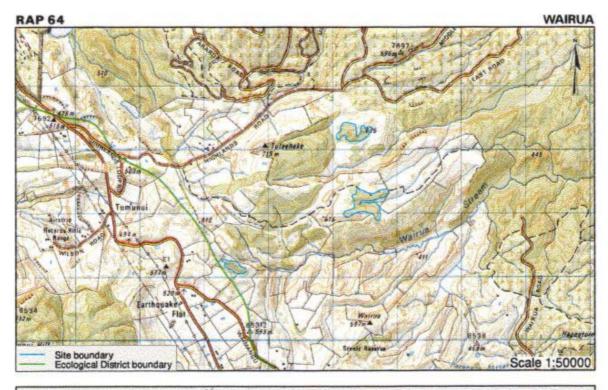
This area has been fenced to exclude stock. Indigenous species have been planted,

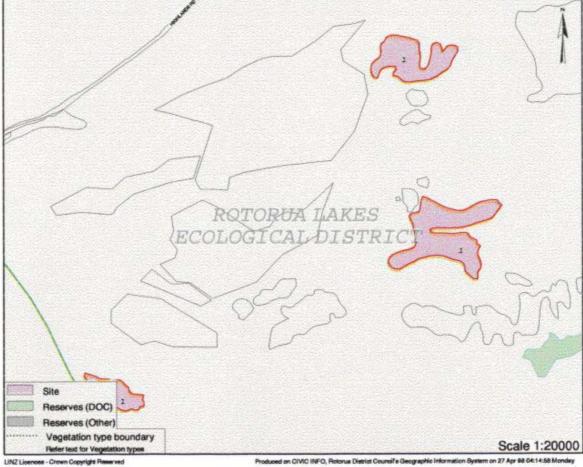
including totara and kahikatea. Wilding pines are the greatest immediate threat.

Justification

Small example of remnant tall forest modified by the Tarawera eruption which has

been fenced to exclude stock.





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WAIRUA

RAP No.

64

PNAP Survey No. (1996/97)

177b, 178a

Area

29.6 ha

Altitudinal Range

580 - 620 m

Grid Reference

NZMS 260 U16 045222, U16 043232

Landform Unit

Undulating to hilly

Status

Land Improvement Agreement; Unprotected

BIOCLIMATIC ZONE	VEGETATION TYPE	LANDFORM
Lowland	(Rewarewa)/tawa-mangeao-kamahi forest (with scattered pukatea; kotukutuku, mahoe, makomako, porokaiwhiri, mamaku and wheki ponga are common in the subcanopy).	rolling hillslopes

Vegetation

Modified tall forest remnant predating the Tarawera eruption; previously logged for

podocarp, isolated by clearance of surrounding land and its conversion to pasture.

Flora

Typical species only were noted.

Fauna

Forest bird species including kereru, tui, bellbird, grey warbler, and chaffinch.

Threat/Modification These areas were previously grazed, but are now fenced to exclude stock. Animal

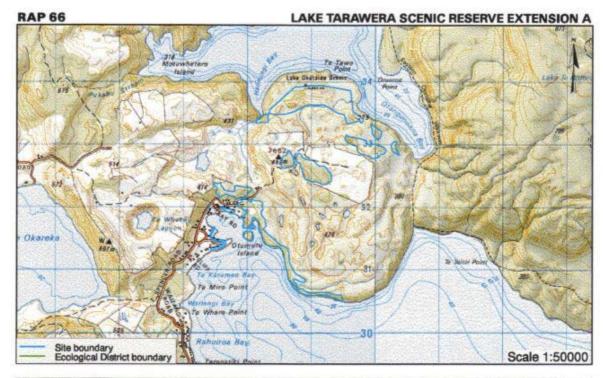
pests (wallabies and possums) are the most serious threat.

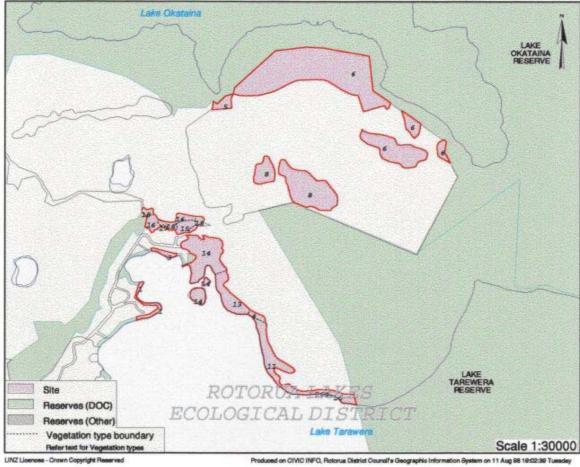
Justification

Indigenous forest remnant which has been fenced to exclude stock. This site has some botanical and historic significance as it is one of a few forest remnants in the

immediate area which were left undamaged by the Tarawera eruption, and are still in

reasonable condition.





