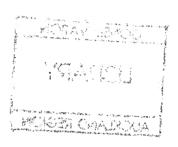
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BLACKSMITHS BAY - MARINE BIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

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## PREFACE



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This marine biological assessment of Blacksmiths Bay was prepared by the Board's Marine Planning Officer. The study was undertaken in order to provide additional information on the ecology of the proposed marina area for an Environmental Impact Assessment prepared for the developers of the proposed Blacksmiths Bay Marina.

The marine biological investigations were conducted during late 1984 and early 1985 and a summary of these investigations was provided, upon request by the consultants for the developers of the proposed marina, for early inclusion in the draft Environmental Impact Assessment. This summary did not contain all the topics and detail now presented in the technical report. The conclusions arrived at were also not contained in the summary.

The Board considered the possible siting of a marina at Blacksmiths Bay at its meeting of 2nd September, 1982 and resolved as follows:

That the Board approve in principle to the siting of a marina in Blacksmiths Bay in the Kerikeri Inlet."

Therefore, the reader of this technical report should be aware that the conclusions arrived at were made from a marine biological viewpoint and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Northland Harbour Board in its overall evaluation of the proposed marina.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The Blacksmiths Bay area, situated on the northern side of the Kerikeri Inlet, Bay of Islands, was investigated to provide a marine biological assessment in partial fulfilment of the requirements of an Environmental Impact Assessment for a proposed marina.

The rocky shore fauna and flora of the headlands which bordered the proposed marina area and nearby Motutapu Island were investigated. Further investigations of the fauna of the soft shores were also undertaken with the proposed marina area and the adjacent bays being studied. To complete the study, the subtidal sediments of the Blacksmiths Bay area were also sampled.

The rocky shores supported a high diversity of species. On the headland intertidal reefs, the snail, Zeacumantus lutulentus and an unidentified species of brown alga were the most common organisms on the upper shores. At mid shore levels Z. lutulentus and Neptune's necklace, Hormosira banksii were predominant, their densities becoming more varied at the lowest intertidal levels.

The island supported large numbers of Pacific oyster, Crassostrea gigas which occurred as clumps on exposed boulders. At the inner side of the island, the slug, Onchidella nigricans was very common amongst the oysters while the boulders at the supralittoral level appeared favourable for a thick covering of lichens.

The three soft shores examined within the Blacksmiths Bay area comprised noticeably differing sedimentary environments ranging from the relatively sandy southeastern bay to the predominantly muddy proposed marina area, while the northwestern bay exhibited features common to these two bays.

The sediments appeared to reflect the biota found at each of three locations. In the proposed marina area, a wide the array of flora and fauna was identified within the extensive area of mangrove forests and open mudflat. The fauna included crabs, shrimps, snails, chitons, anemones, bivalves, barnacles and a number of worms. The most abundant species were: the snail, Zeacumantus lutulentus, the oyster, Crassostrea gigas, the bivalve, Macoma liliana and the cockle, Austrovenus stutchburyi. At the southeastern bay, bivalves, crabs, snails, anemones, barnacles, amphipods, worms were identified. Among these, A. and bryozoans stutchburyi, M. liliana and the pipi, Paphies australis were the most commonly occurring species. The northwestern bay appeared to support the poorest diversity of species. It was found here that P. australis, A. stutchburyi and M. liliana were the most dominant species.

The investigations showed that the cockle, Austrovenus stutchburyi was the most abundantly occurring of all the soft shore species identified, being found in varying densities at all three sites.

A number of bird species was observed and these appeared to utilize the open mudflats and mangroves of the proposed marina area for feeding and roosting.

The subtidal investigations revealed that species diversity was lower compared to the intertidal area, with the bivalve, Theora lubrica being the only predominant species.

Assessment of the biological impacts that a marina development at Blacksmiths Bay might have on the surrounding marine environment led to the conclusion that, from a marine biological viewpoint, an alternative site be investigated. This was made in view of the variety of marine habitats found at Blacksmiths Bay with this variety not being found elsewhere in the Kerikeri Inlet. Other reasons for a marina being considered as undesirable at Blacksmiths Bay included the close proximity of naturally occurring oysters and the nearby oyster farms which could become polluted as a consequence of marina activities.

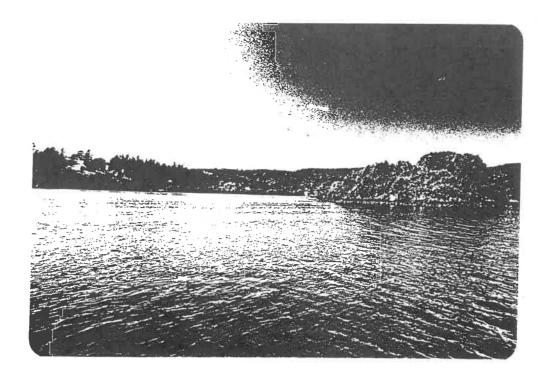


PLATE 1: Blacksmiths Bay, the site of the proposed marina, and Motutapu Island, which will provide shelter from the south.



PLATE 2 : Blacksmiths Bay at high tide facing south towards Motutapu Island and the opposite side of the Kerikeri Inlet.

# BLACKSMITHS BAY - PROPOSED MARINA

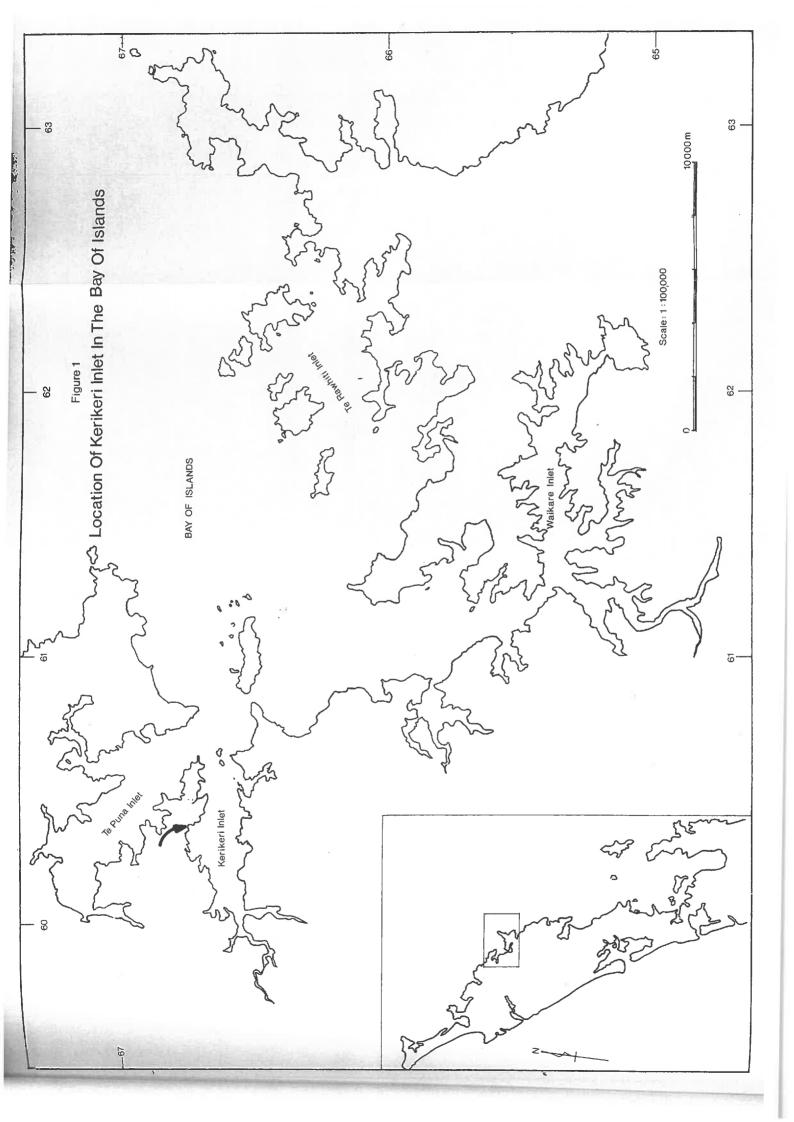
# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

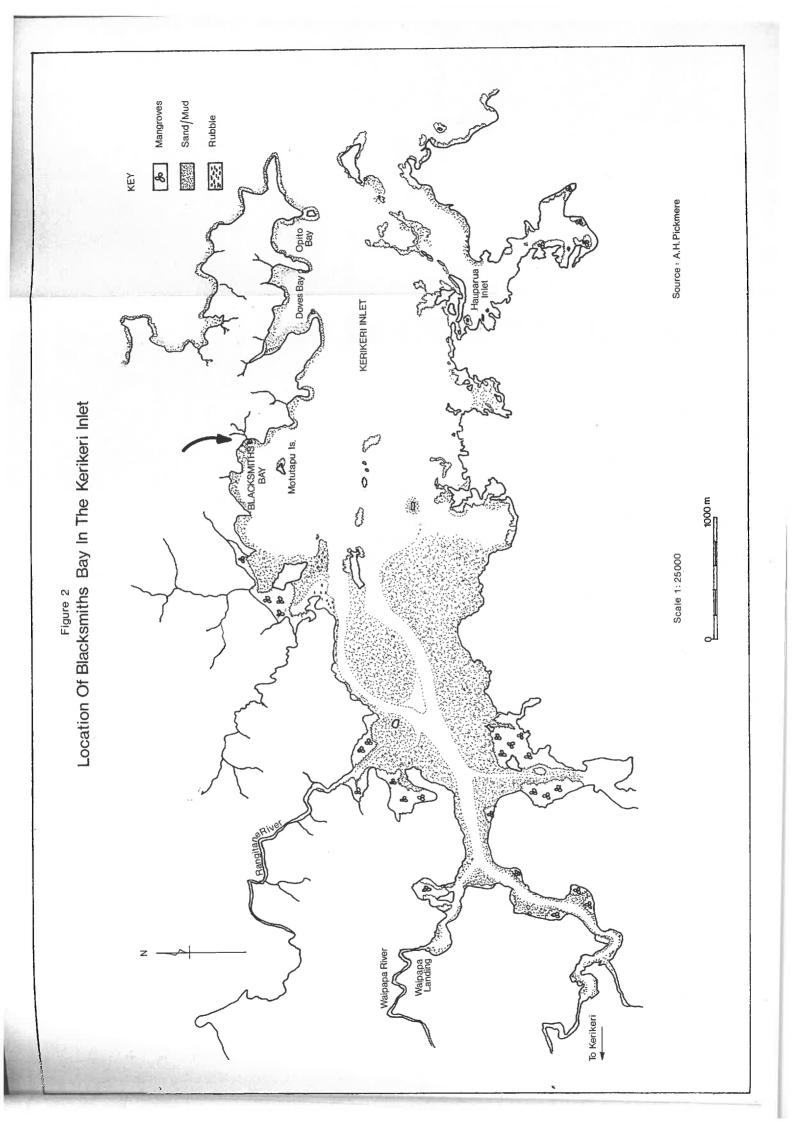
Blacksmiths Bay is a relatively shallow embayment of the Kerikeri Inlet, located in the Bay of Islands (Figure 1). This bay is situated on the northern side of the Kerikeri Inlet and is afforded some protection from prevailing winds and waves by a small island reserve known as Motutapu Island (Figure 2).

The Blacksmiths Bay area actually comprises three smaller bays, each separated by a headland and an associated rocky intertidal platform of weathered greywacke which is covered at the lowest level with a thin layer of mud. The three small bays each have an intertidal area of varying soft sediment types. The island in the bay is made up of large boulders of basaltic origin with a silt matrix at the low tide level. A relatively narrow channel runs around the north side of this island while the remaining subtidal area of the bay comprises a very shallow, fine muddy seafloor.

The most sheltered part of the embayment has been the focus of a proposed marina and would make use of the existing rocky intertidal reefs as part of the protective breakwaters required in such a development. Consequently, a development of this nature demands an Environmental Impact Assessment as outlined in the requirements by the Ministry of Transport. This report provides information relating to marine biological aspects of the Blacksmiths Bay area in partial fulfilment of an Environmental Impact Assessment. Some discussion is also given relating to the projected impact of the proposed development on the marine biota within the Blacksmiths Bay area.

It is the twofold aim of this report to present the results of marine biological investigations carried out in the Blacksmiths Bay area and, on the basis of these results, to evaluate the effects that a development of the type proposed might have on the surrounding marine environment. Conclusions based on the findings of this report then follow.





## 2.0 METHODS

# 2.1 Intertidal Shores

#### 2.1.1 Rocky Shores

The rocky headlands forming the southeastern and northwestern boundaries of the proposed marina together with Motutapu Island were examined. Site descriptions were made and presented as profiles in this report.

Transects were laid down the shore to low water, perpendicular to the shoreline at the southeastern, northwestern and island locations (Figure 3 and Plate 3). The island was divided into two locations, an inner location (facing Blacksmiths Bay) and an outer location (facing the Kerikeri Inlet). Two transects were laid at each location and all species were recorded from quadrats placed at one metre intervals along the transect. The quadrat size was  $0.25 \, \mathrm{m}^2$  and quadrats were replicated three times at each one metre interval.

All the organisms within the quadrats were identified and their densities recorded as either: number per  $0.25~\text{m}^2$  or percentage cover per  $0.25~\text{m}^2$ . The information from this was then presented in two ways - firstly, as numbers or percentage cover of species from three random  $0.25~\text{m}^2$  quadrats at four levels down the shore as defined in Morton and Miller, 1968 (supralittoral, upperlittoral, midlittoral and lowerlittoral) and, secondly, as numbers or percentage cover of predominant species per  $0.25~\text{m}^2$  at each one metre interval of the transect to indicate changes in abundance down the shore.

Lichens were not included in this part of the analysis as they comprised several species which were difficult to separate and identify. Their abundance is discussed where they form the predominant growth form on the uppermost part of the shores.

#### 2.1.2 Soft Shores

The muddy shores of the proposed marina area and the bays to the west and east of the proposed development were investigated for the flora and fauna which inhabited the soft shore environment. At each location, two transects were laid down the shore to low water (Figure 4). As the shores were relatively long and the method of species identification was more

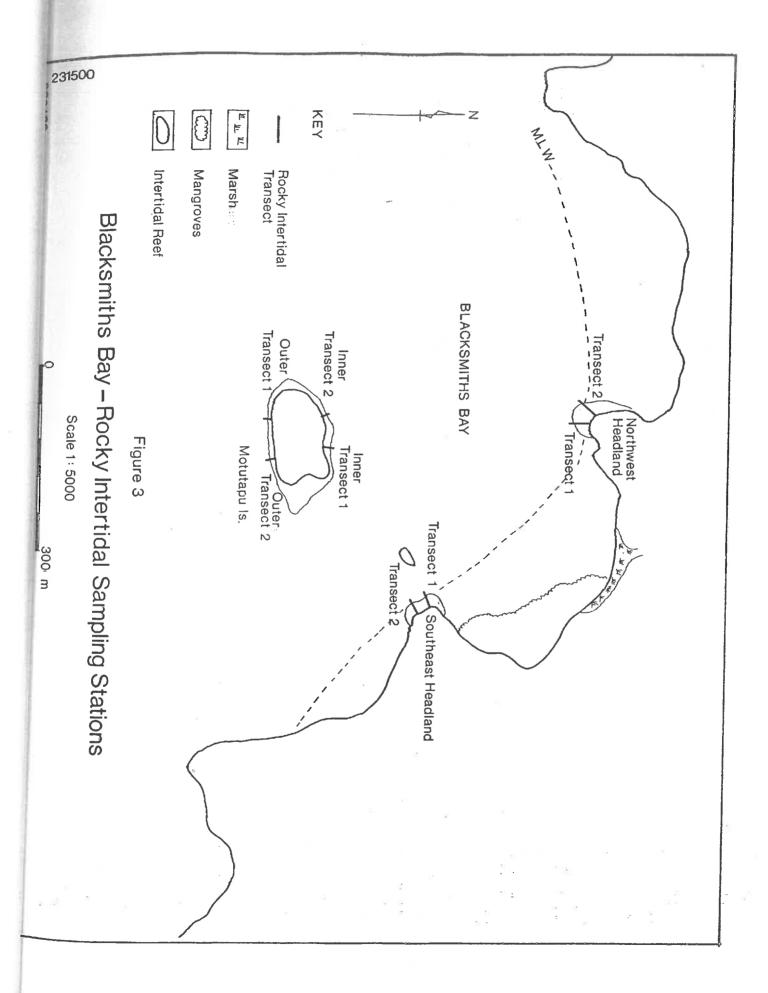
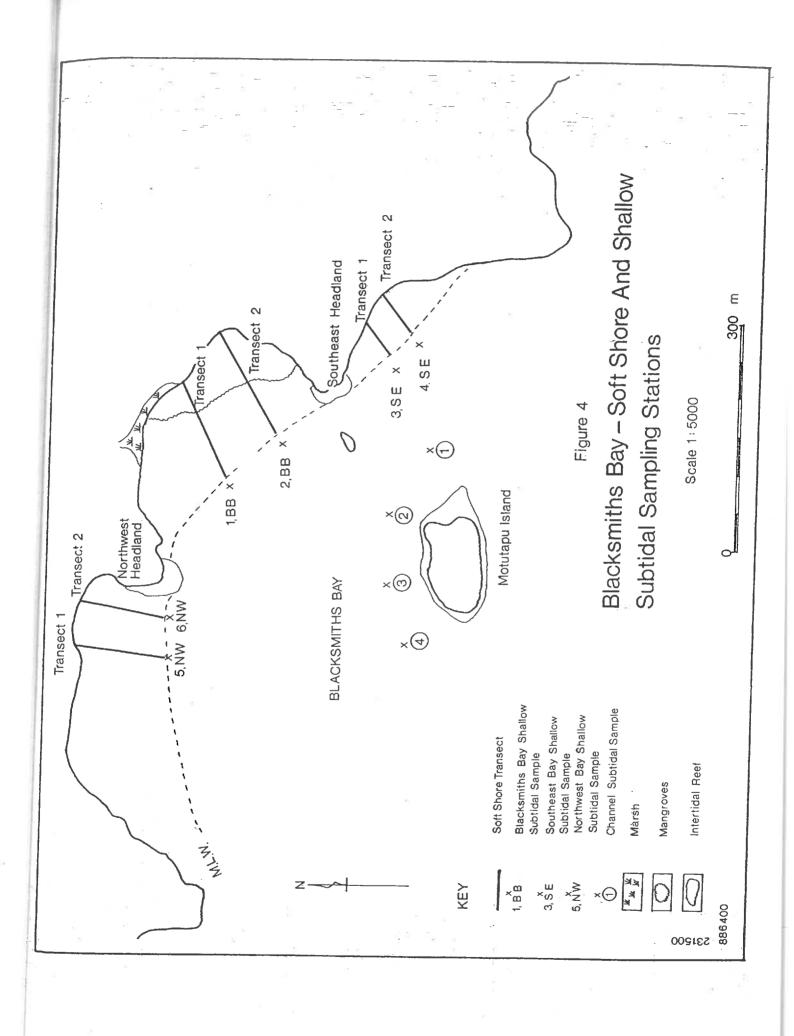




PLATE 3 : Northwestern rocky intertidal location.

The flora and fauna of the rocky headlands at Blacksmiths
Bay were investigated using line transects laid
perpendicular to the shoreline. All the species were
recorded from quadrats placed at one metre intervals
along the transect.



involved than for rocky shores, samples were taken at intervals of: 50 m for long shores, 25 m and 12.5 m  $\,$ for progressively shorter shores. These intervals enabled adequate coverage to be made of the upper. and middle lower sections of the soft shores. Five replicate samples were taken at each level using an intertidal benthic sampler designed to sample animals living within soft sediments. The benthic sampler sampled an area of sediment of 0.1 m<sup>2</sup> down to a depth of 0.15m (Figure 5 ). The samples were placed in plastic bags and later washed through sieves (2 mm and .10 mm mesh sizes) to remove the mud, leaving the animals which were identified and counted.

In the bay which forms the site of the proposed marina, there was an extensive upper shore region comprising mature mangrove forest which was not found at either of the adjacent bays. Here, the sediments were compacted and bound together by mangrove pneumatophores while a number of species lived on the mud surface. This part of the soft shore was investigated by laying two transects perpendicular to the shoreline and taking five replicated quadrats of 0.25 m<sup>2</sup> at five metre intervals (Figure 4).

