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Terms defined within the plan glossary are *italicised* and marked with a ' * ' symbol. Terms defined in the Resource Management Act 1991 are *italicised* and marked with a '^' symbol.

Schedule F: Regionally Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes¹

[Note: Table F1 lists the regionally outstanding natural features and landscapes in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region and their associated characteristics and values in narrative form. The Figures in Schedule F are intended to provide an indication only of the spatial extent of the landscapes and natural features described in Table F1. As such, the Figures are in the nature of "value envelopes" identifying the geographic area within which the characteristics and values described in Table F1 will likely be present. They are intended to assist Plan users in determining the general location of the characteristics and values of the regionally outstanding natural features and landscapes listed in Table F1.]¹

Regionally ~~important~~ outstanding natural features and¹ landscapes in the ~~Manawatu-Wanganui~~ Region are as follows:

Table F1¹

Outstanding Natural Features or Landscapes	Characteristics / Values	Other values
(a) Tongariro National Park, particularly the volcanoes and the Rangipo Desert (Figure F:1)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly the park's visual prominence in the Region and the contrast of the desert with adjacent landscapes (ii) <u>Geological features including the Rangataua Lava Flow.</u> ²	(i) Recreational values, particularly tramping and snow sports (ii) Scientific value, particularly the volcanic landscape (iii) Ecological value, particularly the mountainous ecology and the extensive tussock grasslands and wetlands supporting rare indigenous flora (iv) Importance to <i>tangata whenua</i> [^]
(b) Whakapapa River and river valley, including all of the <i>river</i> [^] catchment (Figure F:2)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics	(i) Recreational values (ii) Visual and scenic characteristics (iii) Ecological significance, particularly in providing a habitat for the Blue Duck
(c) Whanganui National Park <u>and those sections of the Whanganui River bounded by the National Park</u> ³ (Figure F:3)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly the <u>Whanganui River</u> , ³ gorge landscapes and papa rock formations	(i) Ecological significance, particularly for providing habitat for rare bird species; the presence of mature indigenous forest; contribution to the national conservation estate; wilderness

¹ Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation LSNC 17

² Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 7

³ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 13

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		(ii) Intrinsic value (iii) Importance to <i>tangata whenua</i> ⁴ (iv) Recreational values, particularly for tramping and hunting, <u>and those provided by the water[^] and riparian margins³</u> (v) Recognised protection – national park <u>(vi) Historical importance³</u>
(d) Kaimanawa Ranges, in particular the skyline and the south-eastern side of the ranges (Figure F:4)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly the visual prominence of the skyline in much of the Region	(i) Ecological significance, the ranges' contribution to the national conservation estate
(e) Mount Aorangi (Figure F:5)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly its visual prominence	(i) Intrinsic value (ii) Ecological significance, provided by areas of unmodified podocarp forest and as a habitat for rare indigenous fauna
(f) Manganui o Te Ao River and <i>river</i> [^] valley, including the Makatote and Mangaturuturu Rivers and their valleys, <u>and parts of the Orautoha, Waimarino and Ruatiti Streams and valleys. the Waimarino and Orautoha Streams, (but not the Waimarino and Orautoha valleys or the Ruatiti Stream or valley)</u> ⁴ (Figure F:6)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly its <i>river</i> [^] gorges and riparian margins and outstanding wild and scenic characteristics	(i) Ecological significance, providing a habitat for the Blue Duck, and wildlife and fisheries, (ii) Recognised protection – national <i>water conservation order</i> [^]
(g) Rangitikei River and <i>river</i> [^] valley from Mangarere Bridge (approximate map reference Infomap 260 T22 488 496) to Putorino (approximate map reference Infomap 260 T22 315 315), <u>and from Mangarere Bridge (approximate map reference Infomap 260 T22 488 496) to the confluence of Whakaurekou River and Ohutu Stream (approximate map reference Infomap 260 U21:714-691)</u>	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics – particularly its gorges, <u>the Rangitikei alluvial¹⁰ terraces formations¹⁰</u> and high bluffs, <u>and the Rangitikei River Plio-Pleistocene fossiliferous sediments (map reference S23: 214 224)¹⁰</u>	(i) <u>Scientific and educational value¹⁰</u>

