



2012 Review of the Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan

E te rangatira, tēnā koe,

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and the Department of Conservation (DOC) seek feedback from tāngata whenua, whānau, hapū and iwi, stakeholders and the public, on the review of the Māui dolphin portion of the Hector's and Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan (TMP).

The TMP was originally developed in 2007 and that led to the introduction of a range of protection measures around New Zealand. This review process aims to reassess management measures based on updated information on the Māui dolphin population, the human-induced threats they are exposed to, and their vulnerability to those threats.

The consultation document is broken into sections:

Sections 1 and 2: Purpose and Document Structure

Section 3: Overview – what is the Threat Management Plan and why is it being reviewed

Section 4: Context – what do we know about Māui dolphins

Section 5: Threats to Māui dolphins – what do we know about human-induced threats

Section 6: Ministry for Primary Industries consultation chapter – to address fishing-related threats

Section 7: Department of Conservation consultation chapter – to address non-fishing-related threats

Section 8: Research, monitoring and collaboration – proposed research and monitoring prioritisation, and opportunities for collaborative initiatives

Section 9: Appendices – additional information including maps, fishery characterisations, and references.

Section 6 from the Ministry for Primary Industries and Section 7 from the Department of Conservation outline a range of options to provide further protection to Māui dolphins. The options include MPI's and DOC's initial views on some proposals to effectively manage fishing-related and non-fishing-related human-induced threats to Māui dolphins, respectively. The views and recommendations outlined in the paper are preliminary and are provided as a basis for consultation with stakeholders.

For more information, and to download a copy of the Review of the Māui Dolphin Threat Management Plan, go to:

MPI's website at: <http://mpi.govt.nz/news-resources/consultations>

DOC's website at: www.doc.govt.nz/mauisconsultation

DOC and MPI welcome written submissions on the proposals contained in this document. Please note: All written submissions must be received no later than **5pm on Monday 12 November 2012**.

Written submissions should be sent directly to:

Māui dolphin TMP
PO Box 5853
Wellington 6011

Or email:

MauiTMP@mpi.govt.nz (To comment on fishing-related options proposed by MPI)

MauiTMP@doc.govt.nz (To comment on non-fishing-related options proposed by DOC)

Or submit online at www.doc.govt.nz/mauisconsultation for non-fishing measures.

For assistance on preparing your submission see the Q&A's on both agencies' websites.

For more information or any queries on the content of the document please contact Ian Angus, DOC Manager Marine Species and Threats (iangus@doc.govt.nz), or Andrew Doube, MPI Manager Inshore Fisheries (andrew.doube@mpi.govt.nz).

If you would like a hard copy of the documents to be sent to you, please contact Kara McKelvey via email (kara.mckelvey@mpi.govt.nz) or phone 04 819 4372.

Copies of this letter have been sent to a range of stakeholder groups to ensure all groups that may have an interest in this kaupapa have an opportunity to comment.

Nā māua noa, nā



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