## 2.2 Subtidal

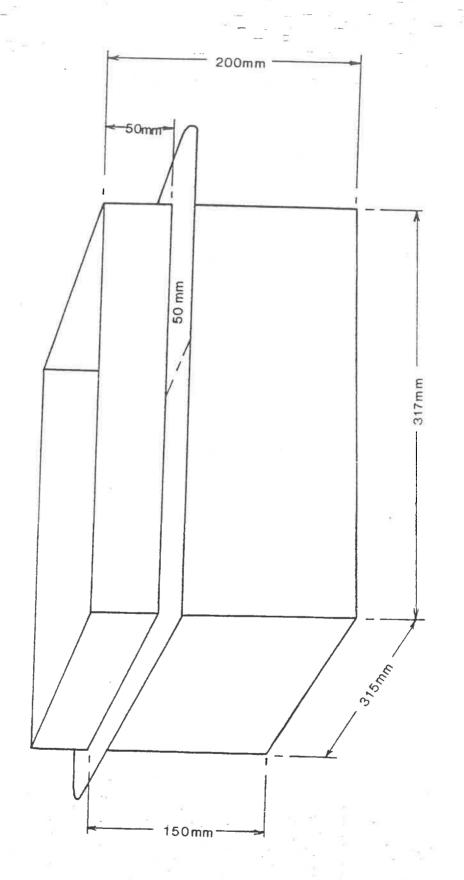
As the Blacksmiths Bay area comprised a muddy seafloor, only soft sediment samples were collected. The sample sites were in two differing subtidal habitats (Figure 4) - the shallow Blackmsiths Bay area (less than one metre depth at low water) and in the channel between Blacksmiths Bay and Motutapu Island (two metres deep at low water). Collections were made using a subtidal benthic sampler which gave a sampled area of 0.07 m<sup>2</sup> down to a depth of 0.08m (Figure 6 and Plate 4). The samples were replicated five times at each site. The samples were put into plastic bags and analysed for fauna using the two sieves described above.

As the water clarity was very low, the subtidal survey work was limited to the analysis of benthic invertebrates only.

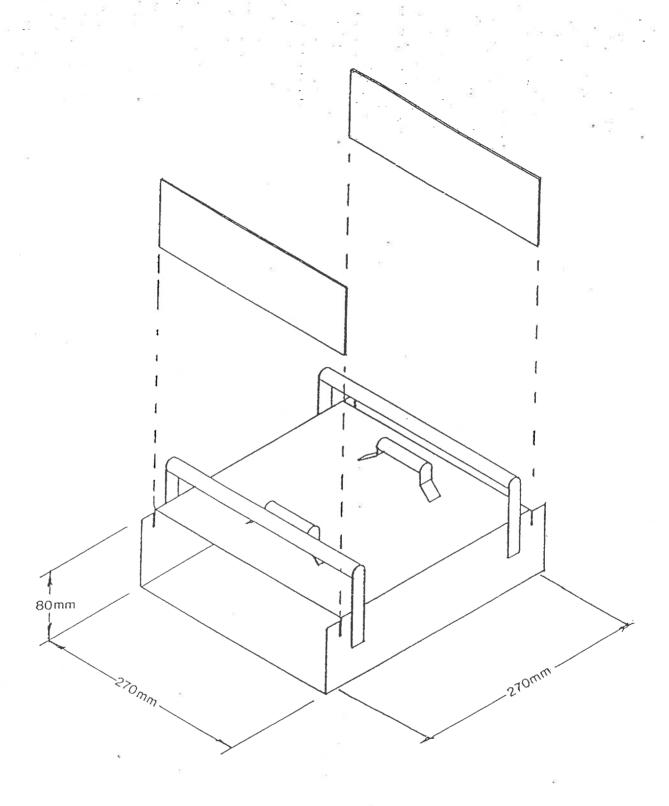
## 2.3 Statistics

All rocky intertidal data is expressed in terms of  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \pm \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{w}$  with three randomly assigned replicates for all species at each of the four levels (supralittoral, upperlittoral, midlittoral and lowerlittoral) at all locations. The predominant or indicator species are also represented graphically as mean densities  $\pm \mathbf{S} \cdot \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf$ 

Soft Shore Sampling Quadrat



# Subtidal Benthic Sampler



Area =  $270 \times 270 \,\text{mm} = 0.07 \,\text{m}^2$ 

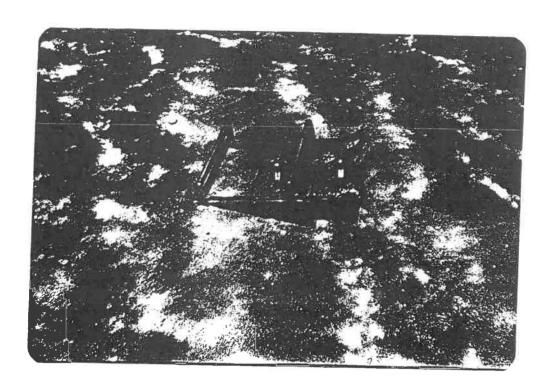


PLATE 4: The subtidal benthic sampler.

transects.

The fauna identified and counted living in and/or on the intertidal soft sediments is expressed as  $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$  with five replicate samples for each level of the soft shore being defined as the mangrove zone together with upper, middle and lower levels. Indicator species are represented graphically as they varied along the transect. The subtidal fauna are represented as  $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$  with five replicated samples for the shallow bay and channel sites and the predominant species are displayed graphically.

intertidal and subtidal soft sediment data could not be statistically compared as three different sample techniques were employed. The quadrat technique investigated the organisms living on the compacted sediments while the other two methods sampled different amounts of sediment. Owing to the constraints imposed by sampling in the subtidal environment, a subtidal benthic sampler of the same size as the intertidal benthic sampler could not be For this reason, comparisons of fauna from the used. different soft shore habitats could only be made on a qualitative basis.

# 2.4 Comparable Sites

Two rocky intertidal locations covered in the ongoing Bay of Islands Harbour Study (co-ordinated by the Northland Harbour Board) are compared with the Blacksmiths Bay area. The most comparable sites are the rocky intertidal areas of the upper Waikare and Te Puna inlets. There were no similar sites covered by the harbour study investigations within the Kerkeri Inlet.

The same methods of data collection were used as that of the Blacksmiths Bay area investigations.

Comparisons of the soft shores or the subtidal region of the Blacksmiths Bay area were not able to be made as the Bay of Islands Harbour Study had not progressed to include investigations of all soft shores in the Bay of Islands, at the time of the Blacksmiths Bay investigations.

# 3.0 RESULTS

# 3.1 Intertidal Shores

# 3.1.1 Rocky Shores

Site Descriptions -(a) Southeast headland (Figure 7). location comprises a rocky promontory of greywacke which slopes steeply to a lowlying flat area covered in places with a layer of mud. At low tide a small reef is visible approximately 200m offshore to the southwest and this is separated by a lowlying muddy area. In Profile One the upper part of the shore was characterised by a band of the small black mussel, Xenostrobus pulex while a thin band of tubeworms (Pomatoceros caeruleus) occupied the lower part of the slope. Coralline turf (Corallina officinalis) Neptune's necklace (Hormosira banksii) predominated over the lowlying shore. This pattern changed in the second profile. Pacific oysters (Crassostrea gigas) formed a thin band at the steep upper shore while coralline turf and H. banksii grew in patches on the gently sloping middle and lower shore. The anemone, Anthopleura aureoradiata occurred in clumps amongst the lower shore algae.

Northwest headland (Figure 8). The rocky area to the northwest of the proposed marina is a steeply sloping greywacke cliff which gives way to a platform reef of relatively gentle slope. The middle and lower sections of the reef were covered in places with a thin layer of mud. The upper sections of both profiles were relatively bare of characteristic bands of flora fauna. However, the middle and lower levels showed beds of Hormosira banksii with Anthopleura aureoradiata prevalent lower down on the shore in Transect One and the snail Zeacumantus lutulentus common on the mid shore level of Transect Two.

Motutapu Island - inner shore (Figure 9). The coastal facing side of the island is made up of large to medium boulders of basalt with interspersed mud at lower levels. The first profile was over a moderate slope comprising both medium sized boulders and mud. The boulders of the uppermost part of the shore were covered with various coloured lichens while Crassostrea gigas dominated the remaining levels. The red alga Apophloea sinclairii and the barnacle Chamaesipho

Figure 7

Blacksmiths Bay - Southeast Headland

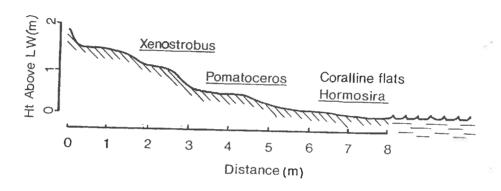
Profile 1

SUPRA UPPER

MIDDLE

LOWER

(LITTORAL ZONES)



Profile 2

SUPRA UPPER

MIDDLE

LOWER

(LITTORAL ZONES)

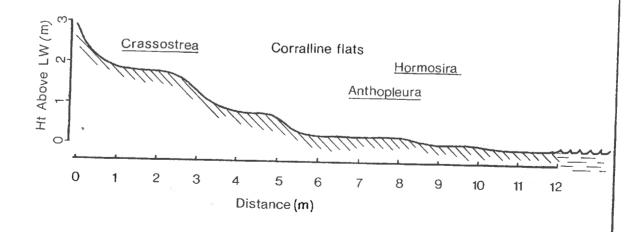


Figure 8 Blacksmiths Bay - Northwest Headland

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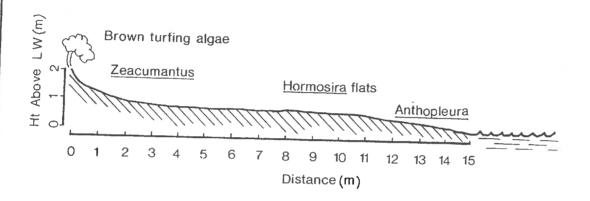
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Profile 2

SUPRA UPPER MIDDLE LOWER

(LITTORAL ZONES)

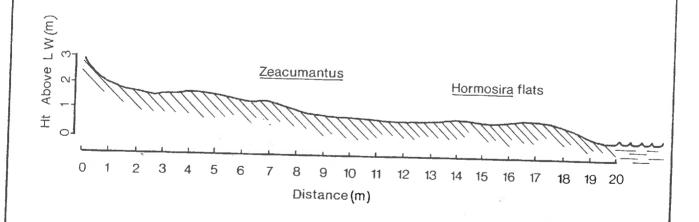


Figure 9 Motutapu Island - Inner

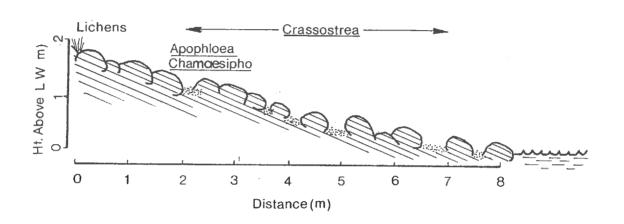
Profile 1

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UPPER

MIDDLE

LOWER (LITTORAL ZONES)



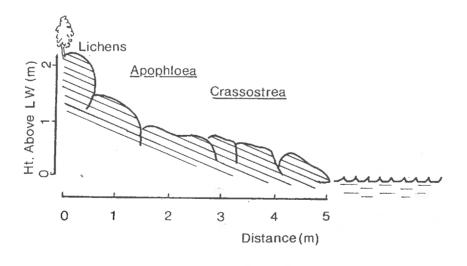
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(LITTORAL ZONES)



columna were also present on the upper shore boulders. The second profile was over larger boulders and a steeper part of the shore compared with Profile One. Again, lichens were predominant on boulders at the highest point of the shore while A. sinclairii occupied the upper shore and C. gigas characterised the middle and low levels.

Motutapu Island - outer shore (Figure 10). The seaward side of the island also comprised large basalt boulders and steeply sloping shores. Lichens covered the boulders of the upermost shore levels on both profiles, while Crassostrea gigas was dominant at the middle and lower shore levels. In the first profile Chamaesipho columna occupied the high part of the shore with Apophloea sinclairii covering boulders below this. Coralline paint and the blue mussel Mytilus edulis aoteanus were apparent at the lowest level. The low part of the shore in the second profile was characterised by Pomatoceros Hormosira banksii and coralline caeruleus, paint.

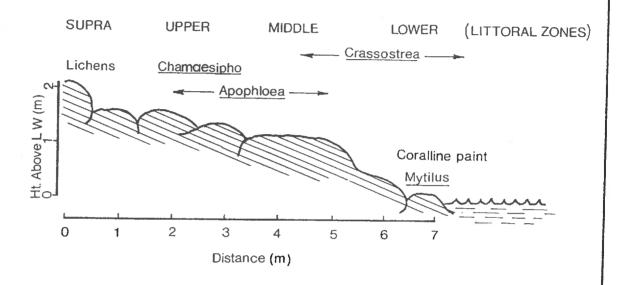
(b) Species Distribution -Southeast headland A wide variety of species was found at this location, totalling 25 species and ranging from various types of algae, several species of marine snails together with encrusting fauna (refer to Appendix 1.1).

The abundances of species found at each of the four littoral levels, supra, upper, mid and lower for both transects are presented in Tables 1 and 2. It was apparent from both transects that the following species dominated various parts of the shore - Xenostrobus pulex, an unidentified brown turfing alga, Zeacumantus lutulentus, Melagraphia aethiops and Hormosira banksii.

At the upper level of both transects, Xenostrobus pulex, Zeacumantus lutulentus and the unidentified alga were predominant (Figures 11 & 12). However, the densities of these species were greater along the first transect compared with the second transect. Z. lutulentus showed variable patterns of distribution along both transects being initially high at upper and mid levels then declining rapidly. The snail Melagraphia aethiops was distributed relatively

Figure 10 Motutapu Island - Outer



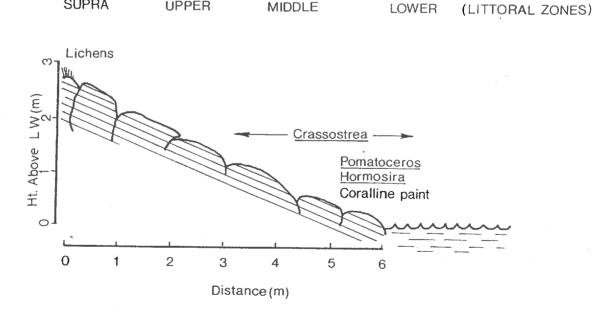


MIDDLE

Profile 2

**SUPRA** 

UPPER



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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Southeast headland transect 1

Date: 28/11/84

Fauna .	Supra	Littoral Zones Upper	of the intertida	Lower
Littorina unifasciata	1.67 ± 1.67	1.0 ± 1.0		
Melagraphia aethiops		6.67 ± 1.45	12.0 ± 5.29	= 2
Melanerita atrimentosa		×		3.33 ± 3.3
Zeacumantus lutulentus	•	90.33 ± 33.09	31.67 ± 5.24	•
Zeacumantus subcarinatus			32107 = 3.24	
Turbo smaragdus		1.33 ± 1.33	3.0 ± 1.53	10.33 ± 3.
Cominella maculosa		$0.33 \pm 0.33$	11.33	10.33 I 3.
Cominella glandiformis				8
Cominella adspersa	2:	-		
Diloma subrostrata				
Diloma zelandica				**
Lepsiella scobina		2.0 + 1.16	5.33 ± 2.41	2 77
Onchidella nigricans			2,33 : 2.41	2.33 ± 2.3
Notoacmea parviconoidea				
Notoacmea daedala				
Xenostrobus pulex		28.33% ± 15.92	5.83% + 5.84	
Crassostrea gigas		3.33 ± 3.33		©.
Mytilus edulis		1.0 ± 1.0	4.33 ± 4.33	_
Austrovenus stutchburyi			125	
Anomia triganopsis		*	c.	
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis		2.33 ± 1.45	7.0 ± 2.08	0.33 ± 0.33
Acanthochitonia zelandica				
Amaurochiton glaucus				20 <b>-</b> 21
Siphonaria zelandica		3		2 (2)
Asterina regularis			#	
Cliona				8
Chamaesipho columna		5	0.5% ± 0.25	1 3
Omatoceros caeruleus		9250	1.17% ± 0.6	0.75% ± 0.1
Maoricrypta monoxyla	: <del>-</del>			0.758 ± 0.1
scidian				
lminius modestus			5.0% ± 3.8	5.83% ± 0.8
nthopleura aureoradiata		0.66 ± 0.66		$7.0 \pm 6.0$
atersipora cucullata		-		

Table: 1 cont.

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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Southeast headland Transect 1

Date: 28/11/84

Flora		Supra	Littoral Zones Upper	of the intertida	l Lower
Lichens	100	•		860 GC g	
Unidentified brown to Coralline paint Coralline turf Ulva lactuca	urf ::		2.58% ± 1.45 -	5.17% ± 0.79 1.0% ± 1.0 0.92% ± 0.79	1.33% ± 1.33 0.17% ± 0.17 19.17% ± 2.92
Hormosira banksii Scytothamnus australi	.s		3.0 ± 1.53	6.33 ± 1.86	10.0 ± 2.52

# Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Southeast headland transect 2

Date: 28/11/84

Fauna	Const	Littoral Zones of the intertidal		
Fauna	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower
***				
Littorina unifasciata		12.0 ± 12.0	<b>∵</b>	
Melagraphia aethiops		11.67 ± 4.64	1.33 ± 0.88	
Melanerita atrimentosa		1.33 ± 1.33		
Zeacumantus lutulentus		41.0 ± 10.13	15.67 ± 5.55	
Zeacumantus subcarinatus		•		
Turbo smaragdus		$0.67 \pm 0.67$	3.33 ± 1.20	10.67 ± 4.1
Cominella maculosa		-	0.33 ± 0.33	
Cominella glandiformis			3 ·	
Cominella adspersa	31			
Diloma subrostrata		0_	2:67 ± 2.67	1.33 ± 0.88
Diloma zelandica			¥	2000 1 0.00
Lepsiella scobina		14.0 ± 12.01	0.33 ± 0.33	
Onchidella nigricans		1.33 ± 1.33		 1.67 ± 0.33
Notoacmea parviconoidea				1.07 1 0 33
Notoacmea daedala		3		
Xenostrobus pulex		7.58% ± 5.62		
Crassostrea gigas		9.0 ± 6.56	1.67 ± 1.20	100
Mytilus edulis			37. 2 2320	
Austrovenus stutchburyi		-		á
Anomia triganopsis				
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis		9.5 ± 7.34	7.33 ± 2.19	0.67 ± 0.67
canthochitonia zelandica			2.17	-
maurochiton glaucus			/28	0.33 ± 0.33
iphonaria zelandica			9	0.33 ± 0.33
sterina regularis				
liona				
hamaesipho columna		0.92% ± 0.92		
omatoceros caeruleus		0.42% ± 0.42	0.25% ± 0.14	
aoricrypta monoxyla			0.238 E U.14	
scidian				
Lminius modestus		0 228 + 0 22	0.350	
nthopleura aureoradiata		0.33% ± 0.33		1.17 ± 0.44
itersipora cucullata		-	6.33 ± 2.19	27.67 ± 14.33

Table: '2 cont. '

# Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet Site: Southeast headland transect 2

Date: 28/11/84

				•
. Flora	Supra	Littoral Zones Upper	of the intertida Mid	Lower
Lichens	5		2	
Unidentified brown turf Coralline paint	<b>以</b>	5.25% ± 1.26	0.42% ± 0.22	0.83% ± 0.83
Coralline turf Ulva lactuca	•		13.86% ± 9.64	1.08% ± 0.51 59.67% ± 25.5
Hormosira banksii Scytothamnus australis		0.33 ± 0.33	0.67 ± 0.67	4.0 ± 0.0

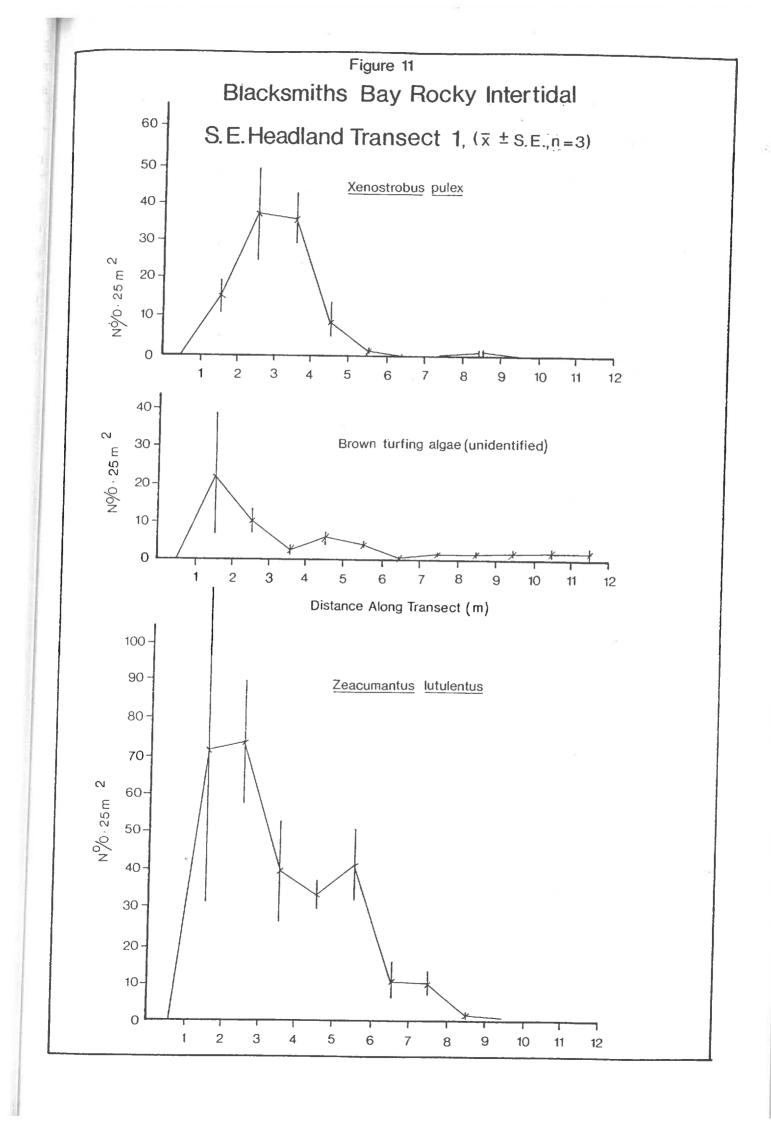
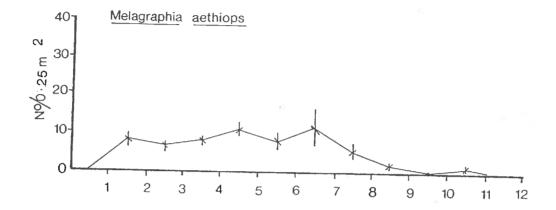


