



Takitumu Conservation Area Consent for Application of Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures

Name of the site: Takitumu Conservation Area (TCA)

Total Area: 155 ha, located on Turangaare Pt Sec. 9N, Arakuo Karika-ki-Uta Pt Sec. 35, Arakuo Makea Pt Sec. 38, and Tōtoko'itu-ki-Uta Pt Sec. 25B

Primary purpose of Conservation: Protect the endemic *Pomarea dimidiata* (Kākerōri - Rarotonga flycatcher)

Secondary purpose of Conservation: **Conservation of endemic bird species such as 'Ī'oi, (*Aplonis cinerascens*, Rarotonga Starling) and Kūkupa (*Ptilinopus rarotongensis*, Cook Islands Fruit-dove), and endemic plant species such as Puaneinei (*Fitchia speciosa*, Rarotonga Fitchia) and Mato (*Homalium acuminatum*, Cook Islands Homalium); the TCA also supplies a third of Rarotonga's vital water source;**

At a workshop held in Rarotonga in January 2023, representatives from the TCA proposed for the Takitumu Conservation Area to be considered as an Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measure (OECM). OECMs gives the TCA another layer of protection for the long-term effective conservation of biodiversity - a great step towards gaining greater recognition for the site.

We declare that we have the authority to represent the three landowning Ngati/Tribe (Ngati Kainuku, Ngati Karika, Ngati Manavaroa) in the Takitumu Conservation Area.

We confirm that we have the rights, permissions and authority on behalf of our family to provide our informed consent to recognise the Takitumu Conservation Area as an OECM and also provide the required information.

We also understand that the OECM recognition will not have any adverse legal, financial or management implications to the TCA.

We also wish to state that we have the right to withdraw our consent, if needed and shall inform you accordingly.

We, the undersigned, in representation of the three Ngati, Ngati Kainuku, Ngati Karika, Ngati Manavaroa responsible for the Takitumu Conservation Area confirm that:

1. A full assessment be conducted by the National Environment Service on the TCA for consideration as an OECM site



2. The Takitumu Conservation Area be recognised as an OECM
3. National Environment Service must inform the three Ngati of the findings of the OECM full assessment
4. National Environment Service are authorised to provide data and information on the biodiversity and ecosystem services in the Takitumu Conservation Area to the World Database-OECM in accordance with this consent form.
5. We have followed an appropriate process of discussion and consultation in accordance with our normal decision-making practices to make the above decisions.

Ngati Kainuku

Kainuku Kapiriterangi Ariki
POA-Kapiri Taiti

Ngati Karika

Makea Karika George Ariki

Ngati Manavaroa

Manavaroa Mataiapo Tutara –
Phillip Nicholas

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National Environment Service

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Halatua Fua
Director