

Draft Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy

Update for Wainuiomata Community Board

Presented by Parks and Reserves

August 2023



Process followed by Council to date

Nov 2022:

Wānanga with community groups known to have an interest in biodiversity to begin to understand the scope and terms of reference for the Strategy.

March 2023 :

Discussion Document produced – a collection of comments and suggestions to build the Draft Strategy from

Apr 2023:

Draft IB Strategy prepared using the foundational material from the Discussion Document – essentially a strategy of community voices, not a scientific paper.

Jul 2023:

Draft Strategy sets a shared vision and 3 goals and proposed identifies 8 focus areas. It also connects and aligns us to work being undertaken by others at regional and national levels so we can ensure we are having the greatest collective impact.

Public consultation July–August 2023

National Policy Statement- Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) Direction from Ministry of the Environment & New Zealand Government

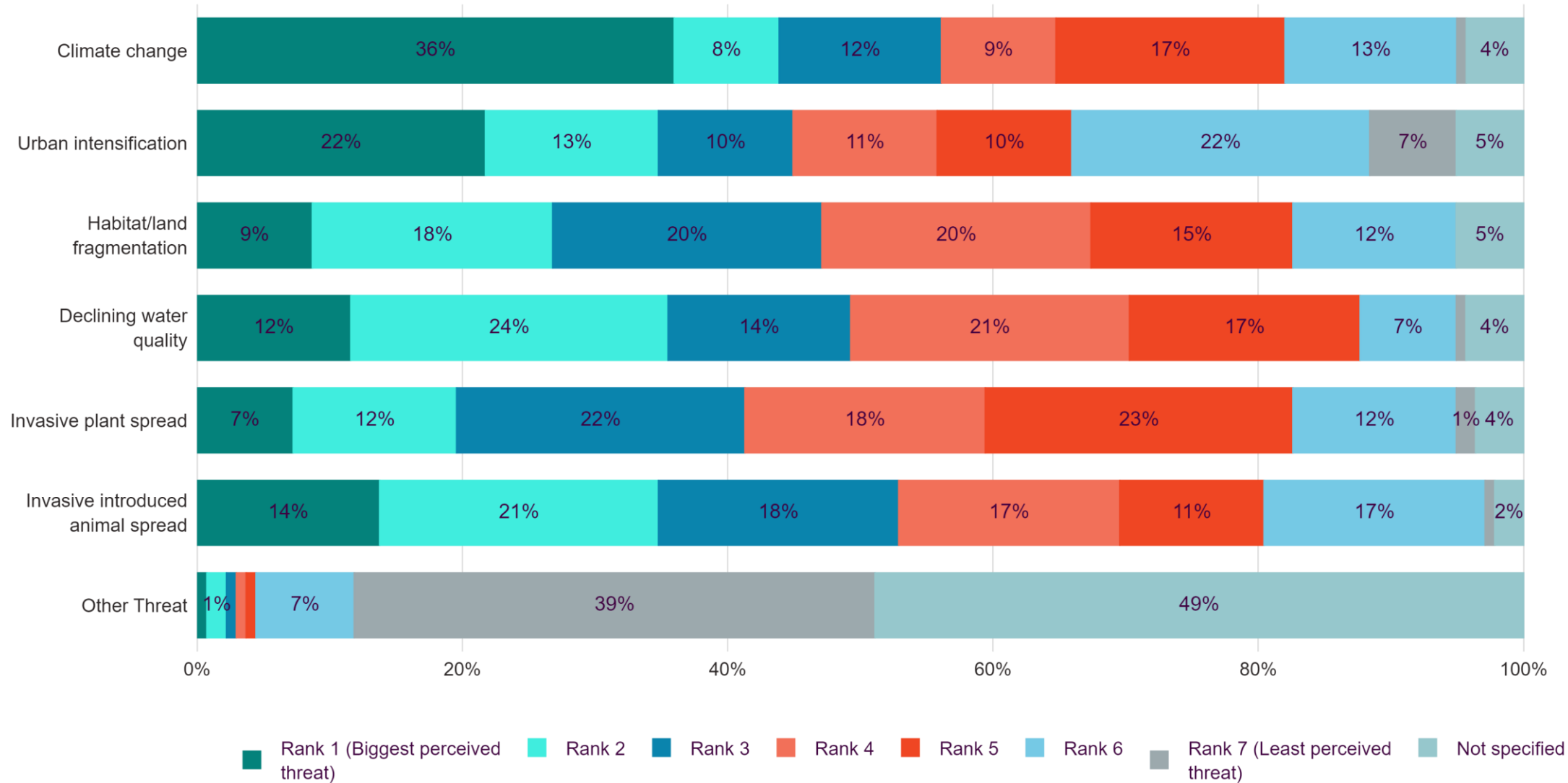


- Effective 4 August 2023
- This National Policy Statement applies to indigenous biodiversity in the terrestrial environment throughout Aotearoa New Zealand
- Requires all Regional Councils to provide a native biodiversity strategy
 - Local authorities must have regard to the relevant regional biodiversity strategy when developing restoration objectives, policies, and methods for inclusion in regional policy statements and plans.
- Local authorities must manage indigenous biodiversity and the effects on it from subdivision, use and development in a coordinated approach

April Survey Results- most critically important actions

- 83% of survey participants - native planting to protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity
- 88% of survey participants - pest control and enhanced biosecurity
- 90% of survey participants - protecting water/waterways

The biggest perceived threats to biodiversity (ranked)



Biggest perceived threat ranked SUMMARY
 sample size = from 135 to 139; total sample size = 139; 4 missing

Vision

‘Ko te noho mārie me te taiao, ā, ka matakiteatia hei te anamata ka wāriutia, ka whāomotia te kanorau koiora taketake, ā, kua whakarauora anō te toitūtanga hapori kia pai ai te whāngai rawa ki ngā tāngata katoa, ahakoa ko wai, ahakoa nō hea.’