Figure 11 Continued

Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal

S.E. Headland Transect  $1 (\bar{x} \pm s.E., n = 3)$ 



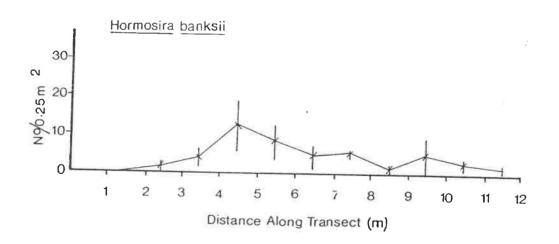
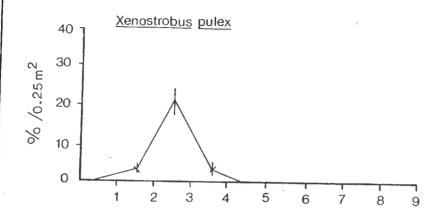
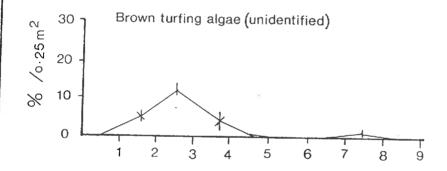


Figure 12
Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal
S.E. Headland Transect 2,  $(\bar{x} \pm s.E., n=3)$ 





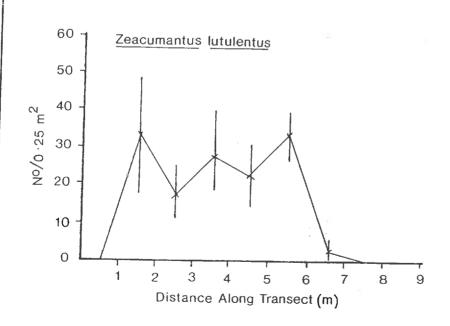
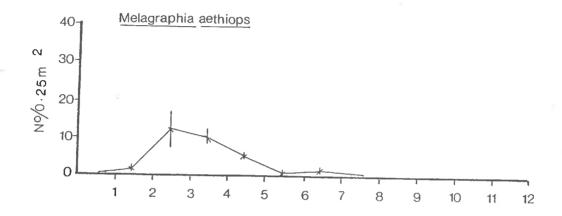
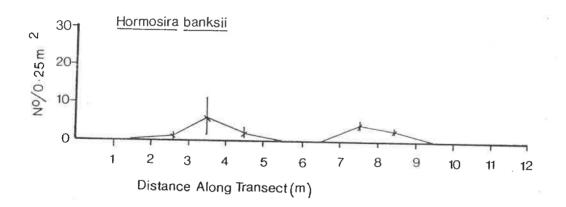


Figure 12 Continued

Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal

S.E. Headland Transect 2,  $(\bar{x} \pm s.E., n=3)$ 





evenly down the shore and tailed off to low numbers at the end of the first transect while there was a brief peak in abundance at the mid shore level in the second transect. Hormosira banksii was predominant from the middle of the downwards, although the noticeable reduction of densities in the middle of the second transect indicated a patchier distribution of this seaweed on this part of the reef.

Northwest Headland
The transects at this location revealed 30 species in addition to lichens. The species identified ranged from algae through to a number of marine snail species, a few bivalves and encrusting fauna (Appendix 1.2). The densities of this biota at the four shore levels are presented in Tables 3 and 4.

main species occurring along the transects in this area were Xenostrobus pulex, the unidentified brown turfing alga, two species of <u>Zeacumantus</u> - <u>Z. lutulentus</u> and <u>Z. subcarinata, Melagraphia aethiops and Hormosira</u> banksii. Their distribution down the shore is shown in Figures 13 & 14. The unidentified brown turfing alga occupied the upper shore in the first transect while it was barely evident in the second transect. X. pulex grew in small amounts on the upper and mid sections of both transects. species of the genus Zeacumantus two dominated the transects down the shore. lutulentus was abundant from the top of the shore to the middle shore where numbers quickly declined while Z. subcarinatus dominated the nore. The high variances about the mean lower shore. values at most points along the transect indicated that both species were patchy in their values distributions. Another species of snail, M. aethiops occurred in low densities along the entire shore.

Hormosira banksii showed differing distributions down the shore in the area of the two transects. In the first transect, H. banksii was found in low densities above the middle of the shore then increased in numbers down the shore. In Transect Two H. banksii occupied the middle to lower shore only (Plate 5).

Motutapu Island - inner shore
The number of species recorded from the two
transects at this location totalled 24 together
with lichens. The species included several

Table: 3

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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Northwest headland transect 1

Date: 4/12/84

			1 5.E., N=3	
Fauna	Supra	Littoral Zone Upper	s of the intertion	al Lower
Littorina unifasciata	6.0 ± 5.51	¥		3€8
Melagraphia aethiops		1.33 ± 0.67	1.0 ± 0.58	0.67 ± 0.33
Melanerita atrimentosa			#	0.07 ± 0.33
Zeacumantus lutulentus		$5.0 \pm 4.51$	. –	
Zeacumantus subcarinatus		5	0.33 ± 0.33	
Turbo smaragdus		120	1.0 ± 1.0	6.0 ± 2.08
Cominella maculosa				
Cominella glandiformis			_	
Cominella adspersa				
Diloma subrostrata		2.0 ± 1.16	4.0 ± 3.06	0.33 ± 0.33
Diloma zelandica		·	*	
Lepsiella scobina		0.33 ± 0.33	1.67 ± 0.67	1.33 ± 0.88
Onchidella nigricans	*		_	=
Notoacmea parviconoidea			*	
Notoacmea daedala				
Kenostrobus pulex		0.17% ± 0.17		
Crassostrea gigas		. =	_	
Mytilus edulis			-	#
ustrovenus stutchburyi		0.33 ± 0.33	_ 0	
nomia triganopsis		8	,	$0.33 \pm 0.33$
ypharochiton pelliserpentis		0.67 ± 0.67	1.67 ± 1.67	2.67 ± 2.19
canthochitonia zelandica				210.7 = 2119
maurochiton glaucus	統		*	22
iphonaria zelandica		70	-	or a .
sterina regularis			,	
liona		41.0		
hamaesipho columna		<del>20</del> 0		
omatoceros caeruleus		4 9	0.33% ± 0.33	0.08% ± 0.08
aoricrypta monoxyla				8 2
scidian				
lminius modestus		0.25% ± 0.25	1.42% ± 0.3	1.92% ± 1.54
nthopleura aureoradiata		22		32.67 ± 2.91
tersipora cucullata				

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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet
Site: Northwest headland transect 1

Date: 4/12/84

- 1					
	Flora	Supra	Littoral Zones Upper	of the intertida	Lower
		×			
1	Lichens	le le			
-	Unidentified brown turf		1.83% ± 1.59	-	0.08% ± 0.08
1	Coralline paint			4.42% ± 1.59	
ı	Coralline turf			4,420 I 1.39	6.0% ± 0.95
ı	Cordinate Call		0.08% ± 0.08	2.08% ± 0.46	16.75% ± 12.96
ı	Ulva lactuca				
l	Hormosira banksii		1.0 ± 1.0	7 (7 )	
			1.0 I 1.0	$7.67 \pm 2.67$	$3.67 \pm 1.33$
1	Scytothamnus australis				

Table: 4

### Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

site: Northwest headland transect 2

Date: 4/12/84

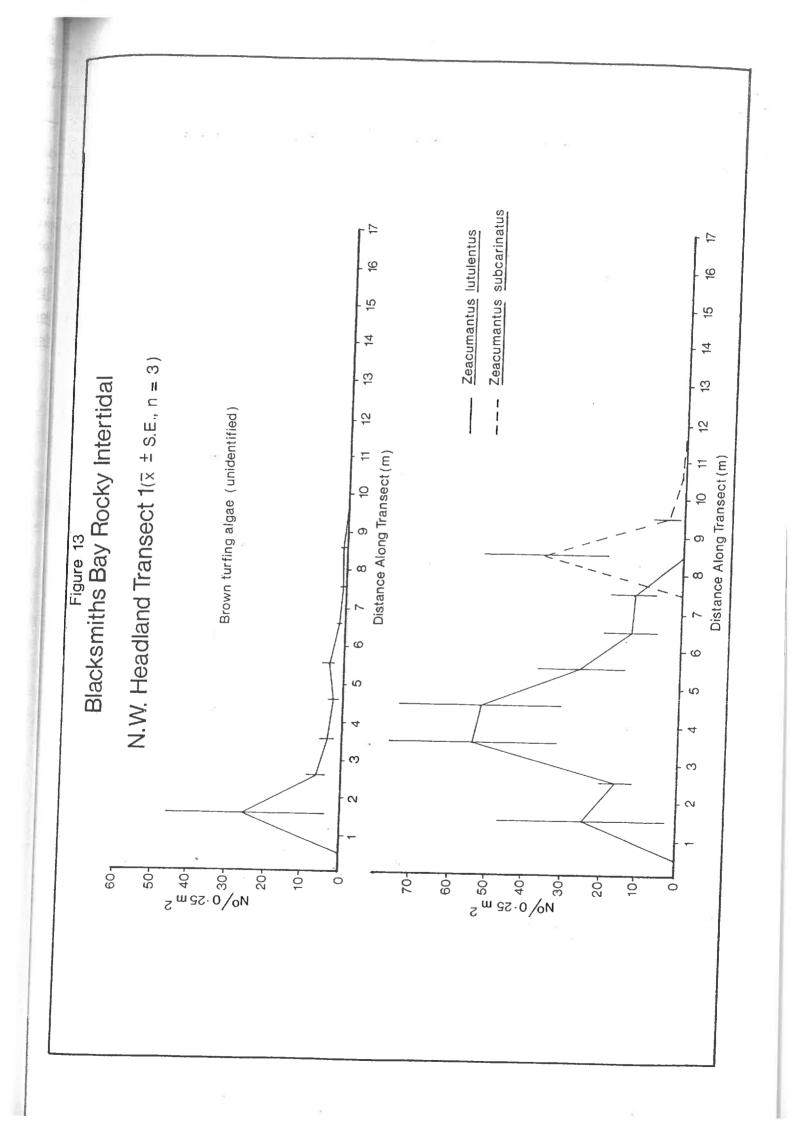
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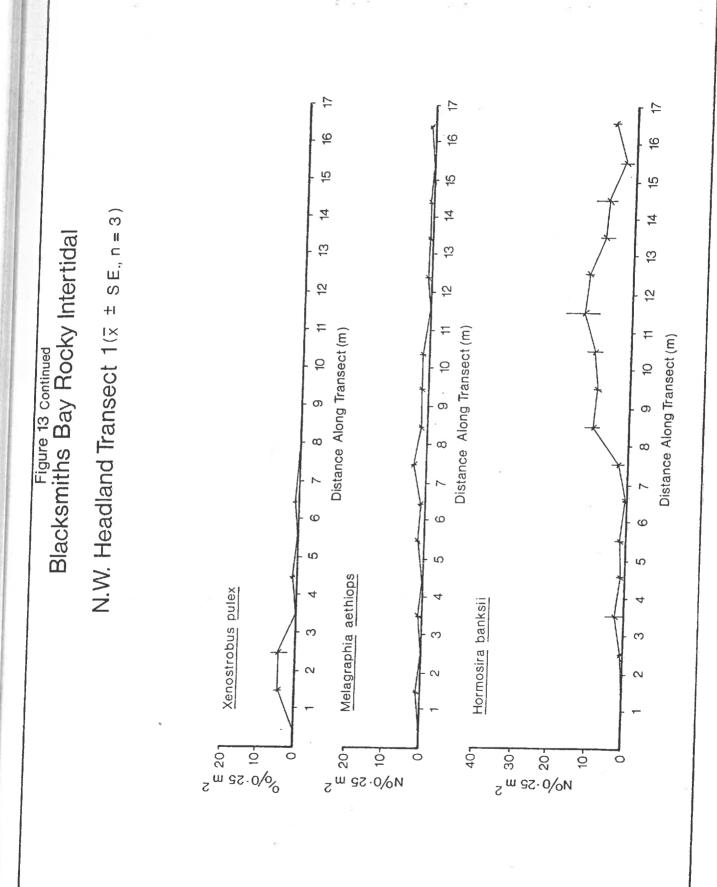
Fauna	Supra	Littoral Zone Upper	es of the intert	idal Lower
Littorina unifasciata		*		
Melagraphia aethiops			1 22 + 2 24	
Melanerita atrimentosa		_	4.33 ± 2.34	2.67 ± 0.88
Zeacumantus lutulentus		8.67 ± 4.38	22.67 ± 20.69	
Zeacumantus subcarinatus		> .	18.67 ± 6.77	
Turbo smaragdus			1.33 ± 1.33	7.67 ± 7.67
Cominella maculosa			*****	21
Cominella glandiformis		0.33 ± 0.33		
Cominella adspersa				
Diloma subrostrata				_
Diloma zelandica		3*	2 67 ± 1 33	0.67 1.4.72
Lepsiella scobina			2.07 ± 1.33	8.67 ± 4.71
Onchidella nigricans	74 F		0.33 ± 0.33	0.33 ± 0.33
Notoacmea parviconoidea	**	_	- 0.00	
Notoacmea daedala				
Kenostrobus pulex		0.08% ± 0.08	0.25% ± 0.25	99
Crassostrea gigas		1.0 ± 1.0	0.67 ± 0.67	1.33 ± 0.67
Nytilus edulis		0.33 ± 0.33	-	-
ustrovenus stutchburyi	01			
nomia triganopsis		2)		g
ypharochiton pelliserpentis			_	1.33 ± 0.33
canthochitonia zelandica				1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
maurochiton glaucus	•		-	*
iphonaria zelandica		~ =		
sterina regularis				*
liona				
namaesipho columna				N 34
omatoceros caeruleus		a .		0.42% ± 0.3
doricrypta monoxyla				5 S.
scidian				
minius modestus		1.75% ± 1.75	0.58% ± 0.58	0.83% ± 0.60
thopleura aureoradiata				-12-20 2 0.00
tersipora cucullata				_

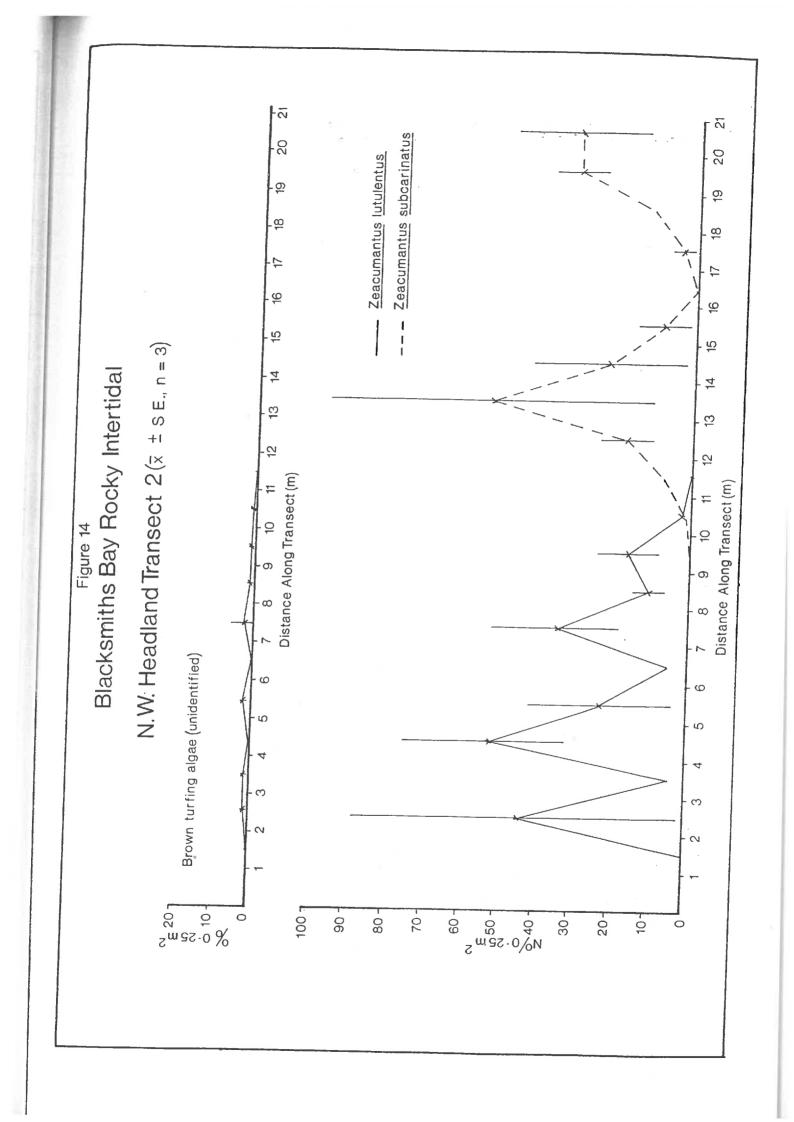
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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet
Site: Northwest headland transect 2

Date: 4/12/84

		5.				
Flora	Supra	Littoral Zones Upper	of the intert	idal	Lower	
Lichens	#					
	0.08% ± 0.08					
Unidentified brown turf		#b	3.0% ± 2.4			
Coralline paint						
coralline turf	× ±					
Ulva lactuca	•	(-fo + 5			_	
Hormosira banksii		6.5% ± 5.54				
			155		4.33 ± 2.61	
Scytothamnus australis						







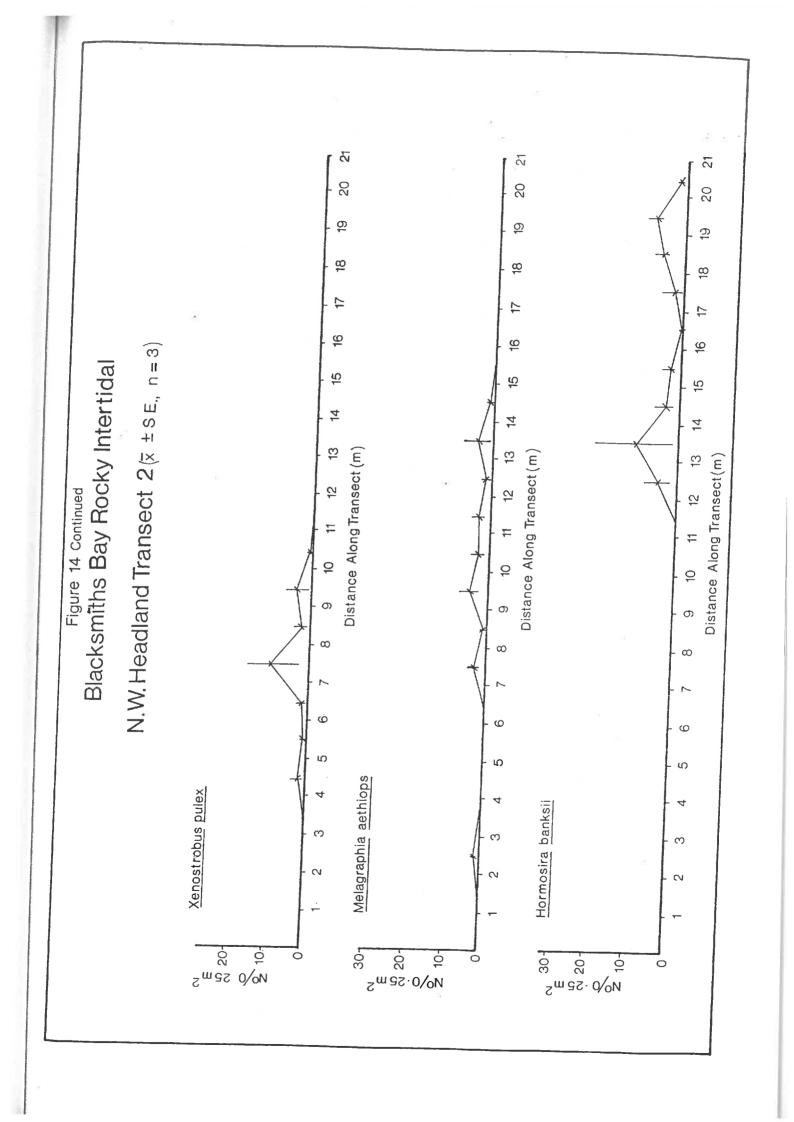




PLATE 5: The Hormosira banksii (Neptune's necklace) bed in transect 1 on the Northwest headland site. The mangrove stand at Blacksmiths Bay can be seen in the background.

marine algae, a variety of snails, encrusting bivalves, and sponges and a crab (Appendix 1.3). The densities of these various organisms at the four levels of the shore are recorded in Tables 5 and 6.

