



NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

Oroua and Pohangina Rivers Project

INTRO

Refresher:

- Room for the River Concept;
- Project Context.

Work programme update:

- Work to date;
- Proposed work packages and milestones;
- Timeframes.

Terms of Reference

Socialisation, communications and relationships



ROOM FOR THE RIVER

"Responding to climate change in a way that is effective, sustainable, and affordable for communities"

- Room for the River Guidelines











METHODOLOGY

- Geomorphic/geological mapping
- Catchment change and setting
- Catalogue of river management activities
- Topographical features
- Historic channel lines
- Empirical analysis

Additional Data Sources:

- Case Studies
- Socialisation Strategy
- Cultural Sites of Significance
- Infrastructure/Assets



River Corridor (High Hazard Flood Extent) Outer Management Lines (River Management Envelope) Inner Management Lines (Typical Channel Location)

















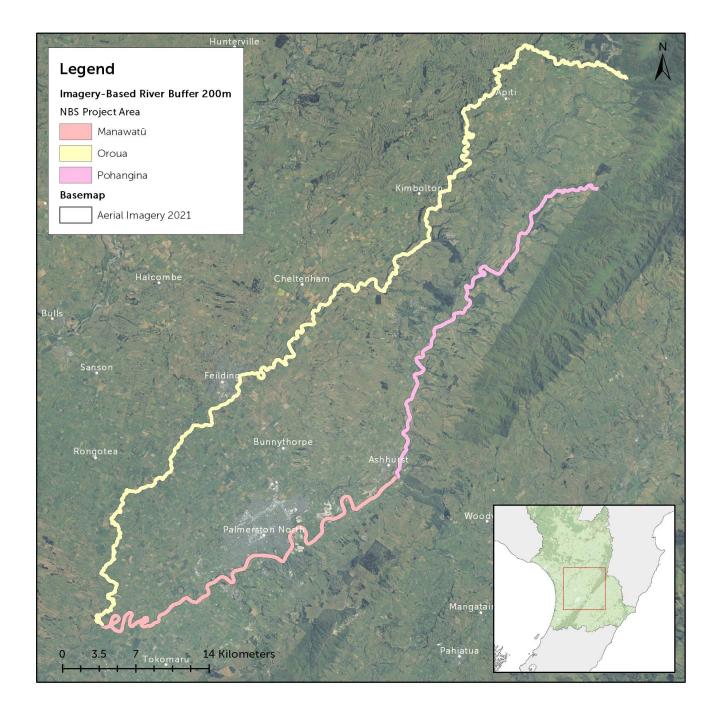
OVERVIEW OF FUNDING

- Project name Oroua and Pohangina catchments nature-based flood mitigation solutions;
- Project Objective To conduct a feasibility study that looks at whether management practices such as channel symmetry, alignment and confinement are still relevant and to further explore the concept of mobility corridors in the Oroua and Pohangina Rivers;
- Completion date of June 2025;
- \$300,000 total in funding (120k year 1, 180k year 2);
- Six monthly reporting (including employment hours);

The work is based on increasing resilience across a range of parameters for the two catchments. We have had a go at an initial drafting of these however, are open to additional considerations and comments:

- Ecological resilience by providing gravel beaches, improving riparian zones, widening corridors for native species movement between the ranges and the floodplains, increasing bird habitat, and recreating in-river habitat by allowing habitat complexity with pools, riffles, runs, meanders and side channels;
- 2. Engineering resilience by increasing the channel size, increasing the capacity to maintain river flows within the defined channel/s, and less on-going design;
- Financial resilience by decreasing the requirements to highly confine the river/s and the
 associated infrastructure to maintain the river within a highly confined channel, reducing
 future flood damage and on-going repairs and maintenance of tightly confined systems;
 and
- 4. Community wellbeing by creating open river spaces that the community can access, use and interact with.