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LAKE TARAWERA SCENIC RESERVE EXTENSION A

RAP No.

66

PNA No.

198 (includes 198b)

Area

118.7 ha 300 - 420 m

Altitudinal Range

NZMS260 U16 084314

Grid Reference Landform Unit

Lake terraces, scarps, undulating to hilly

BIOCLIMATIC ZONE	VEGETATION TYPE	LANDFORM
Lowland	Kohuhu-mamaku-whauwhaupaku-mahoe forest (with scattered exotic tree species; locak kanuka, kamahi and crack willow along the lake margins; manuka, toetoe, karamu, koromiko and kiokio also locally common).	hillslopes above lake
	 Raupo reedland (with local Schoenoplectus validus, Carex secta and harakeke) is also present (shown as 2 on the map). 	lake margins
	 Pohutukawa/exotic trees-kamahi- whauwhaupaku forest (with local koromiko, kiokio and Cyperus ustulatus). 	rolling hillslopes
	Manuka-karamu-tutu/rarahu scrub and shrubland (with scattered Cortaderia fulvida, mingimingi, kanuka and rewarewa).	rolling hillslope
	5. Wattle forest.	hillslopes
	 Secondary forest (species present include rewarewa, whauwhaupaku, mamaku, kamahi, and kohuhu). 	hillslopes
	Wetland (not mapped).	wetland
	 (Rewarewa)/kamahi-tawa/whauwhaupaku- kohuhu forest. 	hillslopes
	Tawa-mangeao-hinau forest.	hillslopes
	Pohutukawa-kamahi forest.	hillslopes
	Pohutukawa-kamahi-mamaku-mangeao forest (with scattered rewarewa and Metrosideros excelsa x M. robusta hybrids).	hillslopes
	 Pohutukawa/mamaku-kohuhu-mamaku forest (with dead emergent pohutukawa, and live rewarewa, manuka, kiokio, koromiko, Metrosideros fulgens, and pohutukawa are common around the margins. 	hillslopes
	 Pohutukawa-kamahi-mamaku-mangeao forest (with scattered rewarewa and Metrosideros excelsa x M. robusta hybrids)	hillslopes above lake
	14. Rewarewa/kamahi-mamaku-(pohutukawa)- (rewarewa)-(black wattle)-whauwhaupaku- kohuhu forest.	hillslopes

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 Rewarewa/tawa-kamahi forest (with subcanopy of whauwhaupaku, wheki ponga). 	hillslopes
(Kamahi)/whauwhaupaku forest (with common mahoe, kotukutuku, kohuhu, scattered mangeao and local kiokio).	hillslopes
 Wheki ponga fernland (with common karamu, mahoe and rarahu in the understorey). 	hillslopes
 (Whauwhaupaku)-(mahoe)-(kohuhu)/rarahu fernland. 	hillslopes
 Lake margins (not mapped) - Eleocharis sphacelata reedland and raupo reedland. 	wetland
20. 4 + 6.	hillslopes

Vegetation

Secondary vegetation which has developed following the Tarawera eruption. The area has subsequently been further modified. However, some of the vegetation may pre-date Tarawera (e.g. vegetation type 8).

Flora

Tupeia antartica is present in relatively high numbers around the lake margin.

Fauna

Common forest birds present.

Threat/Modification

Possum may be contributing to the pohutukawa dieback on Otumutu Island. This should be investigated. Willow-leaved hakea, black wattle and radiata pine are present in the RAP.

Parts of margins grazed. Adventive weeds including willow-leaved hakea are present at this site. Residential developments within this site pose the greatest potential threat to the parts of the RAP adjacent to the road.

Justification

The vegetation in this RAP is relatively diverse and includes secondary vegetation and vegetation developed following the Tarawera eruption. It contains good quality examples of pohutukawa forest. A good population of a rare plant is also present. It is contiguous with two reserves and is part of a large tract of indigenous vegetation of significant conservation value.

Note

The vegetation map has been reduced to a scale where some of the vegetation type numbers are difficult to read. These are available from the RDC GIS.