Some of the predominant species have been graphed to show their changing densities along the two Chamaesipho columna was the most transects. abundant organism of the upper shore, although it covered a greater area in transect one than in transect two where its presence was negligible (Figures 15 & 16). In contrast Crassostrea gigas was noticeably abundant at mid to low shore levels in both transects. The clustering nature of the oyster around the boulders in this habitat allowed them to attain high densities. chiton, Sypharochiton pelliserpentis, the oyster borer, Lepsiella scobina and the slug, Onchidella nigricans were also abundant in both transects the same levels as these species are often found living amongst oysters.

Motutapu Island - outer shore
There were 23 species of flora and fauna counted along the transects at this location in addition to an unidentified ascidian and several unknown lichens (Appendix I.4). Their densities at supra-, upper-, mid- and lowerlittoral shore levels are provided in Tables 7 and 8.

predominant species on this shore were The examined and graphed (Figures 17 & 18). It can be seen that Chamaesipho columna is slightly more common on this side of the island, occurring in both transects and peaking in abundance above the main beds of oysters in both transects. Crassostrea gigas occupied the middle to lower two transects and attained high parts of the densities although this species showed high variability owing to their clumping habit. Lepsiella scobina and Sypharochiton pelliserpentis showed similar trends, being found in greatest numbers amongst the oyster beds. An interesting feature is the densities and extremely high variability of S. pelliserpentis the second transect. No explanation immediately obvious from the data. However, as these animals can be very mobile, it could be expected that they would tend to clump in variable densities amongst the oysters. Onchidella nigricans was poorly represented on this shore.

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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

site: Motutapu Island - inner transect 1

Date: 11/12/84

Fauna	Supra	Littoral Zone Upper	s of the intertion	lal Lower
		0.		HOWEL
Littorina unifasciata	$0.33 \pm 0.33$			3 <b>.5</b> 5
Melagraphia aethiops		$0.33 \pm 0.33$	2.0 ± 1.16	0.67 ± 0.3
Melanerita atrimentosa		1.33 ± 0.33		
Zeacumantus lutulentus		25		
Zeacumantus subcarinatus		3111 <sub>88</sub>		
Turbo smaragdus		=	200	
Cominella maculosa				
Cominella glandiformis				
Cominella adspersa				76
Diloma subrostrata				
Diloma zelandica		•		20 000
Lepsiella scobina		1.33 ± 1.33	-3.33 ± 0.33	2.33 ± 0.88
Onchidella nigricans	396	_	18.33 ± 16.36	
Notoacmea parviconoidea			10.50	1.0 £ 0.0
Notoacmea daedala			_	
Kenostrobus pulex		1.11% ± 1.11	0.67% ± 0.17	
Crassostrea gigas		20.0 ± 8.55	48.0 ± 4.73	16.0 ± 7.95
Mytilus edulis			0.67 ± 0.67	3.33 ± 2.34
Austrovenus stutchburyi			19	3.33 1 2.34
nomia triganopsis		S	-	
ypharochiton pelliserpentis			2.0 ± 1.0	3.67 ± 1.67
canthochitonia zelandica				3.07 1.07
maurochiton glaucus	(#S)		•	
iphonaria zelandica		5		# # v
sterina regularis			-	
liona				
namaesipho columna	3.17% ± 2.80	15.08% ± 2.68		
omatoceros caeruleus			-	2.86% ± 1.54
oricrypta monoxyla		•		
cidian				
minius modestus				×
thopleura aureoradiata				
tersipora cucullata				

Table: 5 cont.

Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal
Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet
Site: Motutapu Island - inner, transect 1

Date: 11/12/84

\hat{x} \div S.E., n=3

Flora

Supra

Littoral Zones of the intertidal
Mid

Lichens

30.67% \div 14.89

Unidentified brown turf

Unidentified brown turf

Coralline paint

0.08% ± 0.08

Lower

Coralline turf
Ulva lactuca

Hormosira banksii Scytothamnus australis

Apophloea sinclairii 12.33% ± 7.76 0.08% ± 0.08

Table: 6

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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Motutapu Island - inner, transect 2

Date: 11/12/84

		. x	I S.E., n=3	
Fauna	Supra	Littoral Zone Upper	s of the intertida Mid	l Lower
Littorina unifasciata				
Melagraphia aethiops	2	0 22 / 0 22	1.00	
7	45	0.33 ± 0.33	1.33 ± 0.88	$0.33 \pm 0.33$
Melanerita atrimentosa				
Zeacumantus lutulentus	32.	95		
Zeacumantus subcarinatus				
Turbo smaragdus			0.33 ± 0.33	1.67 ± 0.33
Cominella maculosa		Nes.		
Cominella glandiformis			×	
Cominella adspersa	((*))			1.67 ± 1.2
Diloma subrostrata				8
<u>Diloma zelandica</u>	ě	#		
Lepsiella scobina		2.67 ± 0.88	$6.67 \pm 0.67$	7.67 ± 1.20
Onchidella nigricans			41.67 ± 17.21	46.33 ± 18.96
Notoacmea parviconoidea				
Notoacmea daedala		*	1.67 ± 1.20	
Xenostrobus pulex				
Crassostrea gigas		$3.0 \pm 2.0$	$25.0 \pm 5.87$	17.67 ± 5.93
Mytilus edulis			$\simeq$	$12.33 \pm 3.72$
Austrovenus stutchburyi		<u> </u>	*	*
Anomia triganopsis				
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis			2.33 ± 1.86	6.33 ± 3.76
Acanthochitonia zelandica		¥1		
Amaurochiton glaucus				
Siphonaria zelandica			+:	* *
Asterina regularis				⊲
liona	•			0.67 ± 0.55
Chamaesipho columna				
omatoceros caeruleus			0.08% ± 0.08	3.83% ± 0.73
aoricrypta monoxyla				SA 1
scidian				
lminius modestus				
nthopleura aureoradiata				
atersipora cucullata				

Table: 6 cont.

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Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Motutapu Island - inner, transect 2

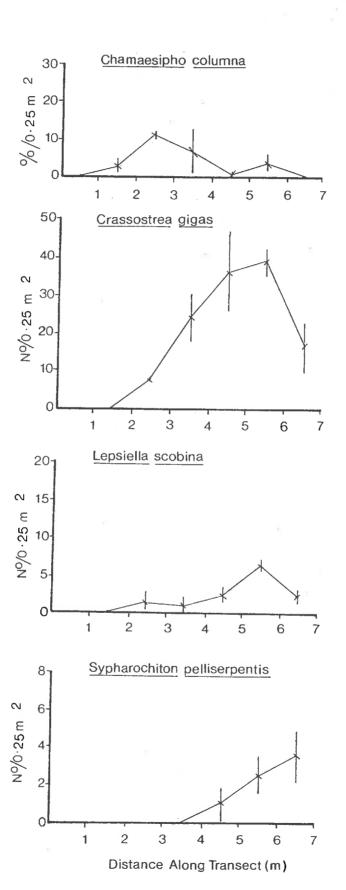
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Flora	Supra	Littoral Zones of Upper	the intertidal	Lower
Lichens	22.42% ± 15.46		й н	
Unidentified brown turf			0.59	% ± 0.58
Coralline paint			0.50	18 ± 0.58
Coralline turf		8		G <del>ri</del>
Ulva lactuca		*	0.83	% ± 0.58
Hormosira banksii		*       .		-
Scytothamnus australis			-	
Apophloea sinclairii		7.25% ± 2.75		

Figure 15

Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal

Motutapu Island Inner Shore Tr  $1(\bar{x} \pm s E, n = 3)$ 



## Figure 15 Continued Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal Motutapu Island Inner Shore Tr $1(\bar{x} \pm s E, n = 3)$

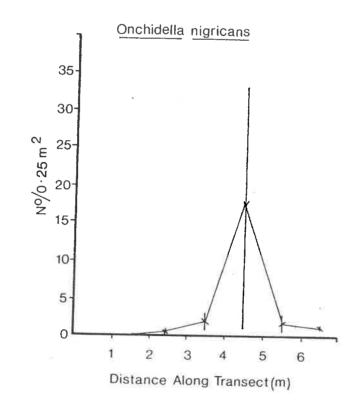


Figure 16

Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal

Motutapu Island Inner Shore Tr 2 (x ± s E., n=3)

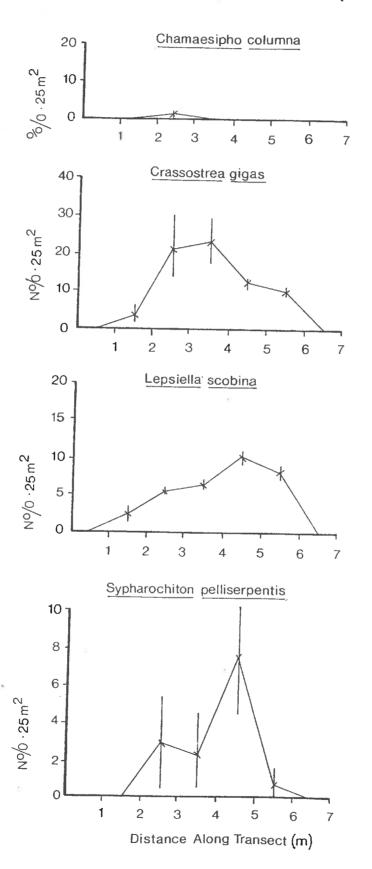


Figure 16 Continued

Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal

Motutapu Island Inner Shore Tr  $2(\bar{x} \pm \bar{y} E, n=3)$ 

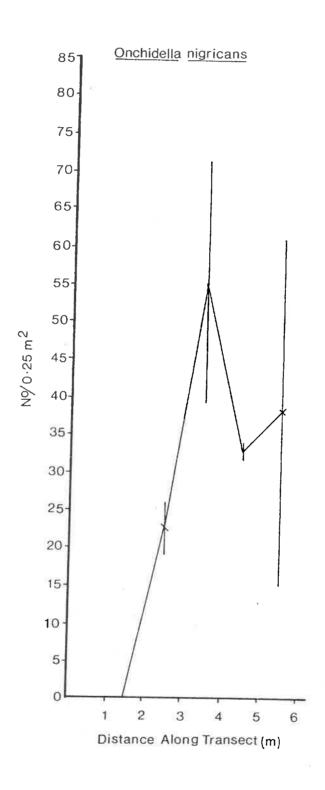


Table: 7

#### Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Motutapu Island - Outer, Transect 1

Date: 11/12/84

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Fauna	Supra	Littoral Zone: Upper	s of the intertida Mid	Lower
Littorina unifasciata		0.33 ± 0.33		
Melagraphia aethiops			1 22 ± 1 22	
Melanerita atrimentosa	- 0	1.33 ± 0.33	1.33 ± 1.33	0.66 ± 0.66
Zeacumantus lutulentus		1.00 1 0.00		** ####
Zeacumantus subcarinatus				
Turbo smaragdus		0 22 ± 0 22	1.68	
Cominella maculosa		0.33 ± 0.33	1.67 ± 0.88	
Cominella glandiformis				$1.0 \pm 1.0$
Cominella adspersa				*
Diloma subrostrata			2)	
Diloma zelandica			€/	
Lepsiella scobina		1.0 ± 0.58	14.00	
Onchidella nigricans		1.0 ± 0.36	14.33 ± 6.07	$3.33 \pm 1.33$
Notoacmea parviconoidea			$0.33 \pm 0.33$	9
Notoacmea daedala				
<u>Xenostrobus</u> pulex				
Crassostrea gigas		0.33 ± 0.33	11.33 ± 1.45	73 D . 5
Mytilus edulis		1961	1.67 ± 1.67	$23.0 \pm 5.04$
Austrovenus stutchburyi			1.07 1 1.07	5.0 ± 2.08
Anomia triganopsis			<u> </u>	
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis		· =		6 22 4 2 45
Acanthochitonia zelandica				6.33 ± 1.45
Amaurochiton glaucus		a		$1.0 \pm 1.0$
iphonaria zelandica				5 9
sterina regularis			100	
liona				*
hamaesipho columna 0.10	6% ± <b>0.</b> 16	9.42% ± 3.87		_ = =
omatoceros caeruleus	-	3-120 2 3.07		3 504
aoricrypta monoxyla	:-			2.58% ± 0.65
Scidian				*
minius modestus				
nthopleura aureoradiata				*
tersipora cucullata				

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### Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet
Site: Motutapu Island - outer, transect 1.

Date: 11/12/84

 $\bar{x} \pm \text{S.E.}, n=3$ 

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Flora	8 2	Supra	Littoral Zone Upper	s of the intertion	Lower
Lichens		21.33% ± 12.99	)	8 5	
Unidentified brown tur	rf		0.5% ± 0.5	0.25% ± 0.25	0.25% ± 0.14
Coralline paint Coralline turf		5 80		0.42% ± 0.42	3.33% ± 2.21
Ulva lactuca					0.58% ± 0.58
Hormosira banksii			*	1.0 ± 1.0	1.0 ± 0.58
Scytothamnus australis	,		<i>y</i> .		8.
Apophloea sinclairii			10.92% ± 5.5	5.42% ± 2.47	¥

### Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

site:

Motutapu Island - Outer, transect 2

Date: 11/12/84

		Littoral 700	es of the intert	
Fauna	Supra	Upper	Mid	ldal Lower
Littorina unifasciata		4		
Melagraphia aethiops				35
Melanerita atrimentosa		1 67 + 1 2	2.0	
Zeacumantus lutulentus		1.07 1 1.2	2.0 ± 1.00	
Zeacumantus subcarinatus				
Turbo smaragdus			0.67	
Cominella maculosa			$0.67 \pm 0.33$	
Cominella glandiformis				0.33 ± 0.3
Cominella adspersa				
Diloma subrostrata				
Diloma zelandica		8		3.57 %
Lepsiella scobina			.00	
Onchidella nigricans	(48):		$5.0 \pm 2.52$	5.0 ± 2.08
Notoacmea parviconoidea	22			$0.33 \pm 0.3$
Notoacmea daedala	2			
Kenostrobus pulex				$1.33 \pm 1.33$
Crassostrea gigas		0.50	*	
Mytilus edulis		.0.66 ± 0.33	21.67 ± 12.36	$17.0 \pm 4.0$
ustrovenus stutchburyi	Œ		$3.67 \pm 2.34$	3.33 ± 2.03
			£ ±	
nomia triganopsis		· ·		*2
ypharochiton pelliserpentis				10.67 ± 8.75
canthochitonia zelandica	*			0.66 ± 0.66
maurochiton glaucus				
iphonaria zelandica				
sterina regularis				$0.33 \pm 0.33$
liona		559		0.17% ± 0.17
namaesipho columna	0.25% ± 0.14	$4.08 \pm 0.65$		
Omatoceros caeruleus		8 . X	.æ <sup>n</sup>	5.33% ± 3.80
oricrypta monoxyla			$0.33 \pm 0.33$	0.67 ± 0.33
cidian	¥			1.67 ± 1.67
minius modestus				51
thopleura aureoradiata				
tersipora cucullata				

Table: 8 cont. Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal. Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet Site: Motutapu Island - Outer, transect 2

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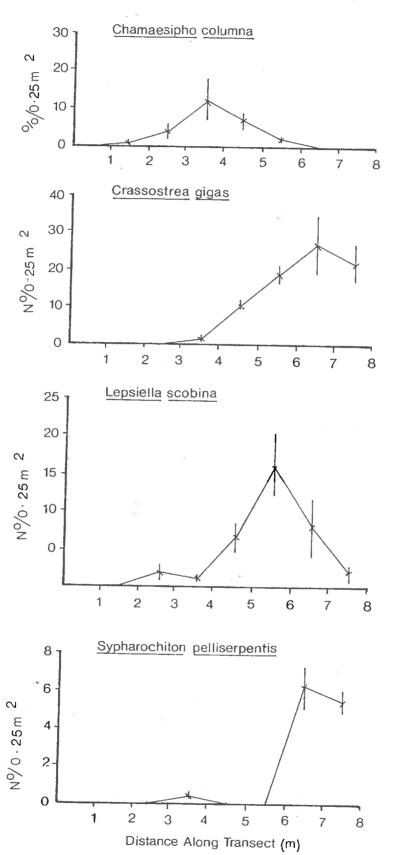
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Flora	Supra	Littoral Zo Upper	nes of the intertion	dal Lower
Lichens	14.08% ± 7.44		28	
Unidentified brown turf	2)		*:	
Coralline paint			1.33% ± 0.44	0.25% ± 0.25
Coralline turf	*			3.0% ± 1.44
Ulva lactuca	*			1.5% ± 0.58
Hormosira banksii		•		
Scytothamnus australis				4.33 ± 1.67
Apophloea sinclairii		×2.	5.67% ± 4.77	•

Figure 17

Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal

Motutapu Island Outer Shore Tr 1(x ± S E, n = 3)



# Figure 17 Continued Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal Motutapu Island Outer Shore $Tr1(\bar{x} \pm s \pm ., n = 3)$

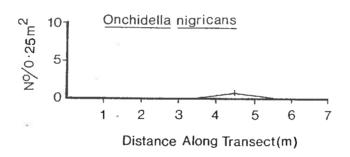
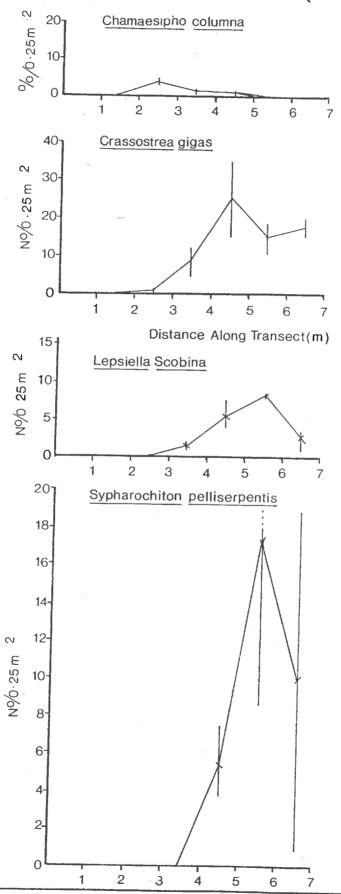
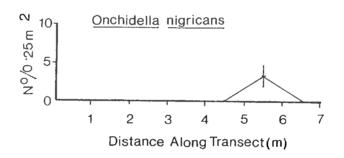


Figure 18
Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal
Motutapu Island Outer Shore Tr  $2(\bar{x} \pm s = 3)$ 



## Figure 18 Continued Blacksmiths Bay Rocky Intertidal Motutapu Island Outer Shore $Tr 2(\bar{x} \pm s E, n = 3)$



As a general comparison, the species of flora and fauna identified from the upper Waikare Inlet and the upper Te Puna Inlet sites are presented in Appendices 4.1 & 4.2.