APPROXIMATE PROJECT AREA

Manawatū River

From confluence with Oroua River to confluence with Pohangina River

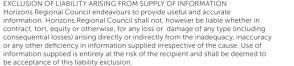
Oroua River

From confluence with Manawatū River to confluence with Umutoi Creek

Pohangina River

From confluence with Manawatū River to confluence with Piripiri Stream

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Aerial Imagery of the Pohangina River

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2023

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DATA COLLECTION EXAMPLES:

TŌTARA RESERVE, POHANGINA

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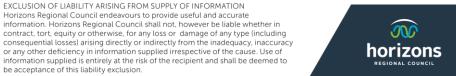


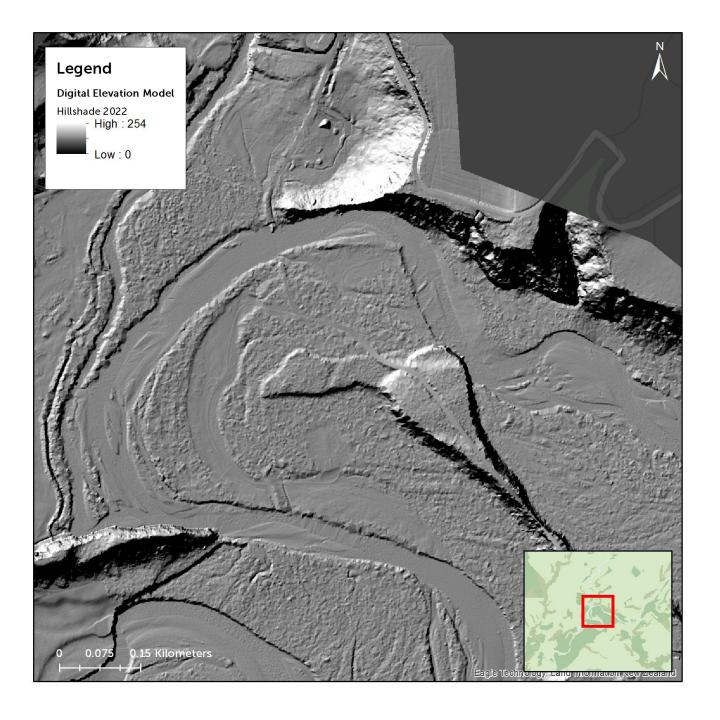


Tōtara Reserve: Geology/Land Use

Useful for broadly understanding catchment changes over time

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Totara Reserve: Surface Elevation Data

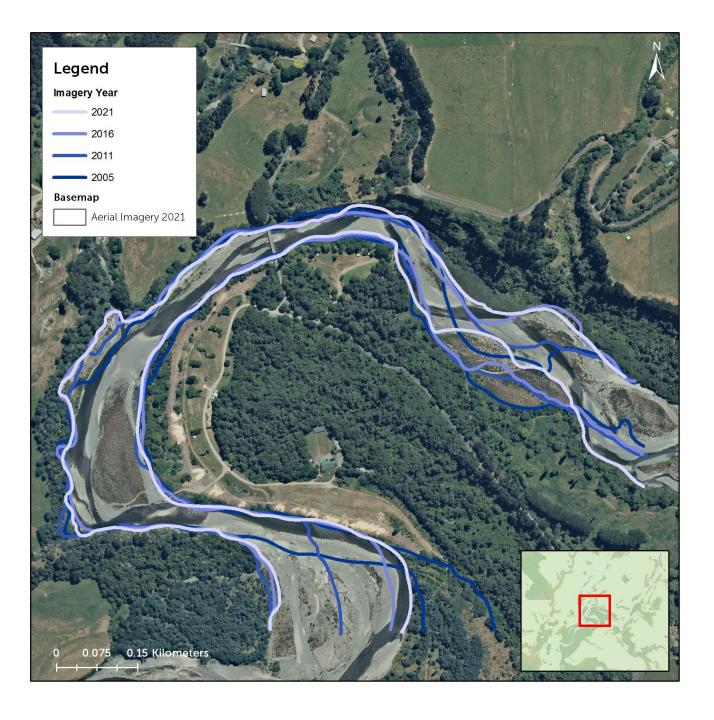
Provides evidence of recent channel cut-offs and terraces.

Useful for determining natural features that constrain the river.