⁴ Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation LSNC 21

⁵ Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation LSNC 18

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⁵ (Figure F:7)		
(h) The <u>skyline of the Ruahine Ranges State⁶ Forest Park</u> ⁵ (Figure F:8)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly its prominence throughout much of the Region and its backdrop vista in contrast to the plains	(i) <u>Ecological values including values associated with mature indigenous forest, remnant and regenerating indigenous vegetation and important habitat.</u> (ii) <u>Contribution to the national conservation estate.</u> (iii) <u>Recreational values especially tramping and hunting⁶.</u> (iv) <u>Historical values associated with early recreation, hunting and botanical exploration.⁶</u> (iv) (v) <u>Cultural values.⁵</u>
(i) The <u>skyline of the Tararua State⁷ Forest Park Ranges</u> ⁵ (Figure F:9)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly its prominence throughout much of the Region and its backdrop vista in contrast to the Region's plains	(i) <u>Ecological values including values associated with mature indigenous forest, remnant and regenerating indigenous vegetation and important habitat.</u> (ii) <u>Contribution to the national conservation estate.</u> (iii) <u>Recreational values especially tramping⁷.</u> (iv) <u>Historical values associated with early recreation.⁷</u> (iv) (v) <u>Cultural values.⁵</u>
(j) <u>The skyline of the Ruahine and Tararua Ranges - defined as the boundary between the land^ and sky as viewed at a sufficient distance from the foothills so as to see the contrast between the sky and the solid nature of the land^ at the crest of the highest points along ridges. The skyline is a feature that extends along the Ruahine and Tararua Ranges beyond the areas mapped in Figures F:8 and F:9.⁵</u>	(i) <u>Visual and scenic characteristics including aesthetic cohesion and continuity, its prominence throughout much of the Region and its backdrop vista in contrast to the Region's plains.</u> (ii) <u>Importance to tangata whenua⁵</u>	
(k) ⁵ Manawatu Gorge, from Ballance Bridge to the confluence of the Pohangina and Manawatu Rivers, including the adjacent scenic reserve (Figure F:10)	(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly provided by its distinctive landscape (ii) Geological feature, provided by being the only <u>river^</u> in New Zealand to drain both east and west of the main divide	(i) Ecological significance, provided by its regenerating indigenous vegetation and remnant native shrubland (ii) Scientific value, particularly for its geology
(l) ⁵ Coastline of the Region, particularly	(i) Visual and scenic	(i) Ecological value, particularly the Whanganui, Whangaehu,

⁶ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 1

⁷ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 2

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<p>the Akitio Shore Platform, Castlecliff to Nukumaru coastal cliffs,⁸ Foxangi Dunes and Hokio Beach South Dune Fields⁹ (Figures F:11 and F:12)</p>	<p>characteristics, particularly its special coastal landscape features including the Waitotara ventifacts at Waitotara River Mouth, Waitotara Estuary fossil forest and Santoft parabolic dunes¹⁰</p> <p>(ii) Coastal geological processes</p>	<p>Turakina and Rangitikei, Akitio, Ohau, Waikawa and Manawatu River¹¹ estuaries as habitats for indigenous fauna</p> <p>(ii) Recreational value</p> <p>(iii) Significance to <i>tangata whenua</i>[^]</p> <p>(iv) Scientific and educational¹⁰ values</p>
<p>(m) Cape Turnagain (Figure F:13)</p>	<p>(i) Visual and scenic characteristics, particularly its visual prominence along the Region's east coast</p>	<p>(i) Ecological significance, particularly as a habitat for blue penguins and fur seals</p> <p>(ii) Scientific value</p> <p>(iii) Significance to <i>tangata whenua</i>[^]</p> <p>(iv) <i>Historic heritage</i>[^], as an <i>archaeological site</i></p>