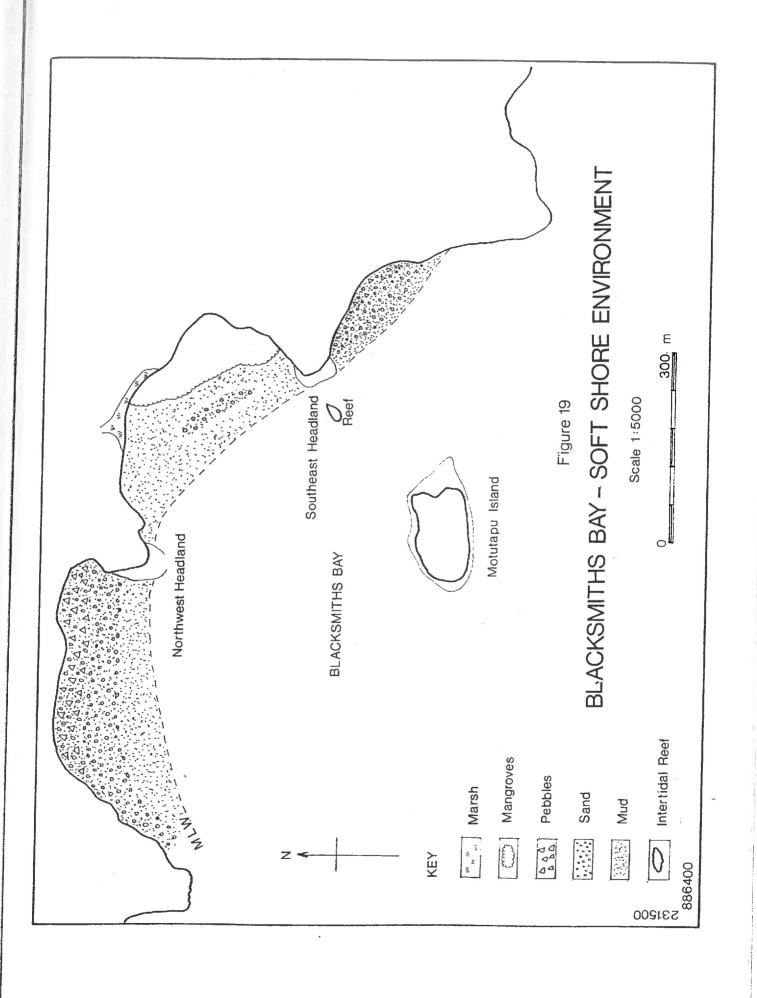
#### 3.1.2 Soft Shores

(a) Site Descriptions
Blacksmiths Bay - proposed marina site
(Figure 19).
This area comprises a shallow, predominantly muddy, embayment which drains at low water to expose a large area of intertidal mudflat. A mature mangrove forest covers a significant proportion of the upper intertidal area while a sandbar containing live cockles intersects the middle part of this area. A small stream runs through the mudflat area.

Southeast Blacksmiths Bay (Figure 19). This site is sandier than the proposed marina area and the sediments comprise coarse sand and small pebbles in the upper and mid levels while the sediments become progressively muddier at the lower level. A slight flow of fresh water runs across a layer of hard sandstone at the eastern end of the beach while the western end tends to be muddier. There are few maritime species of vegetation and no mangroves while the upper shore level is bordered by a moderately steep native bush-covered slope.

Northwest Blacksmiths Bay (Figure 19). This area appears to show the combined physical characteristics of both the proposed marina site the southeastern location. There is a moderately large intertidal area exposed at low tide with a small stream passing through the upper level and near the centre of the bay. The sediments are coarse and sandy with small pebbles upper level while the finer muds become the progressively deeper at the middle and lower levels. Cockle and pipi banks are apparent at upper to middle levels. There is no mangrove zone at this location although a band of maritime plant species occupies a small area above the intertidal zone.

(b) Species Distribution
 Blacksmiths Bay - proposed marina site(Appendix 2.1).
 A varying assemblage of animals was identified from samples made in this area including two



unidentified species of worms, while two plant species (<u>Hormosira banksii</u> and the mangrove, <u>Avicennia marina var. resinifera</u>) were recorded from the upper intertidal shore.

The densities of species were examined along the two transects at the four shore levels - mangrove zone, upper, mid and lower levels.

the shore under the mangrove forest, there were a number of species of animals living on top of the compacted sediments or on the mangrove pneumatophores which protruded from sediments. Zeacumantus lutulentus was the most abundant species and was found throughout the mangrove area (Tables 9 and 10, Figures 20 & 21). In both transects  $\underline{\text{Z.}}$  lutulentus occurred in moderate densities in the upper and middle sections of the mangrove forest and peaked in densities just before the seaward edge of the mangrove forest where the sediments became very and uncompacted. It was in this area that Crassostrea gigas proliferated, being virtually absent at the upper and middle area.

The barnacle Elminius modestus was common at mid and lower sections of the mangrove area, its presence dependent upon the mangrove pneumatophores for a settlement surface. This was true also for the less common Xenostrobus pulex. Density estimates of these two species were not made as the pneumatophores on which they lived provided an additional surface area to that within the 0.25 m² sampling quadrat.

The remaining species were mainly snails and Hormosira banksii which occurred in low densities.

The other three shore levels contained animals which lived both within the uncompacted, soft sediments and on the surface. These are outlined in Tables 11 and 12.

In the first transect the three predominant species (Austrovenus stutchburyi, Macoma liliana and Macrophthalmus hirtipes) which occurred in relatively high densities were examined in detail (Figure 22). The A. stutchburyi and M. liliana bed occurred at upper to mid intertidal levels with A. stutchburyi living in the well oxygenated top sediment layer and M. liliana, with their longer siphons, able to tolerate the large area of deeper, anoxic sediments. The numbers of both

BLACKSMITHS BAY MARINA PROPOSAL

Soft Intertidal Shore Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Blacksmiths Bay, proposed marina site - Mangrove forest, Transect 1

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n=5p = present

			DISTANCE	DISTANCE THROUGH MANGROVE FOREST (m)	FOREST (m)	8	
Fauna	0	2	10	15	2.0	, ,,	
Zpacimantic litiic					2	۲,	30
TOTAL TOTAL	,	11.0 ± 4.88	3.6 ± 2.2	9.2 ± 1.24	22.4 + 11 10	4	
Crassostrea gigas	ı	)			61:11	0.0 H 0.39	0.6 ± 0.59
,			Ü	1	25.2 ± 6.7	17.0 ± 6.78	20.6 + 1.12
Vitolia subrostrata	ı	0.2 ± 0.2	ı	0.4 + 0.24	4 0		3
Cominella glandiformis	ı				02.0 I 2.0	0.4 ± 0.24	0.6 ± 0.39
		1	0.2 ± 0.2	1	0.8 ± 0.49	ı	
Turbo smaragdus	,	ij	•			3	1
Melanerita atrimontosa				1	1.6 ± 0.59	0.4 ± 0.24	0.4 ± 0.24
בביים הרד דווופוזרספס	ı	ī	•	ı	0.2 + 0.2		
Onchidella nigricans	ı	li			1	ı	1
,			ı	ı	T.	0.4 ± 0.4	1
velice cropers bulex	•	1	ı	ı	£	ુ	
Elminius modestus	Δ	9			4	n,	Д
	•	r	ı	ī	Д	Д	Д

0.2 ± 0.2

0.2 ± 0.2

Hormosira banksii

Flora

DATE: 30/1/85

Soft Inter-tidal Shore Quadrat Sample Sheet.

 $\tilde{x} \pm SE, n = 5$ 

p = present

FAUNA			DISTANCE TH	ROUGH MANGRO	VE FOREST (m	1)	
	0	5	10	15	20	25	30
ZeaCumantus 1utulentus	5.0 ± 2.4	6.6 ± 1.21	7.6 ± 1.63	7.0 ± 0.95	8.0 ± 2.46	3.8 ± 1.85	5.2 ± 2.*
<u>Crassostrea</u> <u>gigas</u>	-	1.0 ± 0.45	-	. <del></del>	0.6 ± 0.39	0.4 ± 0.24	1.4 ± 0.9
<u>Diloma sub-</u> <u>rostrata</u>	æ.	. =	-	-	-	=	-
Cominella glandiformis	0.8 ± 0.8		<u>∞</u>	0.8 ± 0.49	1.0 ± 0.32	0.4 ± 0.24	0.2 ± 0.
Turbo smaragdus	-		-	-	-	_	9.
Melanerita atrimentosa	_	_	-	-	-		-
Onchidella nigricans	-	_	-	2	<u>(2</u> )	-	-
Xenostrobus <u>pulex</u>	_	=	-	-	-	es <sub>re</sub>	=
Elminius modestus	_	_			-	-	p.
FLORA							8 %
Hormosira banksii	0.2 ± 0.2	-	-	<del>4</del> );	**	0.2 ± 0.2	2.0 ± 1.

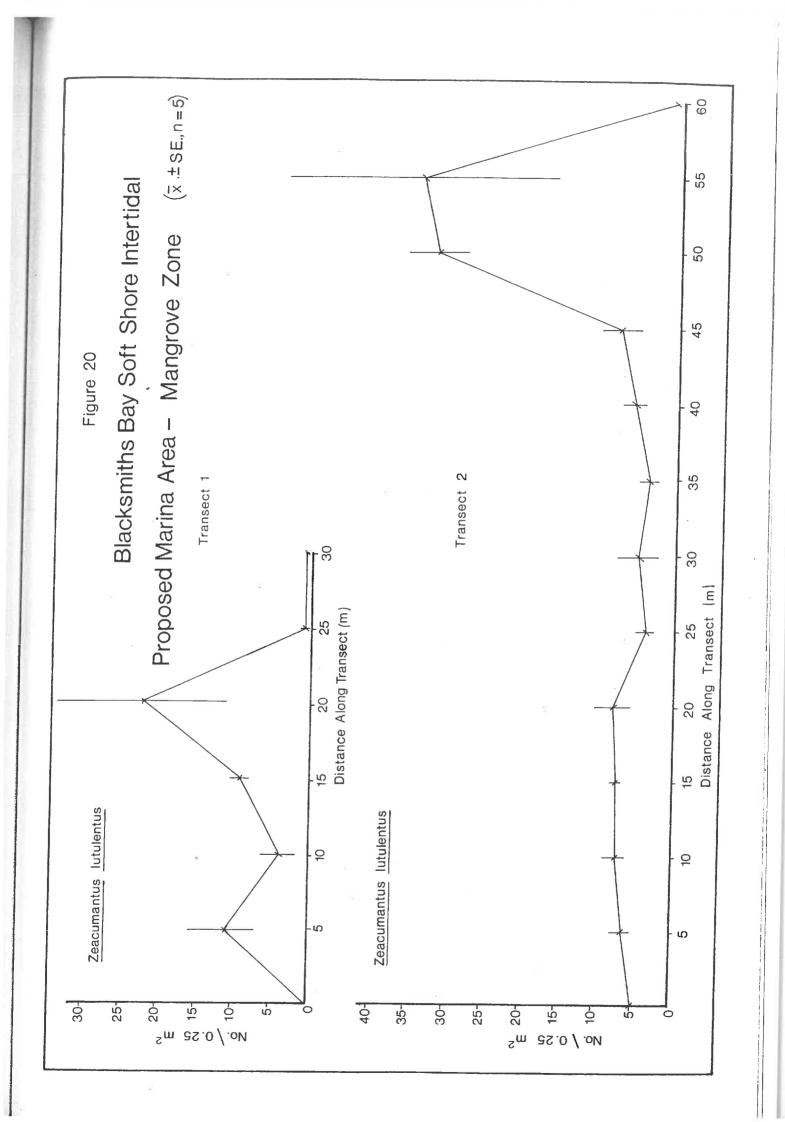
Soft, Inter-tidal Shore Quadrat Sample Sheet.

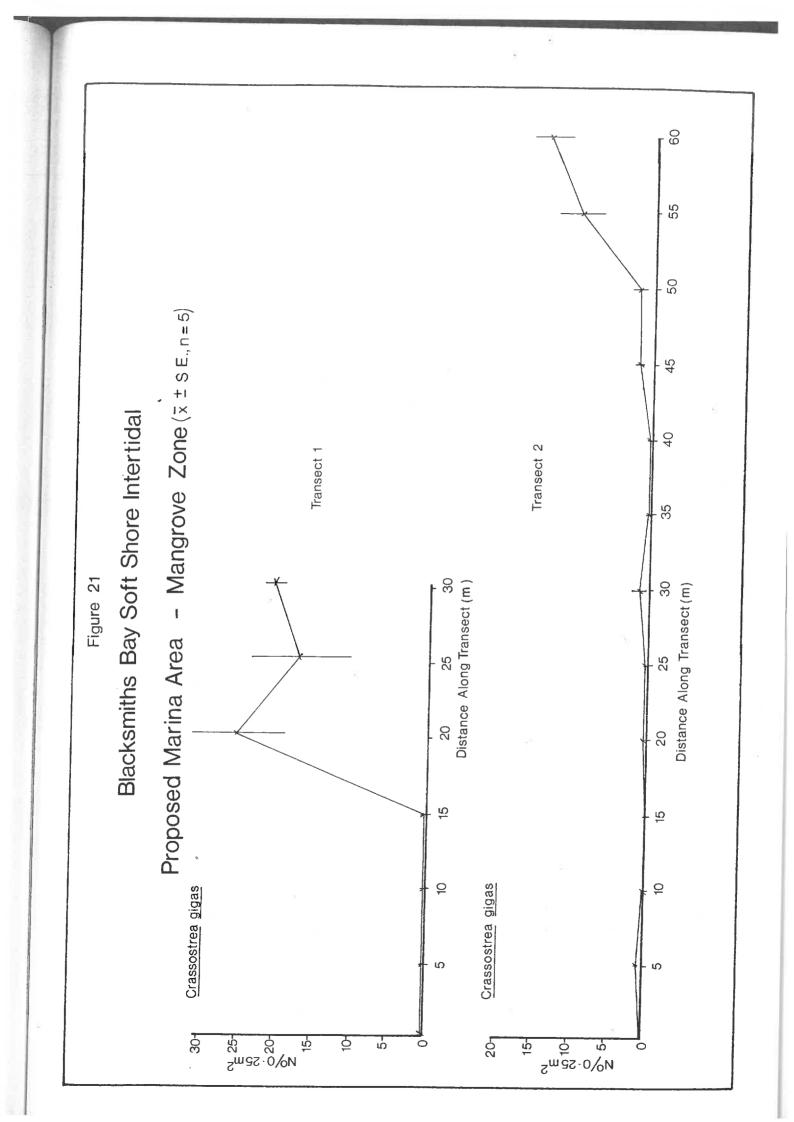
Site - Blacksmiths Bay Proposed Marina Site - Mangrove Forest transect 2.

 $\bar{x} \pm SE, n = 5$ 

p= present

FAUNA_		DISTANCE	THROUGH MANO	GROVE FOREST (1	n )	
	35	40	45	50	55	60
Zeacumantus lutulentus	3.6 ± 1.29	5.8 ± 1.59	7.6 ± 2.69	32.0 ± 4.29	34.4 ± 18.16	0.6 ± 0
<u>Crassostrea</u> <u>gigas</u>		0.4 ± 0.24	2.0 ± 0.89	2.0 ± 1.09	10.2 ± 3.27	14.2 ± 2
Diloma subrostrata	0. 2 ± 0. 2	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	0.8 ± 0.49	-	
Cominella glandiformis	0. 4 ± 0. 4	0.2 ± 0. 2	0.4 ± 0.24	0.6 ± 0.4	1.4 ± 0.51	0.2 ± 0.
Turbo smaragdus	-	-	-	_	0.4 ± 0.24	0.6 ± 0.
Melanerita atrimentosa	_	-	œ	_	i.ee	_
Onchidella nigricans			*	-		_
Xenostrobus pulex	-	-	P ==	р	» p	p
Elminius modestus	p	р	р	р	p	р
FLORA						
lormosira banksii	1. 2 ± 0.37	1.8 ± 0.66	-	0.8 ± 0.37	-	0.8 ± 0.





### Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Blacksmiths Bay Marina site - Transect 1

 $\tilde{x} \pm \text{S.E.}, n = 5$ 

Lepidonotus polychromus

Date: 13/11/84

Favor	Re	gions of the inter	tidal
Fauna	Upper	Mid	Lower
Austrovenus stutchburyi	2.8 ± 1.82	10.2 ± 2.39	2.0 ± 0.63
Macoma liliana	1.0 ± 1.0	21.0 ± 1.30	4.2 ± 1.02
Crassostrea gigas	14.4 ± 5.37		4.2 1 1.02
Macrophthalmus hirtipes	7.8 ± 2.59	1.2 1 0.37	0.4 ± 0.24
Alpheus sp	0.6 ± 0.39	$0.4 \pm 0.4$	0.4 1 0.24
Callianassa filholi		0.1	
Onchidella nigricans	$0.8 \pm 0.79$		
Turbo smaragdus	$0.2 \pm 0.2$		
Zeacumantus lutulentus	1.4 ± 1.16	$0.4 \pm 0.4$	
Cominella glandiformis	2.0 ± 1.14	0.2 ± 0.2	
Cominella maculosa		0.2 1 0.2	
Diloma subrostrata	0.2 ± 0.2	1.6 ± 0.59	
Xenostrobus pulex	present	1.0 1 0.59	•*
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis	0.4 ± 0.24		
Amaurochiton glaucus	0.2 ± 0.2		
Mactra ovata	-	1.0 ± 0.45	1 0 4 0 66
Nucula hartvigiana		1.2 ± 0.19	1.8 ± 0.66
Solentellina nitida		$0.2 \pm 0.2$	1.2 ± 0.37
Anthopleura aureoradiata			$0.2 \pm 0.2$
Elminius modestus		present	
Corbula zelandica		$0.4 \pm 0.24$	
Pinnotheres novaezelandiae		0.4 ± 0.24	•
Xymene plebius			$0.4 \pm 0.4$
Theora lubrica			0.2 ± 0.2
Pectinaria australis			
Notoacmea daedala			
Notoacmea helmsi°			* F * 3
Isopod			₩ ×
Amphipod			\$ 34V & U
Glycera americana		0.2.4.6.5	
Nicon aestuariensis		0.2 ± 0.2	

Table: 11 cont.

## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Blacksmiths Bay Marina Site - Transect 1

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Date: 13/11/84

Regions of the intertidal
Upper Mid Lower

Asychis theodori

Worm B

Orbinia papillosa

 $0.2 \pm 0.2$ 

 $3.4 \pm 0.87$ 

Glycerid worm

Nemertine worm

Micrelenchus huttoni

Paphies <u>australis</u>

Pomatoceros caeruleus

Bryozoan

Amphibola crenata

## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Blacksmiths Bay Marina Site - transect 2

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Date: 21/11/84

Fauna	Re Upper	gions of the intert Mid	idal Lower
Austrovenus stutchburyi		51.6 ± 18.31	_
Macoma liliana	0.2 ± 0.2	$6.8 \pm 5.33$	6.2 ± 2.41
Crassostrea gigas	12.6 ± 6.0		
Macrophthalmus hirtipes	4.8 ± 1.77	$1.0 \pm 0.45$	1.8 ± 0.79
Alpheus sp	$0.8 \pm 0.37$	=	
Callianassa filholi			
Onchidella nigricans	6.8 ± 2.55		
Turbo smaragdus	0.2 ± 0.2		
Zeacumantus lutulentus		$0.2 \pm 0.2$	
Cominella glandiformis		$0.6 \pm 0.24$	$0.4 \pm 0.24$
Cominella maculosa			
Diloma subrostrata		2.2 ± 0.86	
Xenostrobus pulex	present		
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis			
Amaurochiton glaucus		$0.4 \pm 0.24$	
Mactra ovata		2.0 ± 0.84	0.4 ± 0.24
Nucula hartvigiana		2.2 ± 1.42	2.6 ± 0.39
Solentellina nitida			
Anthopleura aureoradiata		present	
Elminius modestus	present		
Corbula zelandica		=	*) (=
Pinnotheres novaezelandiae		₩.	0.2 ± 0.2
Yymene plebius			
Cheora lubrica	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	1.6 ± 1.16	
Pectinaria australis		-	
otoacmea daedala			the Hill
otoacmea helmsi			a a
sopod			* .
mphipod			
lycera americana	0.2 ± 0.2	$0.4 \pm 0.4$	
icon aestuariensis			
epidonotus polychromus	$0.2 \pm 0.2$		

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## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Blacksmiths Bay Marina Site - transect 2 Date: 21/11/84

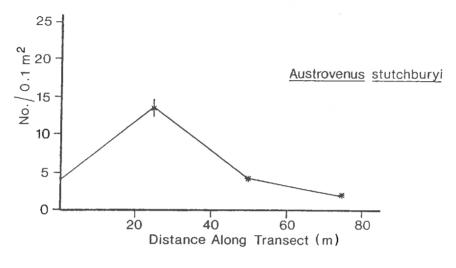
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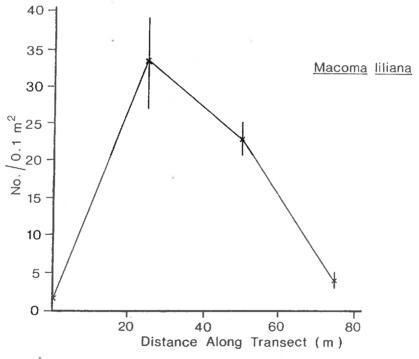
Fauna	Upper	Regions of the intertida Mid	l Lower
Asychis theodori	*		
Worm B		<b>-</b> .	199
Orbinia papillosa		0.2 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.66
Glycerid worm			
Nemertine worm			
Micrelenchus huttoni			$0.4 \pm 0.24$
Paphies australis			
Pomatoceros caeruleus			
Bryozoan			
Amphibola crenata			

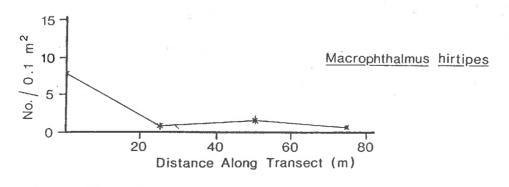
Figure 22
Blacksmiths Bay Soft Shore Intertidal
Proposed Marina Area\_Upper, Mid & Lower Shore Levels

 $\left(\begin{array}{ccc} \overline{x} & + \\ \overline{x} & - \end{array}\right)$  S.E., n = 5

Transect 1







species declined rapidly at the lowest part of the shore where the oxygenated layer was reduced further and the sediments became increasingly muddy.