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Tōtara Reserve:

Historic Channel Movement from Aerial Imagery

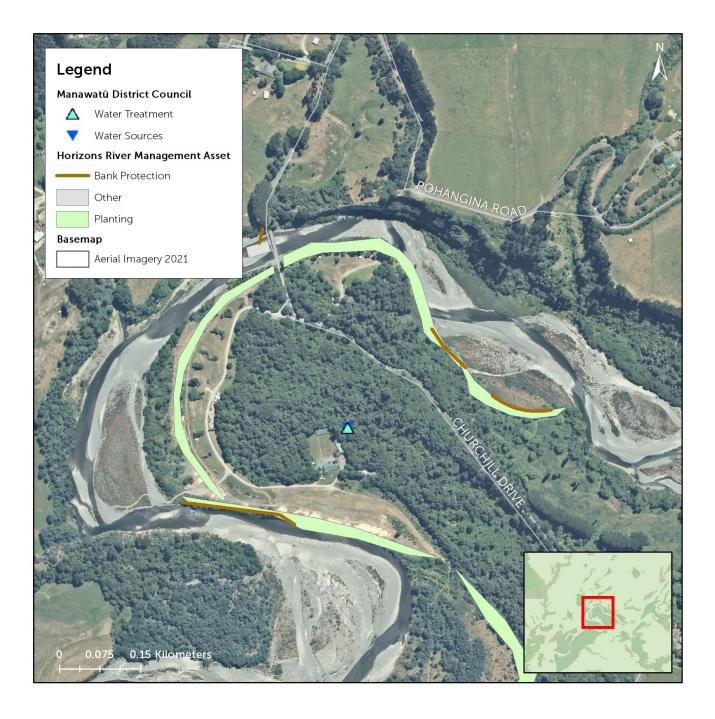
Reflects the behaviour of the river, typically over the last 70-80 years.

Considered to be the most useful dataset in determining the river management envelope.

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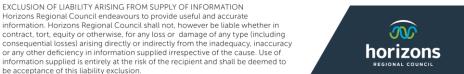


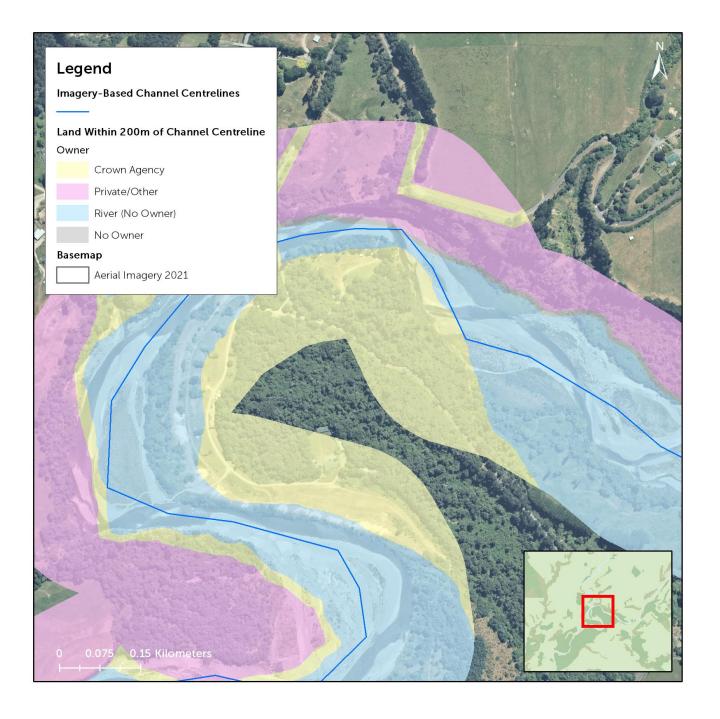
Totara Reserve:
Utilities and Infrastructure

Useful for identifying critical assets.

Assets could include essential flood protection, wastewater treatments plants, etc.

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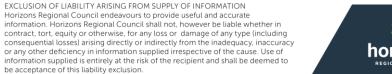


Tōtara Reserve Example: Land Parcels

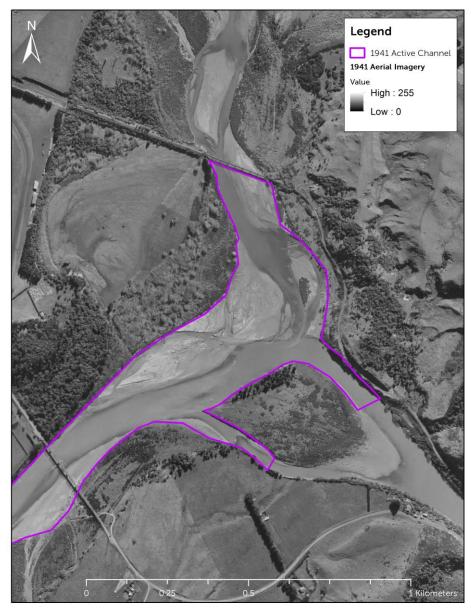
Extrapolated for the entire project area, the approximate ownership proportions are:

Owner	% of Area
Private/Other	56%
River (No Owner)	27%
Crown Agency	16%
No Owner	1%

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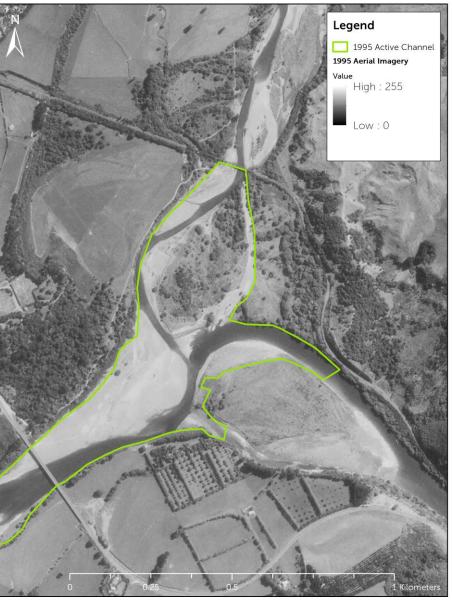
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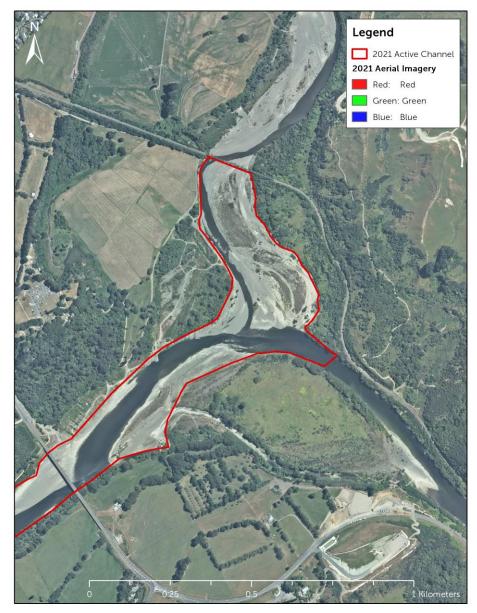
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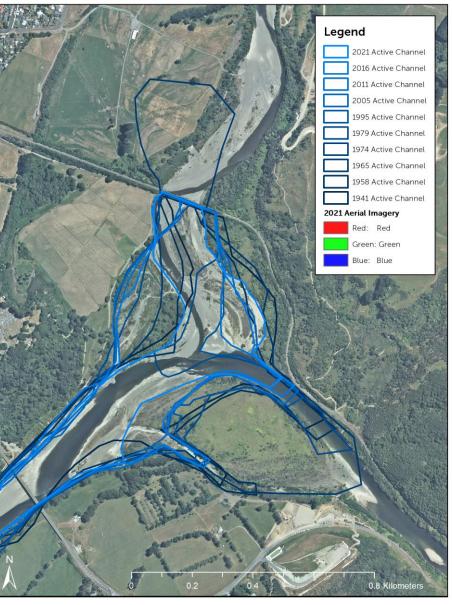
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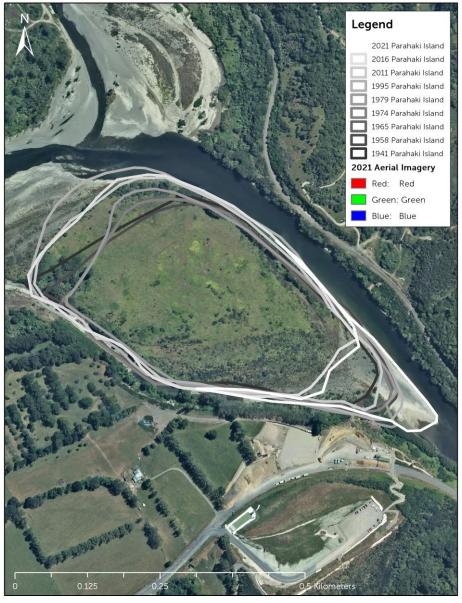
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Channel Planform Change Over Time