⁸ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 11

⁹ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 3

¹⁰ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 12

¹¹ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 6

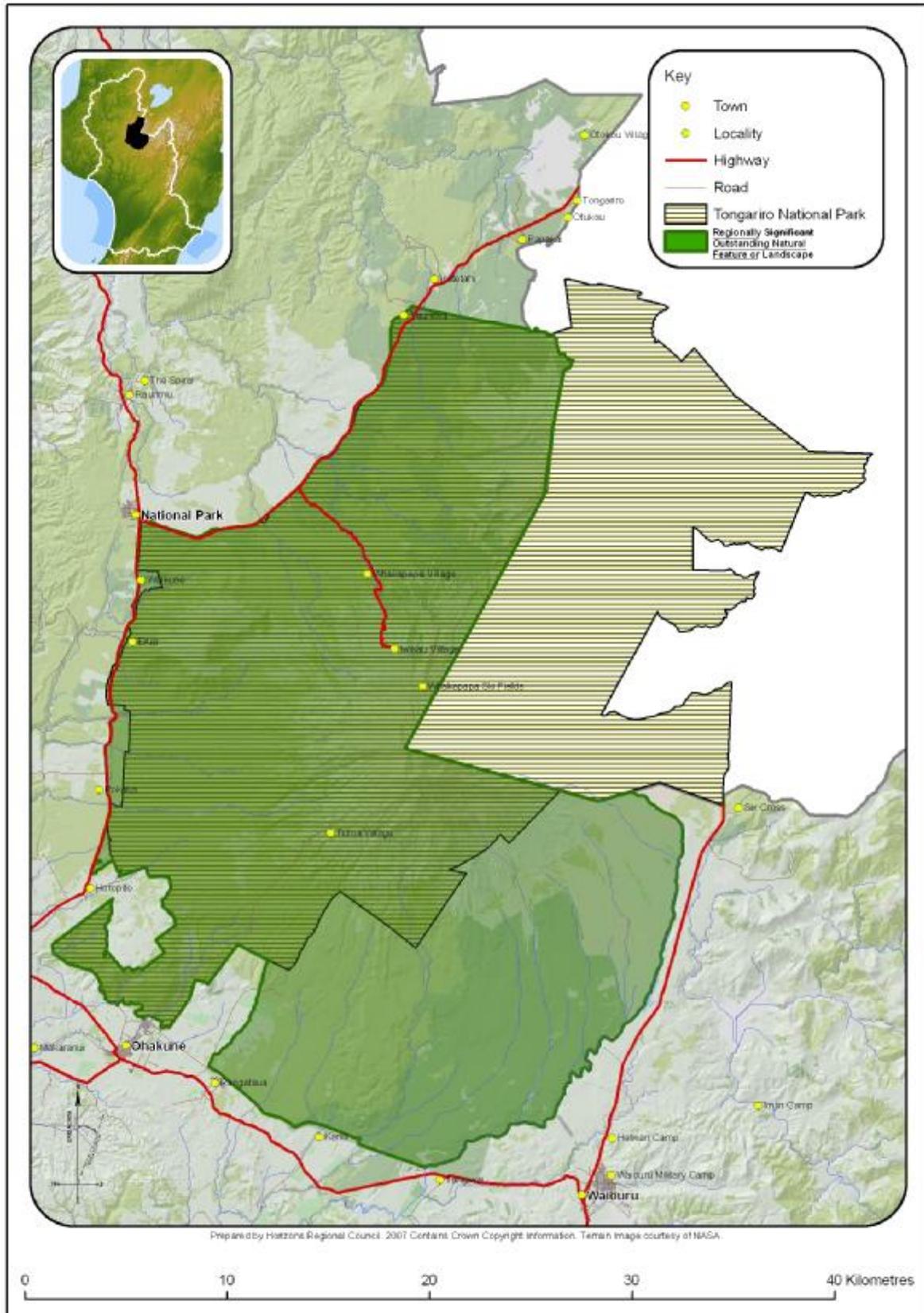
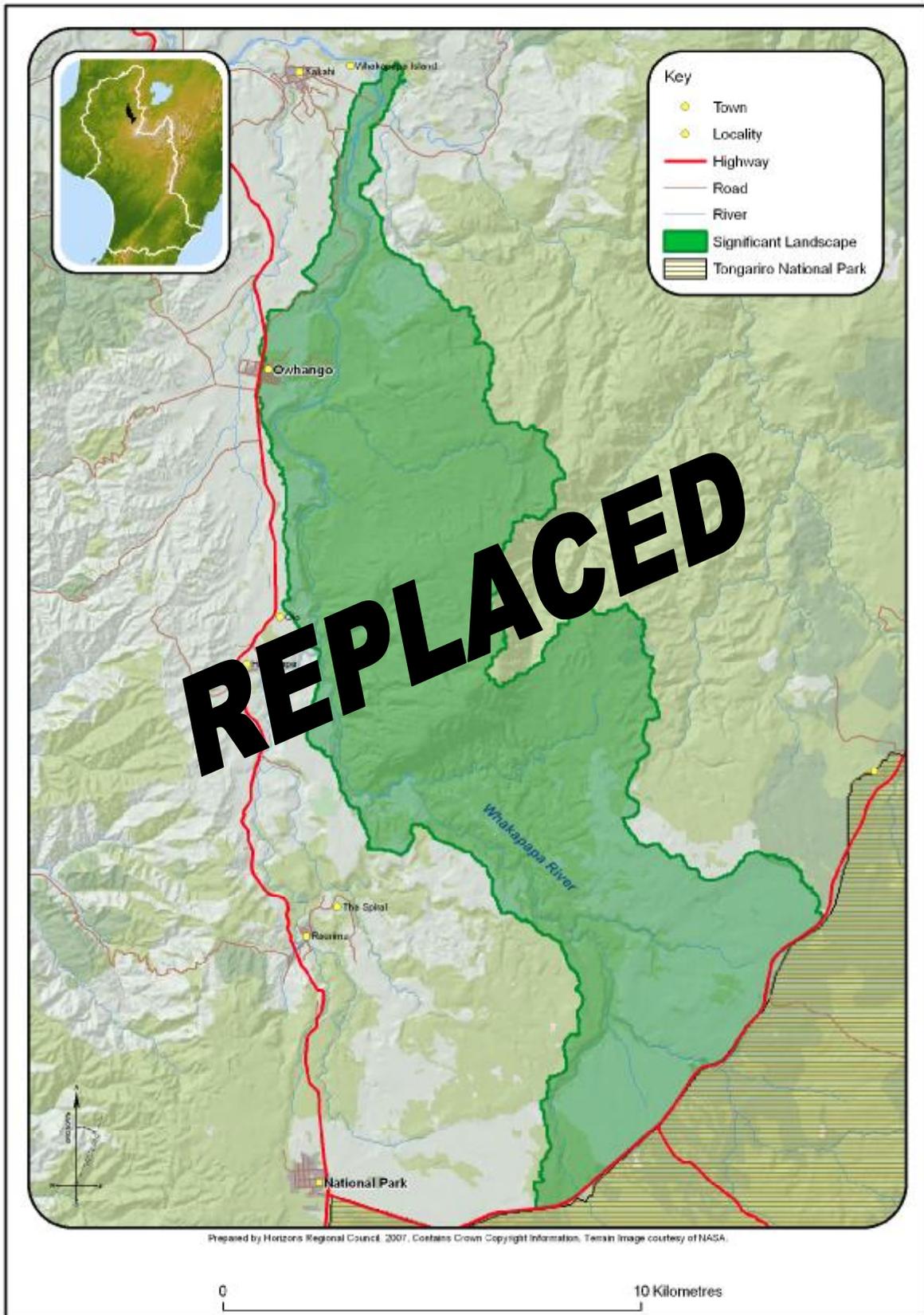