Macrophthalmus hirtipes was abundant at the upper level around the oyster band but maintained low densities further down the shore.

The densities of the three most common species occuring in the sample from the second transect (Austrovenus stutchburyi, Macoma liliana and Macrophthalmus hirtipes) were graphed (Figure 23). An A. stutchburyi bed occupied the middle level while M. liliana was found in moderate densities in the middle to lower parts of the shore. M. hirtipes was found in low numbers down the entire length of the transect.

Southeast Blacksmiths Bay (Appendix 2.2)
Fewer species were recorded from the two
transects in this area when compared to the
previous site. There was no mangrove forested
area at this bay. The densities of animals at
each of the shore levels are recorded in Tables
13 and 14.

In the first transect (Figure 24) at the upper shore level there were only two species, Paphies australis and sandhoppers (Talorchestia sp.), both of which were poorly represented. For the remainder of the transect, P. australis, Austrovenus stutchburyi and Macoma liliana were the most commonly occurring species. australis was the most abundant species at the shore level. At the lowest level, P. australis continued to be the most abundant species while a few A. stutchburyi and M. liliana also lived here.

The second transect showed a general paucity of species with only the worm Glycera americana and a few Talorchestia sp occurring at the upper The two predominantly occurring species level. australis were Paphies and Austrovenus stutchburyi(Figure 25). The P. australis bed mid level while A. occurred around the stutchburyi was represented by very low densities down most of the shore.

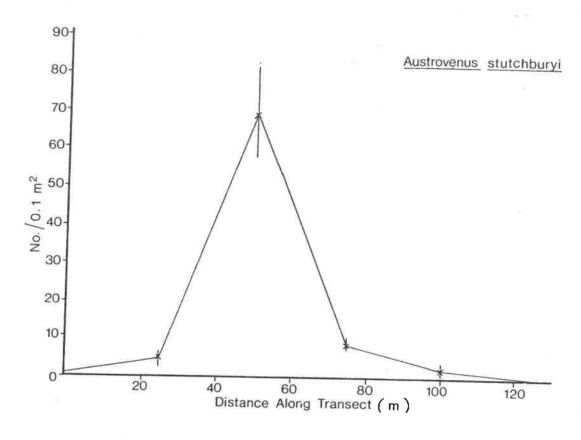
Northwest Blacksmiths Bay - Appendix 2.3
The species of marine animals recorded from samples taken in this area are outlined in Appendix 2.3. Again, there was no mangrove

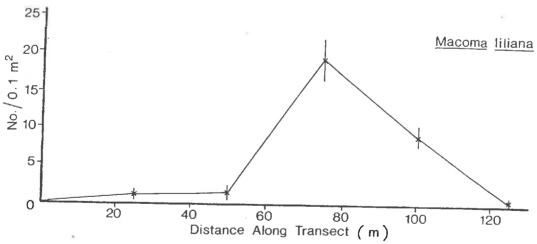
Figure 23

Blacksmiths Bay Soft Shore Intertidal

Proposed Marina Area — Upper, Mid & Lower Shore Levels

(x±S.E.,n=5) Transect 2





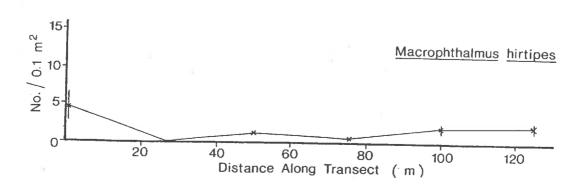


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## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Southeast Blacksmiths Bay - Transect 1 . Date: 19/12/84

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Regions of the intertidal Fauna Mid Upper Lower

Asychis theodori

Worm B

Orbinia papillosa

Glycerid worm

Nemertine worm

 $0.6 \pm 0.39$ 

Micrelenchus huttoni

Paphies australis

 $0.2 \pm 0.19$ 

42.6 ± 7.81

 $30.8 \pm 6.74$ 

Pomatoceros caeruleus

present

present

Bryozoan

Amphibola crenata

present

Table: 14

## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Southeast Blacksmiths Bay - transect 2 Date: 8/1/85

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Fauna	Reg Upper	ions of the intertion	dal Lower
Austrovenus stutchburyi		1.4 ± 0.74	1.4 ± 0.93
Macoma liliana		1.6 ± 1.16	1.4 ± 0.87
Crassostrea gigas			
Macrophthalmus hirtipes		0.2 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.58
Alpheus sp			
Callianassa filholi			0.2 ± 0.2
Onchidella nigricans			
Turbo smaragdus			
Zeacumantus lutulentus			
Cominella glandiformis		0-4 ± 0-4	$0.4 \pm 0.24$
Cominella maculosa		á.	$0.2 \pm 0.2$
Diloma subrostrata		0.8 ± 0.49	0.2 ± 0.2
Xenostrobus pulex			
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis			
Amaurochiton glaucus		-	$0.6 \pm 0.39$
Mactra ovata		0.4 ± 0.4	$2.0 \pm 1.38$
Nucula hartvigiana		$0.2 \pm 0.2$	
Solentellina nitida			
Anthopleura aureoradiata		present	present
Elminius modestus		present	
Corbula zelandica		$0.6 \pm 0.39$	0.8 ± 0.58
Pinnotheres novaezelandiae			
Xymene plebius			51 (40
Theora lubrica			
Pectinaria australis			
Notoacmea daedala			# <sup>221</sup> F 3
Notoacmea helmsi ,			e e
Isopod			S: 18
Amphipod			
Glycera americana	$0.2 \pm 0.19$	$0.4 \pm 0.24$	
Nicon aestuariensis		-	$0.2 \pm 0.2$
Lepidonotus polychromus			
Talorchestia	$0.8 \pm 0.58$	$0.6 \pm 0.6$	

Table: 14 cont.

### Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Southeast Blacksmiths Bay - transect 2

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Date: 8/1/85

Fauna

Upper

Mid

Lower

Asychis theodori

Worm B

Orbinia papillosa

Glycerid worm ·

Nemertine worm

Micrelenchus huttoni

Paphies australis

Pomatoceros caeruleus

Bryozoan

Amphibola crenata

11.6 ± 4.89

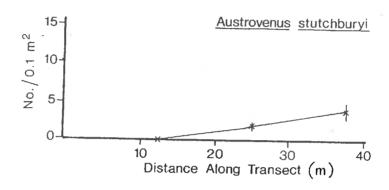
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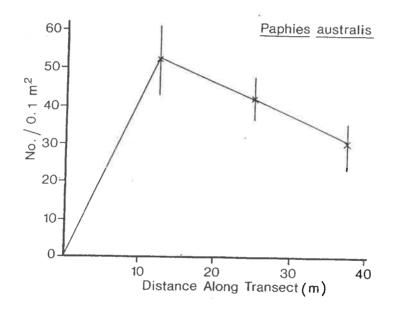
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Figure 24

# Blacksmiths Bay Soft Shore Intertidal Southeastern Bay Upper, Mid & Lower Shore Levels $(\bar{x} \stackrel{+}{=} S.E., n=5)$

Transect 1





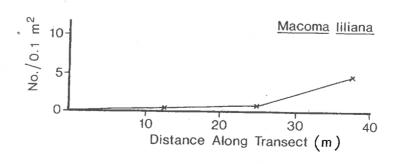
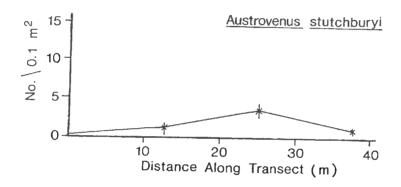
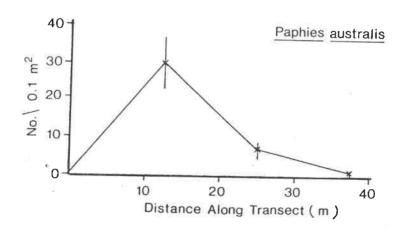


Figure 25

## Blacksmiths Bay Soft Shore Intertidal Southeastern Bay – Upper, Mid & Lower Shore Levels $(\bar{x} \pm s.E., n=5)$

Transect 2





forest. The species, together with their densities found along the two transects, are presented in Tables 15 and 16.

The densities of the three predominant species varied along the two were examined and they (Figures 26 & 27). Austrovenus transects patterns of interesting stutchburyi showed densities which peaked at mid shore levels in transects while in Transect Two this was preceded by a further upper level peak and decline in densities. This could be explained in part by the large numbers of small (3-10mm) A. stutchburyi individuals found at the upper level at the middle level these declined in the presence of another bed containing high densities of larger individuals (10-20mm) at the mid shore level. While this indicates that two populations different size classes containing stutchburyi exist, these being an upper shore juvenile population and a mid shore adult population, further studies would need to be made to verify this.

Paphies australis showed similar patterns of densities along the two transects although at lower levels of abundance. Again, it was noted from the samples that juveniles tended to be more numerous at the upper shore while adults were in greatest abundance at the mid shore. The steep decline in numbers apparent for Austrovenus stutchburyi in the second transect was similar for P. australis. No obvious reason for this similarity was apparent although it was possible that a small freshwater stream running near this part of the transect could have had an effect on population of A. stutchburyi and P. the australis.

Macoma liliana was relatively abundant at mid to low levels in both transects however densities declined rapidly at the lowest level near mean low water.

## 3.2 Subtidal

Species Distribution-

Shallow Subtidal (Appendix 3.1).

The species which were identified from the subtidal samples collected around the Blacksmiths Bay area are presented in Appendix 3.1. Most species were poorly represented with the exception of Theora lubrica at some of the stations (Table 17). This was expected as the stations were only just below mean low water level

## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Northwest Blacksmiths Bay - transect 1

Date: 4/2/85

s.E., n = 5

		gions of the intert	
rauna	Upper	Mid	Lower
Austrovenus stutchburyi	38.6 ± 16.19	194.0 ± 48.62	3.0 ± 3.0
Macoma liliana	0.2 ± 0.2	$3.4 \pm 1.47$	2.2 ± 1.56
crassostrea gigas			
Macrophthalmus hirtipes	$0.4 \pm 0.4$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.4 \pm 0.24$
Alpheus sp			
Callianassa filholi			* ::
Onchidella nigricans			
Turbo smaragdus			
Zeacumantus lutulentus	0.4 ± 0.24	$1.0 \pm 0.45$	
cominella glandiformis	0.8 ± 0.37	$0.6 \pm 0.39$	0.8 ± 0.37
Cominella maculosa	Mr.		
Diloma subrostrata	2.6 ± 0.98	$1.6 \pm 0.92$	-
Xenostrobus pulex	말		
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis			
Amaurochiton glaucus		0.8 ± 0.8	
Mactra ovata		$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$5.4 \pm 2.06$
Nucula hartvigiana	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	$0.4 \pm 0.4$
Solentellina nitida	Gr.		187
Anthopleura aureoradiata	present	present	present
<u>Elminius</u> modestus	present		
Sorbula zelandica			0.6 ± 0.6
Pinnotheres novaezelandiae			$0.2 \pm 0.2$
<u>Xymene</u> <u>plebius</u>			1/2
Theora lubrica			$1.2 \pm 0.79$
Pectinaria australis			
Notoacmea daedala	0.6 ± 0.39	$0.8 \pm 0.8$	£ 4.4
Notoacmea helmsi .			. 3
Isopod			18 ¥ 2
Amphipod			
Glycera americana	$0.4 \pm 0.24$	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	
Nicon aestuariensis	$0.6 \pm 0.39$	2.2 ± 1.56	0.6 ± 0.24
Lepidonotus polychromus			
Micrelenchus sanguineus		$0.2 \pm 0.2$	

Table: 15 cont.

### Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Northwest Blacksmiths Bay - transect 1 Date: 4/2/85

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Regions of the intertidal Fauna Upper Mid Lower

Asychis theodori

Worm B

Orbinia papillosa

Glycerid worm

Nemertine worm

Micrelenchus huttoni

Paphies australis  $0.2 \pm 0.2$ 

Pomatoceros caeruleus

Bryozoan

Amphibola crenata  $2.0 \pm 0.95$  .  $0.6 \pm 0.6$  Table: 16

## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Northwest Blacksmiths Bay - transect 2 Date: 20/2/85

 $\tilde{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Fauna	Reg Upper	ions of the intert	idal Lower
Austrovenus stutchburyi	68.2 ± 20.25	61.8 ± 27.46	3.6 ± 1.36
Macoma liliana	$0.4 \pm 0.24$	$3.6 \pm 2.39$	6.6 ± 1.5
Crassostrea gigas			
Macrophthalmus hirtipes		$0.8 \pm 0.37$	$1.6 \pm 0.39$
Alpheus sp			
Callianassa filholi		.5	
Onchidella nigricans			
Turbo smaragdus		9.	
Zeacumantus lutulentus	1.2 ± 0.97	0.2 ± 0.2	
Cominella glandiformis	$0.2 \pm 0.2$	3.0 ± 2.14	
Cominella maculosa			
Diloma subrostrata	$0.2 \pm 0.19$	2.2 ± 1.06	
Xenostrobus pulex			76
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis			
Amaurochiton glaucus		$1.4 \pm 0.59$	
Mactra ovata		20	0.4 ± 0.2
Nucula hartvigiana			0.4 ± 0.2
Solentellina nitida			Κ.
Anthopleura aureoradiata		present	present
Elminius modestus			
Corbula zelandica			• 0.6 ± 0.39
Pinnotheres novaezelandiae			
Xymene plebius			3. €
Pheora lubrica			
Pectinaria australis			: E
Notoacmea daedala	$0.6 \pm 0.24$	2.2 ± 1.35	
Notoacmea helmsi .			*
Sopod			
amphipod			
Slycera americana		0.2 ± 0.2	
licon aestuariensis	$0.8 \pm 0.49$	0.6 ± 0.39	0.4 ± 0.4
epidonotus polychromus			
alorchestia	0.2 ± 0.2		

Table: 16 cont.

## Blacksmiths Bay Marina Proposal

Soft intertidal shore quadrat sample sheet

Site: Northwest Blacksmiths Bay - transect 2

Date: 20/2/85

 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

Amphibola crenata

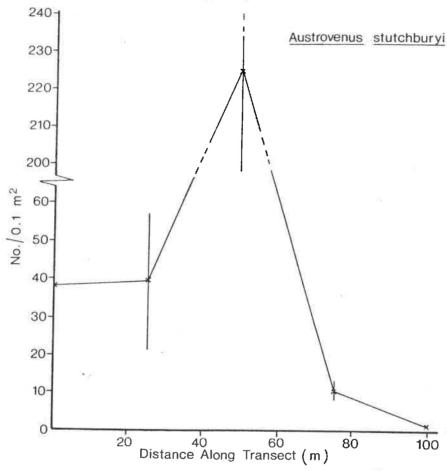
Fauna	Re Upper	egions of the intertion	lal Lower
Asychis theodori			
Worm B			
Orbinia papillosa			
Glycerid worm			
Nemertine worm			
Micrelenchus huttoni			
Paphies australis	22.4 ± 5.19	39.2 ± 25.35	
Pomatoceros caeruleus			
Bryozoan			

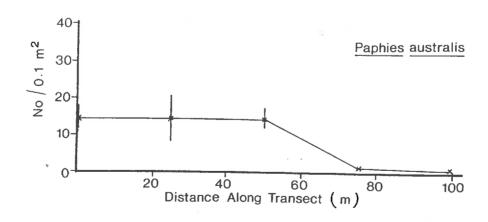
 $2.4 \pm 1.08$   $0.6 \pm 0.6$ 

Figure 26

## Blacksmiths Bay Soft Shore Intertidal Northwestern Bay-Upper, Mid & Lower Shore Levels

 $(\bar{x} \pm S.E., n=5)$  Transect 1





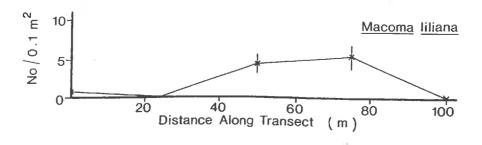


Figure 27 Blacksmiths Bay Soft Shore Intertidal Northwestern Bay-Upper, Mid & Lower Shore Levels  $(\bar{x} \pm S.E., n 5)$ Transect 2 140 130 120 70 No./0.1 1. 50-Austrovenus stutchburyi 30 20 10-0 20 60 80 Distance Along Transect (m) 70-60-50 No. /0.30-Paphies australis 20-10-20 40 60 80 Distance Along Transect (m) 15 No./o.1 m<sup>2</sup> Macoma liliana

0

20

40

60

80

Distance Along Transect (m)

ABLE: 17

## BLACKSMITHS BAY MARINA PROPOSAL

bescription - shallow sub-tidal stations in Blacksmiths Bay area. DATE: 4/12/84

 $\pm$  SE, n = 5

FAUNA			<u>s1</u>	TATIONS		
	1, BB	2, BB	3, SE	4, SE	5, NW	6, NW
Theora lubrica	$0.8 \pm 0.37$	37.2 ± 5.49	0.4 ± 0.39	1.6 ± 0.68	11.2 ± 3.12	15.2 ± 3.4
Macrophthalmus hirtipes	2.0 ± 0.55	2.0 ± 0.89	0.4 ± 0.24	1.0 ± 0.32	0.2 ± 0. 2	0.2 ± 0. 2
Perinereis nuntia	<del>=</del> 1	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	-	0.2 ± 0. 2	_
Nemertine worm	i=	-	·=	-	0.2 ± 0. 2	_
Mactra ovata	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	2.33 ± 0.26	-		_
Macoma liliana	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	1. 8 ± 0.97	1.2 ± 0.73	-	-
Chione stutchburyi	0.4 ± 0. 4	-	-	-	_	-
sychis theodori	0.4 ± 0.24	0.6 ± 0. 6	=	-	-	_
lycera	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	= =	-	_	
ectinaria australis	1.0 ± 0.63	0.6 ± 0. 4	=	-	=	_
sopod	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	-	-	2	~
iloma subrostrata	0.6 ± 0.6	-	-		_	_
cula hartvigiana	<del>5</del> 0	0.6 ± 0.4 0	1.2 ± 0. 2	1.4 ± 0.68	e :	_
minella glandiformis	-	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	0.2 ± 0. 2	-	-
rbula zelandica	<del></del>	- 0	.2 ± 0. 2	_	_	_
con aestuariensis	-	- 0	.8 ± 0.49	0.4 ± 0.24	_	0.2.±_0. 2
pheus sp	-	-	- ^	1275	_	0.2 ± 0. 2
ohies australis	-	#-:	_			0.2 ± 0. 2

<sup>-</sup> Blacksmiths Bay Marina Stations BB

<sup>-</sup> Southeast Bay Stations SE

<sup>-</sup> Northwest Bay Stations NW

and most of the species represented were commonly found at the low intertidal shore level. This subtidal area therefore reflected a variety of species of both low shore and subtidal habit.

Channel (Appendix 3.2)

The species which were found in the subtidal samples collected in the channel sediments are recorded in Appendix 3.2. The only species of note was Theora lubrica which occurred in comparatively high densities, although a variety of worms were also found in the samples (Table 18).

The densities of the only major species, Theora lubrica were compared at shallow subtidal and channel sites (Figure 28). Differences in densities were evident and could be attributable to the preferred habitat of this species. This very small bivalve lives mainly in subtidal muddy sediments and appears to be very patchy in its distribution, particularly at the shallow subtidal stations.

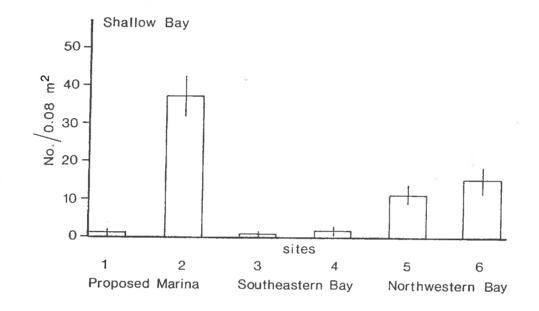
Description - Channel between Blacksmiths Bay and Motutapu Island.