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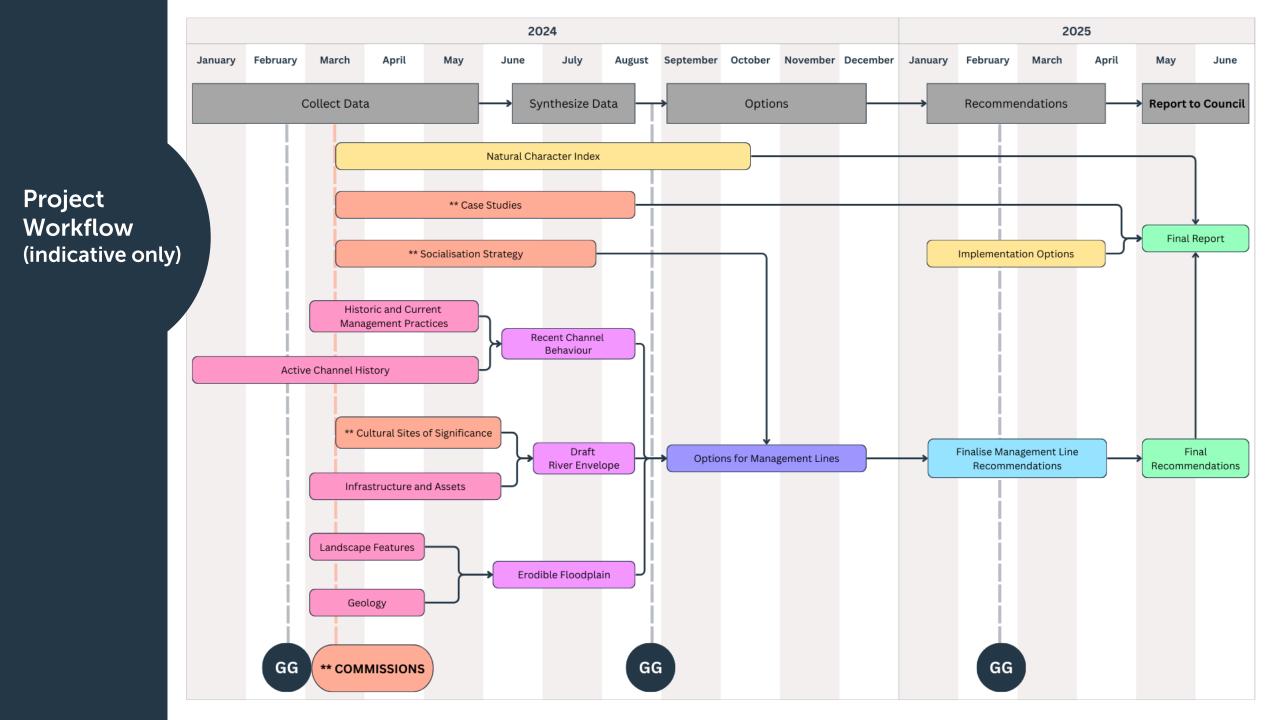
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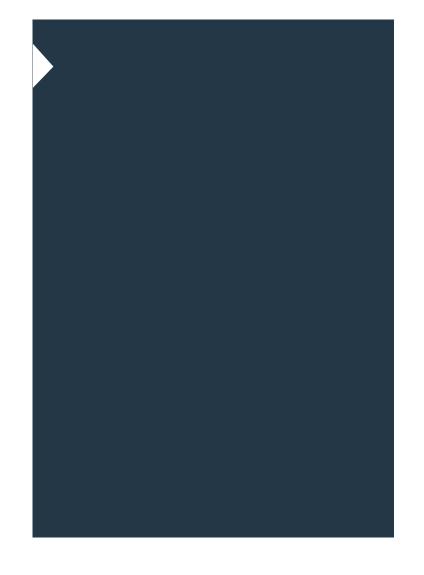
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CURRENT WORKSTREAMS

- Digitisation of historical aerials;
- Engagement of T&T for Lower Manawatū Reach;
- Infrastructure data requests;
- Initial approaches to experts for Natural Character Index project;
- Report 1 completed to MfE;
- Next four months to focus on projects in the workflow diagram.













PROJECT SOCIALISATION

Who and when?



GOVERNANCE GROUP

Next Meeting...











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