

# Māori Land Update – Ngā Āhuatanga o te whenua

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This update is issued by the Office of the Chief Registrar, Māori Land Court | Te Kooti Whenua Māori as part of the ongoing efforts to help inform and assist owners, organisations and government agencies about the characteristics of Māori Customary and Māori Freehold Land.

### Māori Customary Land Titles:

Rohe	#	Area (ha)
Taitokerau	5	38.5573
Waikato-Maniapoto	14	48.2919
Waiariki	2	453.2479
Tairāwhiti	2	4.8688
Tākitimu	1	0.2124
Aotea	15	659.1240
Te Waipounamu	0	0.0000
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,204.3023</b>

### Māori Freehold Land Titles:

Rohe	#	Area (ha)
Taitokerau	5,489	138,960.0376
Waikato-Maniapoto	3,787	124,219.2387
Waiariki	5,200	305,668.4099
Tairāwhiti	5,372	269,086.2071
Tākitimu	1,422	88,092.0806
Aotea	4,043	412,148.9852
Te Waipounamu	2,326	66,129.8829
<b>Total</b>	<b>27,639</b>	<b>1,404,304.8420</b>

### Management Structures

(Note: This includes management structure types of Ahu Whenua Trusts, Whenua Tōpū Trusts, Pūtea Trusts, Māori Incorporations, Maori Reservations and Other trusts)

Rohe	# Structures	# Blks with Structures	# Blks without Structures	Area vested (ha)	Area not vested (ha)
Taitokerau	1,125	1,487	4,182	81,945.9096 (57%)	61,068.5932 (43%)
Waikato-Maniapoto	1,315	1,744	2,251	97,621.4046 (76%)	30,218.9985 (24%)
Waiariki	2,216	2,508	2,886	287,361.0526 (89%)	36,311.9622 (11%)
Tairāwhiti	1,423	1,894	3,663	231,296.6728 (81%)	54,219.1632 (19%)
Tākitimu	545	656	838	73,155.5286 (80%)	18,337.7983 (20%)
Aotea	1,278	2,268	2,062	439,645.4071 (92%)	40,523.1848 (8%)
Te Waipounamu	599	1,421	1,004	54,205.8087 (66%)	28,095.3508 (34%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>11,978</b>	<b>16,886</b>	<b>1,265,231.7840 (82%)</b>	<b>268,775.0510 (18%)</b>

### Other Statistics

Blocks with a management structure have an average size of 106.88ha and average 209 beneficial owners;

Blocks without a management structure have an average size of 15.03ha and average 46 owners;

Overall an average Māori land block has a size of 53.15ha and 114 owners; and

The total number of ownership records recorded in all blocks is 3,963,143

## Management Structure Details

Rohe	Total	Māori Incorporations	Ahu Whenua Trusts	Māori Reservations	Whenua Tōpū Trusts	Pūtea Trusts	Other Trusts
Taitokerau	1,125	15	502	597	1		10
Waikato-Maniapoto	1,315	16	958	304	6	1	30
Waiariki	2,216	28	1,581	553	7	1	46
Tairāwhiti	1,423	63	1,052	275	5		28
Tākitimu	545	6	405	117	4		13
Aotea	1,278	22	845	377	11		23
Te Waipounamu	599	10	433	143	2		11
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5,776</b>	<b>2,366</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>161</b>

The total number of Whānau Trusts nationally is 11,268

The total number of Kaitiaki Trusts nationally is 1,764

### Exclusion List

The following land types have been excluded from this update:

- Crown Land, Crown Land Reserved for Māori, Other, General Land owned by Māori (a total of 451 blocks covering an area of 23,445.1077ha); and
- Blocks pending internal review and investigation (a total of 218 blocks covering an area of 5,202.1636ha)
- There is one Māori Incorporation that holds General Land owned by Māori that is excluded from the above total

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