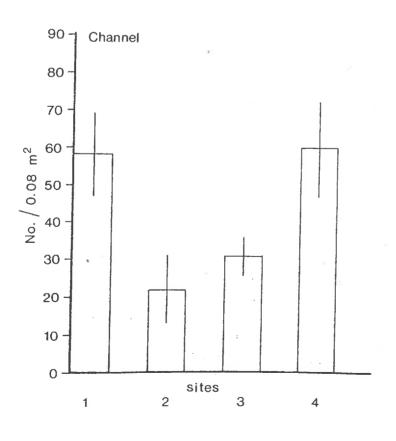
 $\bar{x} \pm S.E.$ , n = 5

FAUNA		STATIONS		
	1	2	3	4
Theora lubrica	58.0 ± 11.57	22.40 ± 9.87	31.0 ± 5.57	60.80 ± 12.54
Asychis theodori	, E	5.60 ± 1.54	0.60 ± 0.40	0.20 ± 0.20
Orbinia papillosa	0.4 ± 0.24	0.6 ± 0.4	je.	0.6 ± 0.4
Worm E	-	0. 2 ± 0. 2	-	-
Perinereis nuntia	1.6 ± 0.81	n <del>-</del>	1. 0 ± 0.45	0.6 ± 0.4
Macrophthalmus hirtipes	0.2 ± 0. 2	0.6 ± 0.6	0. 8 ± 0.37	_
Alpheus sp	-	0. 2 ± 0. 2	0.4 ± 0.4	-
Pectinaria australis		0.2 ± 0.2	0.4 ± 0.4	
3,				

Figure 28

## Blacksmiths Bay Soft Shore Intertidal Densities of the Bivalve <u>Theora Iubrica</u> in Shallow Bay and Channel Sites (x±se.,n=5)





## 4.0 DISCUSSION

## 4.1 <u>Intertidal Shores</u>

### 4.1.1 Rocky Shore

A wide array of species was found on both headlands. was a greater diversity of species on the northwestern rocky intertidal study area and this could be attributed to the increased length relatively gentle slope of the intertidal reef platform. This provided an extended area for the important shade forming species, Hormosira banksii, and allowed a variety of fauna to live beneath its fronds.

The following species were the most abundant species found on the various levels of the intertidal reefs and could be considered as indicator species. They were: Zeacumantus lutulentus and an unidentified brown alga found on the upper part of both shores while Xenostrobus pulex only grew on the southeastern headland. At mid shore levels Z.lutulentus Hormosira banksii were predominant while at the lowest intertidal levels Zeacumantus subcarinatus banksii showed localised variations in densities.

Motutapu Island showed some variation when compared with the nearby rocky headland locations. The major physical difference was the steep, short shores of the island, formed by basaltic boulders. The nature of the island's shoreline appeared to be unfavourable for the successful growth of several species of flora and fauna found on the weathered greywacke reefs.

The lowest levels of the island sites comprised a thick layer of silt with clumps of <u>Crassostrea gigas</u> living on exposed boulders. This was typical of other areas in the upper Kerikeri Inlet.

inner and outer locations of Motutapu Island were slightly different. The increased muddiness on the inner side occurred concurrently with high densities of Crassostrea gigas, while the increased shelter on this side may also have been favourable for the thick lichen species on the upper shore covering of boulders. further difference was the presence of Α high densities of Onchidella nigricans at the inner island location while the density of this species was negligable the on outer side. This apparent discrepency could be related to this species habitat preference for moist, shaded areas with an abundance

of organic material for food (Morton and Miller, 1968). The silty oyster-covered inner side of Motutapu Island would provide an ideal habitat. On the other hand, a further important factor could be the degree of cloudiness during the time over which the investigations were conducted. It was often observed that O. nigricans moved about freely in the open during periods of thick cloud cover.

### 4.1.2 Soft Shores

The sediments within the proposed marina area and the adjacent bays to the southeast and northwest were noticeably different in composition. This appeared to be reflected in the biota found at each of these three locations.

In the proposed marina area, a wide array of species of flora and fauna were identified within the extensive area of mangrove forests and open mudflat. The types of fauna identified included bivalves, crabs, shrimps, snails, chitons, anemones, barnacles and several worm species. Some of the species reached high densities, these being - Zeacumantus lutulentus, Crassostrea gigas, Macoma liliana and Austrovenus stutchburyi.

Within the mangrove area the predominant species was Zeacumantus lutulentus, while Austrovenus stutchburyi and Macoma liliana were the most numerous species within the upper to mid levels of the mudflats.

The southeastern bay was the sandiest of the three locations with mud occurring only at the lower level. The beach was also short and relatively steep and was exposed to the south and southwest. Here, species diversity appeared to be lower than at the adjacent marina site. The species identified fell into the following groups; bivalves, crabs, snails, anemones, barnacles, amphipods, bryozoans and worms. Few of these animal groups were found at the upper beach level while the densities of two of the three predominant species,

Stutchburyi and Macoma liliana were generally low while Paphies australis attained relatively high densities.

The northwestern bay also exhibited lower species diversity than that found at the proposed marina site. It was found that populations of juvenile Paphies australis and Austrovenus stutchburyi lived at the upper level while larger individuals of these two species were more predominant at the mid intertidal level. A Macoma liliana bed occurred at the lower

level.

taking all three locations of Blacksmiths Bay into account, it is evident that Austrovenus stutchburyi is the most abundantly occurring of all the species identified. This species was found in high densities in beds at both the proposed marina site and the northwestern bay although it was poorly represented in the southeastern bay sediments. However, Paphies australis was the most abundant species at this bay, reaching higher densities than at the northwestern bay, the only other location at which they were found.

The variable distribution of Austrovenus stutchburyi and Paphies australis within the shore sediments of Blacksmiths Bay area can be attributed to the varying sediments found at the three locations. This feature has been described in general terms by Morton and Miller (1968). In their account of soft shores it is noted that the assemblage of fauna within beach is dependent on the type of sediment sediments composing the beaches combined with the degree of movement or stability of the soft shore. Blacksmiths Bay the marina site was the most sheltered of the three locations examined, being protected from prevailing winds by Motutapu Island and located the furtherest away from effects of main channel tidal Therefore it would be expected that P. currents. australis, being intolerant of very muddy shores, would not be found at the marina site. Conversely, the sediments appeared to be more favourable for A. stutchburyi as this species was found at all the locations.

#### 3.1 Birdlife

The Wildlife Service has rated the Kerikeri Inlet, with its mudflats, mangroves, saltmarsh, higher freshwater swamp and scrub zones and related birdlife, as a moderate to high value coastal and estuarine habitat (Ogle 1982). In this report it is explained that, while much of the adjacent land has been cleared and that the inlet is popular for boating, disturbance to wildlife is reduced by the large area still available for wildlife.

The array of marine invertebrates identified on and within the soft shores of Blacksmiths Bay appeared to provide an important source of food for several species of birds.

The following species were consistently observed

feeding on the mudflats of the proposed marina site at low tide - white faced heron (Ardea novaehollandiae) black oyster catcher (Haematopus unicolor) black backed gull (Larus dominicanus) and red billed gull (Larus scopulinus).

At high water the following species were often observed - pied shag (Phalacrocorax varius), kingfisher (Halcyon sancta) and white fronted tern (Sterna striata). While most species used the exposed intertidal mudflats to feed, however, both pied shags and white fronted terns fished over the submerged mudflats and more open water (Parrish, 1984). Many of these species would also use the mangroves and coastal vegetation for roosting and nesting (Parrish, 1984).

## 4.2 Subtidal

Species diversity in the subtidal areas of Blacksmiths Bay was markedly lower than in the intertidal areas and many of these species were of low intertidal habit. In the deeper channel there were no intertidal representatives and the diversity of species was reduced further.

The small bivalve Theora lubrica appeared to be indicative of the subtidal environment at Blacksmiths Bay and was found to be the only predominantly occurring species of note. It was very patchy in its distribution throughout Blacksmiths Bay although less patchy in the channel area.

Theora lubrica forms an important food source for benthic feeding fish species such as flounder. The bivalve has relatively recently become well established in New Zealand waters and has quickly become an important food source for fish.

### 4.2.1 Fishlife

While the water visibility was too poor to enable underwater fish count surveys, some casual observations of fish species were made. Flounder (Rhombosolea sp), eel, (Angiulla dieffenbachii and A. australis) and John dory (Zeus japonicus) were commonly sighted at the low water level. Other species which could be expected include kahawai (Arripis trutta ), mullet (Aldrichetta forsteri and Mugil cephalus) and parore (Girella tricuspidata), (Ayling and Cox, 1982).

## 5.0 BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS

The development currently proposed will involve:

- (a) dredging an area of approximately five hectares to form the marina basin and down to a depth which will give 1.8m to 2.5m of draught below sounding datum,
- (b) dredging an area approximately 500m southeast of
   Motutapu Island to create a navigation channel from the marina,
- (c) reclamation of an area of approximately three hectares for use as hard standing parking, haulout and building areas together with picnic areas.

The dredging, reclamation, rockwall breakwater, floating breakwater and rubble beach construction activities associated with the development of the proposed marina will remove the majority of the intertidal and subtidal biota within and nearby the marina site.

The dredging will destroy the existing benthic marine life in the subtidal and mid to lower intertidal areas of the proposed site. The coarse and medium fractions of the dredging material will form part of the material to be used in reclamation to build up the hardstand area and this will result in the loss of the mangroves and benthic animals at the upper intertidal level of this site.

The feeding and roosting activities of the various bird species which frequent Blacksmiths Bay will be disturbed as a consequence of removal of the intertidal sediments, mangroves and foreshore vegetation.

Species of fish which presently utilize the submerged area for feeding will not be able to use the dredged area to the same extent as prior to dredging. However, after a period of time some subtidal benthic species may establish while the water body will remain available for fish providing that both the water and the sediments within the marina remain unpolluted.

The construction of the protective rockwall at the southeast headland will eliminate the populations of rocky intertidal biota in this area while the rubble beach on the northwest headland will modify the upper intertidal level of this habitat and affect the biota

accordingly.

Some species may recover sufficiently to occupy parts of the rockwall and rubble beach while possibly recolonising the remaining section of the northwest reef which had been disturbed during the marina construction phase. However, the rubble beach could not support the present upper intertidal population which, in its natural state, comprises areas of an unidentified encrusting turf-like alga together with high densities of the snail, Zeacumantus lutulentus.

The information available on current flows suggests that water flow rates within the Blacksmiths Bay area are slight (up to 400m per tide) probably due to a slowly rotating clockwise eddy around Blacksmiths Bay and Motutapu Island. The slow currents may cause greater than ambient levels of silt deposition in the immediate vicinity of the proposed marina site during the construction phase. This would affect the adjacent embayments, rocky intertidal platforms and the nearby Motutapu Island intertidal region by silt smothering.

Therefore, it is likely that some of the species inhabiting the soft shores adjacent to the marina development will be affected by the increased rate and overall amount of sedimentation from resuspended silt and mud as a consequence of construction of the marina. Some of the important species likely to be affected are discussed below.

The pipi, Paphies australis, is typically found in middle beach sediments of shell sand, in particular, near the mouths of estuaries (Morton and Miller, 1968). This was observed in the populations found at both the southeastern and northwestern bays. These populations would not be able to tolerate a rapidly increased rate of sediment deposition and would not be recruit into a subsequently muddier environment. On the other hand the cockle, Austrovenus stutchburyi, is typically abundant in the soft muds of the lower mudflats (Morton and Miller, 1968) and this was confirmed in the present investigation. While the cockle populations would not be able to tolerate rapid deposition of layers of silt, they would probably recolonise some muddier areas when rates of deposition declined and the sediments had stabilized.

Pacific oysters (<u>Crassostrea gigas</u>) were found in abundance at the seaward fringe of the mangrove forest at Blacksmiths Bay and on Motutapu Island. Where the oysters remained following marina construction, they would probably be able to survive high rates of silt

deposition. Studies of the oyster, <u>C.virginica</u>, overseas have shown that this genus can feed in the presence of high concentrations of silt in the water (Jorgensen, 1966). Certainly, <u>C. gigas</u> has been found in high densities further up the Kerikeri Inlet where conditions are generally much siltier. It should be noted, however, that excessively silty shellfish are unpalatable for human consumption.

Other species may not be able to survive a possible high degree of siltation of surrounding waters and the subsequent deposition of this silt. The scavenging whelk, glandiformis, Cominella was absent from investigations in the Portland Arm of the Whangarei Harbour where resuspension and deposition of silt is known to be high (Dickie, Northland Harbour Board, 1984). The report suggests that the clogging of the gills and the osphradium (organ used to locate prey by tasting the water), combined with a reduction in prey species as a consequence of the highly turbid water, may have contributed to the absence of this species. the Blacksmiths Bay area, C. glandiformis and another carnivorous snail species, Xymene plebius, were found on the mudflats at the proposed marina site. These two species, together with C. maculosa, another carnivorous snail, were found at the southeast while C. glandiformis was the only species recorded from the northwest bay. C. glandiformis was found in the shallow subtidal samples. The rocky also intertidal reefs also supported several carnivorous snail species. On the southeast reef C. maculosa and the oyster borer, Lepsiella scobina were recorded while C. glandiformis, L. scobina and C. adspersa inhabited the northwestern reef. On Motutapu Island, adspersa, C. maculosa and L. scobina recorded.

surrounding marine environment could also detrimentally disturbed by pollution resulting from marina-related activities and the recreational craft which use the marina. Of most concern is the potential threat posed by the use of organotin-based antifouling paints. These organometallic based paints have become increasingly popular, as the salts of tributyl tin (TBT) contained in the antifouling paint are colourless and allow a wide range of boat hull colours by ready mixing with pigments. Research in Great Britain in 1982 indicated that Pacific oysters, in the presence of TBT, became deformed with abnormal shell thickening while the meat yield was extremely low (Waldock, 1984). Investigations of water quality around two marina systems in Great Britain showed detectable concentrations of TBT while thickened oysters which were analysed all contained detectable

levels of TBT compounds. Laboratory investigations also showed that oyster spat grew slowly, the shells thickened abnormally, and were generally in poor condition in the presence of tributyl tin oxide (TBTO) (Waldock and Thain, 1983). The authors concluded that the cultivation of Pacific oysters was incompatible in areas where high numbers of pleasure craft using organotin-based paints occurred. Further tests also showed that the larvae of both Crassostrea gigas and the European blue mussel, Mytilus edulis, were killed by concentrations of TBT found in marinas. The larvae of other marine species were also found to be extremely susceptible (Waldock, 1984).

The use of paints containing TBT on boats smaller than 25m in length has been banned in France (Waldock and Thain, 1983) while concern has been raised in Great Britain and the United States. However, these organotin-based antifouling paints are readily obtainable in New Zealand. This has important consequences in relation to the Pacific oysters in the Kerikeri Inlet growing naturally on Motutapu Island, the nearby oyster farms at Aroha Island and in the Hauparua Inlet and the surrounding intertidal and subtidal marine fauna in general.

Sewage pollution from boats could pose health problems with productive shellfish beds and the commercial oyster farm which is located approximately 0.86km west southwest of the proposed marina site. In Virginia, U.S.A., shellfish beds are automatically closed when marinas are established nearby in accordance with the following recommended criteria:

No. of boats	Condemned area (all directions)
1 - 50	1/8 mile (1/5km)
51 - 100	1/4 mile (2/5km)
100+	1/2 mile (4/5km)

(Source: Clark (ed), 1977).

The discharge of untreated sewage from boats is now usually prohibited in marina areas in the United States and many state regulations require pumpout facilities for the treatment of sewage from boats (Clark, 1977). However, this level of protection of shellfish beds has not been met in marinas in New

Zealand to date.

Therefore, the effects of pollution of shellfish beds and other marine species from organotin-based antifouling paints and sewage discharges from marinas need to be investigated in relation to the New Zealand situation.

## 6.0 CONCLUSIONS

The Blacksmiths Bay area can be regarded as a muddy estuarine habitat encompassing three small embayments, two partially silt-covered platform reefs and a small island. Sections of the Blacksmiths Bay area appear to be sheltered from prevailing onshore winds and waves by the presence of Motutapu Island. The varying degrees of shelter afforded by the island are reflected by the variable sedimentary regimes of the intertidal mudflats of the three small embayments.

The sediments within the embayments range from being mainly muddy at the proposed marina site while the two adjacent bays have coarser sediments with markedly less mud. The sediments support a wide variety of organisms with the muddier proposed marina site supporting the greatest diversity of species. This area also appeared to be the most utilized by birds.

The rocky intertidal areas, both headland reefs and the island, support a wide variety of species with the greatest species diversity occurring on the northwestern headland.

The subtidal area of Blacksmiths Bay supported a comparatively low diversity of fauna with the small bivalve Theora lubrica being the only species of consequence.

The results of the investigation indicate that the ecological environment of the Blacksmiths Bay area is reasonably typical of harbours and estuaries in their natural state, as described by Morton and Miller (1968). However, Blacksmiths Bay cannot be considered typical of the Kerikeri Inlet. The array of marine biota of the rocky shores of Blacksmiths Bay were not parallelled elsewhere in this inlet although sites in the Waikare and Te Puna inlets were comparable. No other part of the Kerikeri Inlet contained the variety of marine habitats found within the Blacksmiths Bay area, these being; a mangrove forest, open mudflats, sandier embayments rocky reef platforms and a basalt rock island. All similar areas in the Kerkeri Inlet were occupied by either oyster farms or boats.

It is considered from a marine biological viewpoint, that the area of Blacksmiths Bay, including Blacksmiths Bay itself, should be retained in its natural state and that an alternative site be sought which is environmentally less sensitive and which suits the requirements of the boating populace of the northern Bay of Islands. Any decision to proceed with

a marina development elsewhere must also take into account the importance of the ecological environment likely to be affected. In addition, the following criteria should be followed during the development of a marina in the Kerikeri Inlet. These criteria would act as safeguards against detrimental changes to the surrounding environment:

- Dredging and filling operations are confined to the outgoing high flow part of the tide.

This would reduce the risk of sedimentation from resuspended fine sediments.

- Filtration cloth is used to retain dredgings and adequate settlement ponds are constructed in the reclamation area.

This would reduce the risk of sedimentation from resuspended silt.

- Breakwaters and rockwalls should be constructed in such a way as to be of minimum impact on the adjacent rocky intertidal biota.

Construction materials and works should be confined to as small an area as is practical. It should also be ensured that provision is made for the permeability of rockwalls to groundwater and runoff using appropriate designs. Allowance should be made for the enhanced settlement of intertidal organisms common to the area by using local materials.

- Dredging of the marina and its access channels should be undertaken in such a way as to maximise circulation, to avoid dead water areas and to avoid the possibility of coastal erosion from poorly designed access channels.
- Following development of the marina, strict management policies should be implemented to avoid any possibility of contamination of the receiving waters and the surrounding biota from sump or other oils, fuels, paints, biodegradable and non-biodegradable rubbish and domestic sewage.

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APPENDIX 1.0

Species Lists - rocky intertidal shores of the Blacksmiths Bay area.

Rocky Intertidal Shores - Southeast headland

#### Fauna

Gastropoda Cominella

<u>Cominella</u> <u>adspersa</u> - carnivorous snail <u>Cominella</u> <u>glandiformis</u> - carnivorous snail

Cominella maculosa -

Diloma subrostrata - snail

Lepsiella scobina - oyster borer

Littorina unifasciata antipodum - periwinkle

Melanerita atrimentosa - snail

Melagraphia aethiops - snail

Onchidella nigricans - pulmonate limpet-like slug

Turbo smaragdus - cats eye snail

Zeacumantus lutulentus - mudsnail

Amphineura

Acanthochitona zelandica - chiton Amaurochiton glaucus - chiton Sypharochiton pelliserpentis - chiton

Bivalvia

<u>Crassostrea gigas</u> - Pacific oyster <u>Mytilus edulis aoteanus</u> - blue mussel <u>Xenostrobus pulex</u> - intertidal black mussel

Tubeworms

Pomatoceros caeruleus

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Crustacea

<u>Chamaesipho</u> <u>columna</u> - barnacle <u>Elminius</u> <u>modestus</u> - barnacle

Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab

Coelenterata

Anthopleura aureoradiata - anemone

## Flora

Algae

Brown turfing algae - unidentified

Corallina officinalis - coralline turf

Corallina officinalis - " paint

Hormosira banksii - Neptune's necklace

Rocky Intertidal Shores - Northwest headland

## Fauna

Gastropoda

Cominella adspersa - carnivorous snail

Cominella glandiformis - carnivorous

Diloma subrostrata - snail

Lepsiella scobina - oyster borer

Littorina unifasciata antipodum - periwinkle

Melagraphia aethiops - snail

Melanerita atrimentosa - snail

Notoacmea daedala - limpet

Notoacmea parviconoidea - limpet

Onchidella nigricans - pulmonate limpet-like slug

Siphonaria zelandica - pulmonate limpet

Turbo smaragdus - cats eye snail

Zeacumantus lutulentus - mudsnail

Zeacumantus subcarinatus - mudsnail

Amphineura
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis - chiton

Bivalvia

Anomia triganopsis - golden oyster

Austrovenus stutchburyi - cockle

Crassostrea gigas - Pacific oyster

Mytilus edulis aoteanus - blue mussel

Xenostrobus pulex - intertidal black oyster

Tubeworms

Pomatoceros caeruleus

Crustacea

<u>Chamaesipho columna</u> - barnacle

<u>Elminius modestus - barnacle</u>

Bryozoa

Watersipora cucullata - lace coral

Coelenterata
Anthopleura aureoradiata - anemone

#### Flora

Lichens - unidentified

Algae
Brown turfing algae (unidentified)
Hormosira banksii - Neptune's necklace
Corallina officinalis - coralline turf
Corallina officinalis - coralline paint
Scytothamnus australis
Ulva lactuca - sea lettuce

Rocky Intertidal Shores - Motutapu Island, inner shore

#### Fauna

Gastropoda

Cominella adspersa - carnivorous snail

Cominella maculosa -

Lepsiella scobina - oyster borer

<u>Littorina</u> <u>unifasciata</u> <u>antipodum</u> - periwinkle

Melagraphia aethiops - snail

Melanerita atrimentosa - snail

Notoacmea daedala - limpet

Onchidella <u>nigricans</u> - pulmonate limpet-like slug

Turbo smaragdus - cats eye snail

## Amphineura

Acanthochitona zelandica - chiton

Sypharochiton pelliserpentis - chiton

#### Bivalvia

Crassostrea gigas - Pacific oyster

Mytilus edulis aoteanus - blue mussel

<u>Xenostrobus pulex</u> - intertidal black mussel

Porifera

Cliona - sponge

## Tubeworms

Pomatoceros caeruleus

## Crustacea

Chamaesipho columna - barnacle

Elminius modestus - barnacle

Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab

## Flora

Lichens - unidentified

Algae

Apophloea sinclairii

Brown turfing algae (unidentified)

Hormosira banksii - Neptune's necklace

Scytothamnus australis

Ulva lactuca - sea lettuce

Rocky Intertidal Shores - Motutapu Island, Outer Shore

# Fauna

Gastropoda

Cominella maculosa - carnivorous snail

Lepsiella scobina - oyster borer

Littorina unifasciata antipodum - periwinkle

Maoricrypta monoxyla - slipper limpet

Melagraphia aethiops - snail

Melanerita atrimentosa - snail

Notoacmea daedala - limpet

Onchidella nigricans - pulmonate limpet-like slug.