‘Living in harmony with nature where, in the short-term future, indigenous biodiversity is valued, conserved and restored, sustaining communities and delivering benefits for all people.’

Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy Goals



Indigenous species and their habitats in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt are protected and restored so they can thrive.



The role of Mana Whenua as rangatira and kaitiaki is enabled through the acknowledgement of mātauranga Māori and customary practices.



Our community is connected with all of nature, values it and actively contributes to its protection and restoration.

FOCUS AREAS



**Partnership with
Mana Whenua.**



**Pest plant and
predator monitoring
and management.**



**Enabling Community to
connect and participate
in environmental
activities.**



**Responding to the
impact of Climate
Change.**



**Protecting water
and waterways.**



**Improving public
health through
sustainable
biodiversity.**



**Safeguarding
ecosystems, species,
and habitats.**



**Identify, monitor,
evaluate
biodiversity**

Timeline	Dates
Draft IB Strategy and consultation approved by Climate Change and Sustainability Committee (CCSC)	4 July 2023
Draft IB Strategy and consultation approved by Council	25 July 2023
Draft IB Strategy out for community consultation	26 July – 20 August
Report back to CCSC on consultation results and proposed amendments to Draft Strategy and Draft Action Plans	5 September 2023
Final IB Strategy and Draft Action Plan to be approved by Council	3 October 2023
Published final version of the Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy	November/ December 2023
Refine Implementation Programmes with community	Sept 2023 to June 2024
Council makes decisions about funding projects and programmes of work for 2024-34 Long Term Plan	Dec 2023 to June 2024

Indigenous Biodiversity Action Plan

Developed out of the Strategy, will drive production of implementation programmes:

Possible first three programmes which will bring this work to life.

- Pest plant control programme
- Pest animal control programme
- Monitoring programme

Further questions

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