Siphonaria zelandica - pulmonate limpet

Amphineura

Acanthochitona <u>zelandica</u> - chiton <u>Sypharochiton</u> <u>pelliserpentis</u> - chiton

Turbo smaragdus - cats eye snail

Bivalvia

<u>Crassostrea gigas</u> - Pacific oyster

<u>Mytilus edulis aoetanus</u> - blue mussel

Echinodermata

<u>Asterina regularis</u> - starfish

Ascidian - unidentified sea squirt

Porifera Cliona - sponge

Tubeworms
Pomatoceros caeruleus

Crustacea

<u>Chamaesipho</u> <u>columna</u> - barnacle

<u>Elminius</u> <u>modestus</u> - barnacle

# Flora

Lichens - unidentified

Algae

Apophloea sinclairii

Brown turfing algae (unidentified)

Corallina officinalis - coralline paint

Hormosira banksii - Neptune's necklace

Species Lists - soft intertidal shores of the Blacksmiths Bay area.

Soft Intertidal Shores - Blacksmiths Bay, proposed marina site

## Fauna

Gastropoda

Cominella glandiformis - carnivorous snail

Diloma subrostrata - snail

Melanerita atrimentosa - snail

Micrelenchus sanguineus - topshell

Notoacmea daedala - limpet

Onchidella nigricans - pulmonate limpet-like slug

Turbo smaragdus - cats eye snail

Xymene plebius - carnivorous snail

Zeacumantus lutulentus - mudsnail

## Amphineura

Amaurochiton glaucus - chiton Sypharochiton pelliserpentis - chiton

### Bivalvia

Austrovenus stutchburyi - cockle

Corbula zelandica - basket shell

Crassostrea gigas - Pacific Oyster

Macoma liliania - bivalve

Mactra ovata - bivalve

Nucula hartvigiana - nutshell

Soletellina nitida - sunset shell

Theora lubrica - bivalve

Zenostrobus pulex - intertidal black mussell

## Crustacea

Alpheus sp - snapping shrimp

Elminius modestus - barnacle

Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab

# Pinnotheres novaezelandiae - pea crab

Annelida

Glycera americana - worm

Lepidonotus polychromus - scale worm

Pectinaria australis - tubeworm

Asychis theodori - worm

Worm B - unidentified

Orbinia papillosa - worm

Glycerid worm

Coelenterata

Anthopleura aureoradiata - anemone

## Flora

Algae

Hormosira banksii - Neptune's necklace

Maritime Plants

<u>Avicennia marina</u> - var. resinifera - mangrove

Soft Intertidal Shores - Northwest Blacksmiths Bay

## Fauna

Gastropeda

Amphibola crenata - mudsnail

Cominella glandiformis - carnivorous snail

Diloma subrostrata - snail

Micrelenchus sanguineus - topshell

Notoacmea daedala - limpet

Zeacumantus lutulentus - mudsnail

# Amphineura

Amaurochiton glaucus - chiton

# Bivalvia

Austrovenus stutchburyi - cockle
Corbula zelandica - basket shell
Macoma liliana - bivalve
Mactra ovata - bivalve
Nucula hartvigiana - nut shell
Paphies australis - pipi
Theora lubrica - bivalve

## Crustacea

Elminius modestus - barnacle

Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab

Pinnotheres novaezelandiae - pea crab

Talorchestia - sandhopper

## Annelida

Glycera americana - worm Nicon aestuariensis - worm

#### Coelenterata

Anthopleura aureoradiata - anemone

Soft Intertidal Shores - Southeast Blacksmiths Bay

# Fauna

Gastropoda

Cominella glandiformis - carnivorous snail
Cominella maculosa - carnivorous snail
Diloma subrostrata - snail
Xymene plebius - carnivorous snail

Amphineura
Amaurochiton glaucus - chiton

Bivalvia

Austrovenus stutchburyi - cockle

Corbula zelandica - basket shell

Macoma liliana - bivalve

Mactra ovata - bivalve

Nucula hartvigiana - nut shell

Paphies australis - pipi

Theora lubrica - bivalve

Crustacea

Callianassa filholi - ghost shrimp

Elmininius modestus - barnacle

Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab

Pinnotheres novaezelandiae - pea crab

Talorchestia - sand hopper

Annelida

Glycera americana - worm

Nicon aestuariensis - worm

Pomatoceros caeruleus - tubeworm

Nemertine worm

Bryozoans - lace corals Unidentified species

Coelenterata

Anthopleura aureoradiata - anemone

Species Lists - subtidal of the Blacksmiths Bay area.

Subtidal - Blacksmiths Bay area, shallow subtidal

## Fauna

Gastropoda

<u>Cominella glandiformis</u> - carnivorous snail

<u>Diloma subrostrata - snail</u>

# Bivalvia Austrovenus stutchburyi - cockle Corbula zelandica - basket shell Mactra ovata - bivalve Macoma liliana - bivalve Nucula hartvigiana - nut shell

<u>Paphies</u> <u>australis</u> - pipi <u>Theora lubrica</u> - bivalve

# Crustacea

Alpheus sp - snapping shrimp Isopod - unidentified Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab

## Annelida

Glycera americana - worm

Nicon aestuariensis - worm

Asychis theodori - worm

Nemertine worm

Perinereis nuntia - worm

Pectinaria australis - tubeworm

Subtidal - Blacksmiths Bay area, channel

# Fauna

Bivalvia

Theora lubrica - bivalve

Crustacea

Alpheus sp - snapping shrimp

Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab

Annelida

Glycera americana - worm

Asychis theodori - worm

Orbinia papillosa - worm

Worm E - unidentified

Perinereis nuntia - worm

Pectinaria australis - tube worm

Comparable rocky intertidal shores in the Bay of Islands.

## 4.1.1 Species List

Rocky Intertidal Shores - Waikare Inlet, upper inlet location

# Fauna

Gastropoda

Zeacumantus subcarinatus - mudsnail

Zeacumantus lutulentus - mudsnail

Lepsiella scobina - oyster borer

Littorina unifasciata antipodum - periwinkle

Cabestana waterhousei - whelk

Onchidella nigricans - pulmonate limpet-like slug

Amphineura
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis - chiton

Bivalvia

Xenostrobus pulex - intertidal black mussel

Crassostrea gigas - Pacific oyster

Mytilus edulis aoteanus - blue mussel

Perna canaliculus - green mussel

Tubeworms

Pomatoceros caeruleus
Salmacina australis

Crustacea

<u>Chamaesipho columna</u> - barnacle

<u>Elminius modestus</u> - barnacle

Bryozoa

<u>Watersiporia</u> <u>cucullata</u> - lace coral

<u>Unidentified</u> - brown bryozoan

Coelenterata
Anthopleura aureoradiata - anemone

Flora
Lichens - unidentified
Algae
Brown turfing algae - unidentified
Corallina officinalis - coralline turf
Corallina officinalis - coralline paint
Hormosira banksii - Neptune's necklace
Ulva lactuca - sea lettuce
Enteromorpha
Scytothamnus australis
Gelidium

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Martidal Quadrat Sample

She bikare Inlet - inner site, transect 1

		Littoral	tidal	
Final	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower
La unifasciata				
aethiops				
atrimentosa			21	
Zamadus lutulentus			_	
z subcarinatus			_	
Tallesinagdus				
Caralla maculosa				
Caralla glandiformis				
adspersa				
Die sostrata				
Da - Jandica				
Lupis scobina			$0.33 \pm 0.33$	0.67 ± 0.67
0 nigricans				-
parviconoidea			*	
Maria daedala				
X pulex			0.83% ± 0.17	
Crassas gigas		-	**	
Mysika				
At state statehburyi				
Augenopsis				
Symmetric pelliserpentis			-	5.33 ± 5.33
Acada iona zelandica				
Anata fision glaucus				*
Si zelandica				
As regularis				
Clim				
Chara columna	0.4	2% ± 0.30	42.5% ± 11.12	
Posterios caeruleus				11.83% ± 5.05
M monoxyla				6
Assis				2
Elzina modestus			_	$3.0 \pm 3.0$
And aureoradiata				
Waltana cucullata				
Permuliculus				$0.67 \pm 0.67$

Appendix 4.1.2 cont.

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# Species Distribution and Abundance

Table 1 cont.

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample

Site: Waikare Inlet - inner site, transect 1

		Littoral Zor	nes of the Interti	.da1
Flora	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower
Lichens	5.5% ± 3.13			
Unidentified brown turf		0.42% ± 0.42	3.5% ± 2.18	_
Coralline paint				<del>=</del>
Coralline turf				11.0% ± 4.76
Ulva lactuca		:	1.33% ± 0.71	11:06 1 4:70
Hormosira banksii			-	5.67 ± 0.33
Scytothamnus australis				5 +)
Enteromorpha	0.25% ± 0.25	1.33% ± 0.88	0.08% ± 0.08	
Weed b		-	_	
Gelidium		21	0.17% ± 0.08	

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Table 2

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Waikare Inlet - inner site, transect 2

Fauna	Supra		Zones of the Intert	
	————	Upper	Mid	Lower
Littorina unifasciata		1.0 ± 1.0	1.0 ± 1.0	
Melagraphia aethiops				
Melanerita atrimentosa				
Zeacumantus lutulentus	9			
Zeacumantus subcarinatus		=		25
Turbo smaragdus				
Cominella maculosa				
Cominella glandiformis				
Cominella adspersa				
Diloma subrostrata				
Diloma zelandica				
Lepsiella scobina			1.0 ± 1.0	9.0 ± 1.73
Onchidella nigricans			-	9.0 ± 5.69
Notoacmea parviconoidea				3.03
Notoacmea daedala				
Xenostrobus pulex		_	0.33% ± 0.33	
Crassostrea gigas		1.0 ± 1.0	1.67 ± 0.33	4.0 ± 2.08
Mytilus edulis			3.67 ± 1.86	10.0 ± 5.30
Austrovenus stutchburyi				
Anomia triganopsis				
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis				-
Acanthochitona zelandica				
Amaurochiton glaucus				
Siphonaria zelandica				•
Asterina regularis				
Cliona				ž
Chamaesipho columna		8.58% ± 5.07	24.17% ± 15.32	
Pomatoceros caeruleus			0.17% ± 0.17	7.83% ± 6.09
Maoricrypta monoxyla				
Ascidian				
Elminius modestus			2.0% ± 1.64	a 5 51 7
Anthopleura aureoradiata			1.0 ± 0.58	2.33 ± 1.86
Watersipora cucullata				1.83% ± 1.59
Salmacina australis			<u> </u>	0.17 ± 0.17
Unidentified bryozoan				0.08% ± 0.08
Cabestana waterhousei				1.0 ± 0.58

Appendix 4.1.3 cont.

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Table 2 cont.

Species Distribution and Abundance

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample Sheet

Site: Waikare inlet - inner site, transect 2

Flora	Supra		nes of the Intertio	la l
		Upper	Mid	Lower
Lichens	2.3 ± 2.3			
Unidentified brown turf			31.0% ± 12.03	2.83% ± 1.53
Coralline paint			0.08% ± 0.08	0.83% ± 0.83
Coralline turf			_	9.67% ± 8.34
Ulva lactuca		0.17% ± 0.17	3.08% ± 2.59	3.0% ± 0.0
Hormosira banksii			0.33 ± 0.33	15.33 ± 6.90
Scytothamnus australis				1.0 ± 1.0
Enteromorpha		0.08% ± 0.08		1.0 11.0

# 4.2.1 Species List

Rocky Intertidal Shores - Te Puna Inlet, upper inlet location

## Gastropoda

Zeacumantus subcarinatus - mudsnail

Lepsiella scobina - oyster borer

Littorina unifasciata - periwinkle

Onchidella nigricans - pulmonate limpet-like slug

Turbo smaragdus - cats eye snail

Notoacmea daedala - limpet

Diloma subrostrata - mudsnail

Cominella maculosa - carnivorous snail

Haustrum haustorium - carnivorous snail

Xymene plebius - carnivorous snail

Siphonaria zelandica - pulmonate limpet

Melagraphia aethiops - snail

Maoricrypta monoxyla - slipper limpet

# Amphineura

Sypharochiton pelliserpentis - chiton Acanthochitoria zelandica - chiton Amaurochiton glaucus - chiton Cryptoconchus porosus - chiton

## Bivalvia

Xenostrobus pulex - intertidal black mussel
Crassostrea gigas - Pacific oyster
Mytilus edulis aoteanus - blue mussel
Atrina zelandica - horse mussel

#### Echinodermata

Asterina <u>regularis</u> - starfish <u>Coscinasterias calamaria</u> - starfish

### Porifera

<u>Cliona</u> - sponge Orange golf ball sponge - unidentified

## Tubeworms

Pomatoceros caeruleus

# Crustacea

Chamaesipho columna - barnacle
Elminius modestus - barnacle
Petrolisthes elongatus - half crab
Macrophthalmus hirtipes - burrowing crab
Pagurus novaezelandiae - hermit crab
Helice crassa - mud crab
Notomithrax - masking crab

## Bryozoa

Watersipora cucullata - lace coral White unidentified bryozoan

Appendix 4.2.1 cont.

Coelenterata
Anthopleura aureoradiata - anemone

Flora
Lichens - unidentified
Algae
Brown turfing algae - unidentified
Corallina officinalis - coralline turf
Corallina officinalis - coralline paint
Ulva lactuca - sea lettuce
Hormosira banksii - Neptune's necklace

Table 1 Species Distribution and Abundance Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample

Site: Te Puna Inlet - inner site, transect 1

		Littoral 2	Sones of the Intert	idal
Fauna	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower
Littorina unifasciata		22.67 ± 15.7		nowei
Melagraphia aethiops		0.67 ± 0.67		
Melanerita atrimentosa		0.07 ± 0.67	2.67 ± 1.76	
Zeacumantus lutulentus		_		
Zeacumantus subcarinatus	1.67 + 1.6	7 8.88 ± 8.6	14 22 4 7 62	
Turbo smaragdus	1.07 1 1.0	0.00 1 0.0	14.33 ± 7.63	
Cominella maculosa			0.67 ± 0.67	4 33 ± 2.5
Xymene plebius			-	1.0 ± 1.0
Cominella glandiformis				-
Cominella adspersa				
Diloma subrostrata				
Diloma zelandica				
Lepsiella scobina		2	0.66 ± 0.33	
Onchidella nigricans		0.67 ± 0.67	- 0.55	
Notoacmea parviconoidea				
Notoacmea daedala				
Xenostrobus pulex		-	3.25% ± 3.25	
Crassostrea gigas			0.67 ± 0.67	
Mytilus edulis			20	0.66 ± 0.66
Austrovenus stutchburyi				0.00 2 0.00
Macrophthalmus hirtipes				
Anomia triganopsis				
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis			10.0 ± 6.81	
Acanthochitona zelandica				
Amaurochiton glaucus			_	
Notomithrax				- II to 184
Siphonaria zelandica			-	
Asterina regularis				
Cliona				
Orange golf ball spg				=
Chamaesipho columna	1	.08% ± 0.96	21.75% ± 13.87	E SE
Pomatoceros caeruleus			30.08% ± 16.67	_
Maoricrypta monoxyla			-	2.0 ± 1.16
Cryptoconchus porosus				-
Ascidian				
Atrina zelandica				:=
Elminius modestus				
Anthopleura aureoradiata			5.0 ± 5.0	-
White bryozoan				i <del>e</del> i

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Table 1 cont.

# Species Distribution and Abundance

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample

Site: Te Puna Inlet - Inner site, transect 1

		Littoral Zones of the Intertidal		
Fauna	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower
Watersipora cucullata			ab.	0.08% ± 0.08
Risselopsis		<del>=</del> 0(	$5.33 \pm 2.91$	
Haustrum haustorium			1.0 ± 0.58	-
Coscinasterias calamaria				-
Pagurus novaezelandiae				-

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Table 1 cont.

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat

Site: Te Puna Inlet - inner site, transect 1

71		Littoral Zones of the Intertidal		
Flora	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower
Lichens	0.16% ± 0.16			
Unidentified brown turf		₩5	0.17% ± 0.17	
Coralline paint			001/0 1 0.1/	0.055
Coralline turf			_	0.25% ± 0.2
Ulva lactuca	0.08% ± 0.08		-	28.0% ± 18.
Hormosira banksii	0.008 ± 0.08		0.08% ± 0.08	0.08% ± 0.0
Scytothamnus australis				$0.33 \pm 0.3$

Appendix 4.2.3 Table 2

Species Distribution and Abundance

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample

Site: Te Puna Inlet - inner site, transect 2

Fauna	2		nes of the Inter	tidal
	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower
Littorina unifasciata	20.67 ± 10.6	-		
Melagraphia aethiops		3.33 ± 1.2	4.33 ± 2.19	
Melanerita atrimentosa				
Zeacumantus lutulentus				
Zeacumantus subcarinatus	6.67 ± 4.81	46.67 ± 27.17	0.67 ± 0.33	_
Turbo smaragdus			2.33 ± 1.2	6.33 ± 0.88
Cominella maculosa			0.33 ± 0.33	- 0.00
Cominella glandiformis				
Cominella adspersa				
Diloma subrostrata		0.33 ± 0.33		27
Diloma zelandica				
Lepsiella scobina		~	2.66 ± 1.45	
Onchidella nigricans	-			
Notoacmea parviconoidea				
Notoacmea daedala			_	
Xenostrobus pulex	<u></u>	5.5% ± 3.02	10.0% ± 10.0	
Crassostrea gigas		=	0.33 ± 0.33	
Mytilus edulis		$0.33 \pm 0.33$	218.0 ± 70.65	
Austrovenus stutchburyi			210.0 1 70.05	-
Anomia triganopsis				
Sypharochiton pelliserpentis	5	1.67 ± 0.88	3.33 ± 2.03	
Acanthochitona zelandica			2100 1 2103	0.33 ± 0.33
Amaurochiton glaucus				0.33 ± 0.33
Siphonaria zelandica				*
Asterina regularis				
Cliona				0.08% ± 0.08
Chamaesipho columna	0.08% ± 0.08	7.42% ± 4.49	1.08% ± 1.08	0.00% ± 0.08
Pomatoceros caeruleus			12.64% ± 12.03	1.92% ± 1.29
Maoricrypta monoxyla				1.33 ± 0.88
Ascidian				1.55 1 0.88
Pagurus				0.33 ± 0.33
Elminius modestus			_	
Anthopleura aureoradiata		3.67 ± 1.33	3.33 ± 3.33	7.22 ± 3.85
White bryozoan			_	2.92% ± 0.68
Watersipora cucullata				1.58% ± 1.58
Cosginasterias			0.33 ± 0.33	
Risselopsis				
Haustrum haustorium	(	0.33 ± 0.33		10-11-11-11
Helice crassa			0.33 ± 0.33	
Petrolithses elongatus				- 200

# Species Distribution and Abundance

Table 2 cont.

Rocky Intertidal Quadrat Sample

Site: Te Puna Inlet - inner site, transect 2

Flora	Littoral Zones of the Intertidal					
	Supra	Upper	Mid	Lower		
Lichens						
Unidentified brown turf			0.08% ± 0.08			
Coralline paint			9	1 ==		
Coralline turf			0.08% ± 0.08	51.25% ± 8.1		
Ulva lactuca			ε	. <del></del>		
Hormosira banksii		1.33 ± 1.33	0.67 ± 0.67	2.33 ± 1.2		
Scytothamnus australis						