Figure F:1 Tongariro National Park and Rangipo Desert ¹



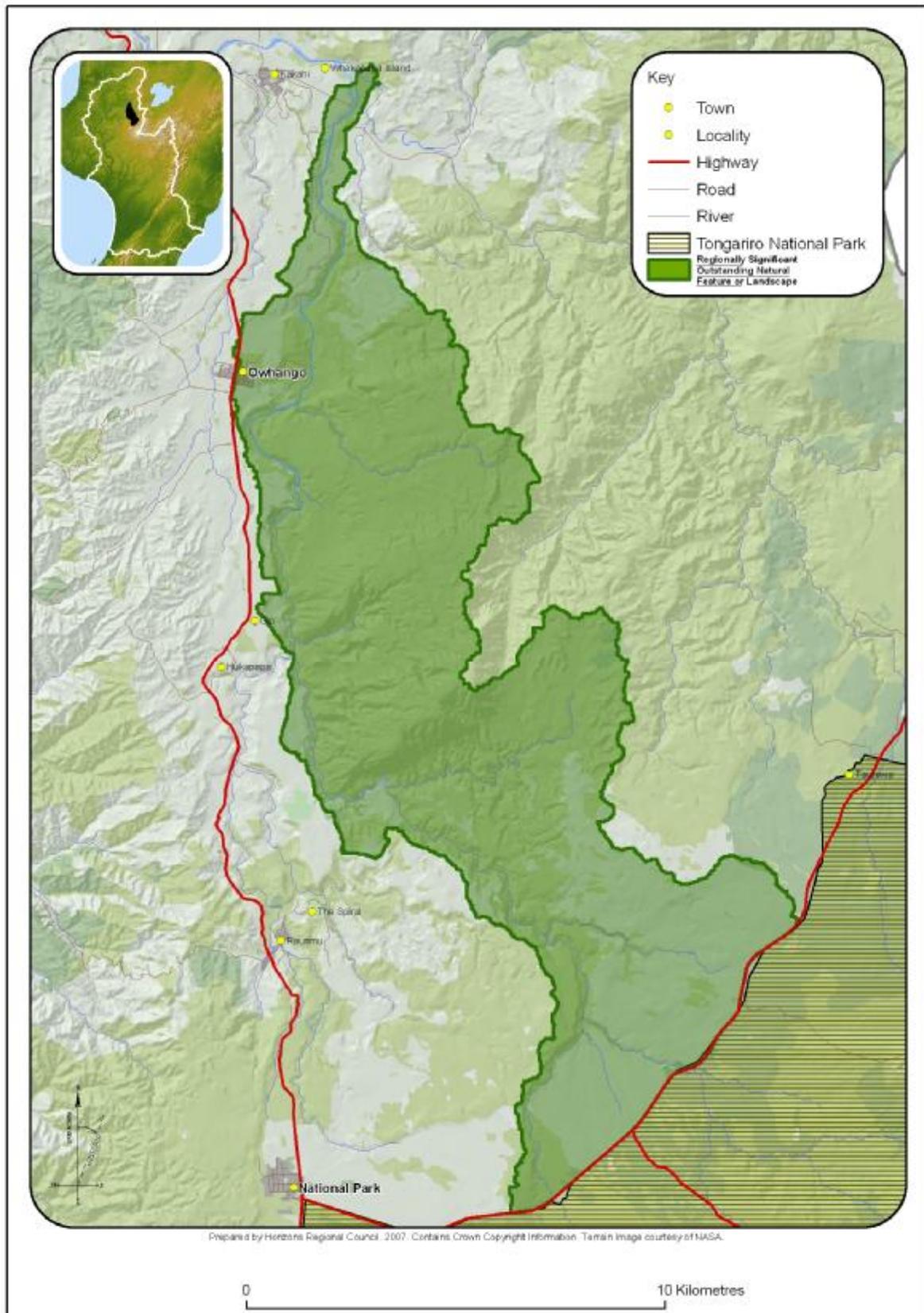


Figure F:2 Whakapapa River ¹²

¹² Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation LSNC 19

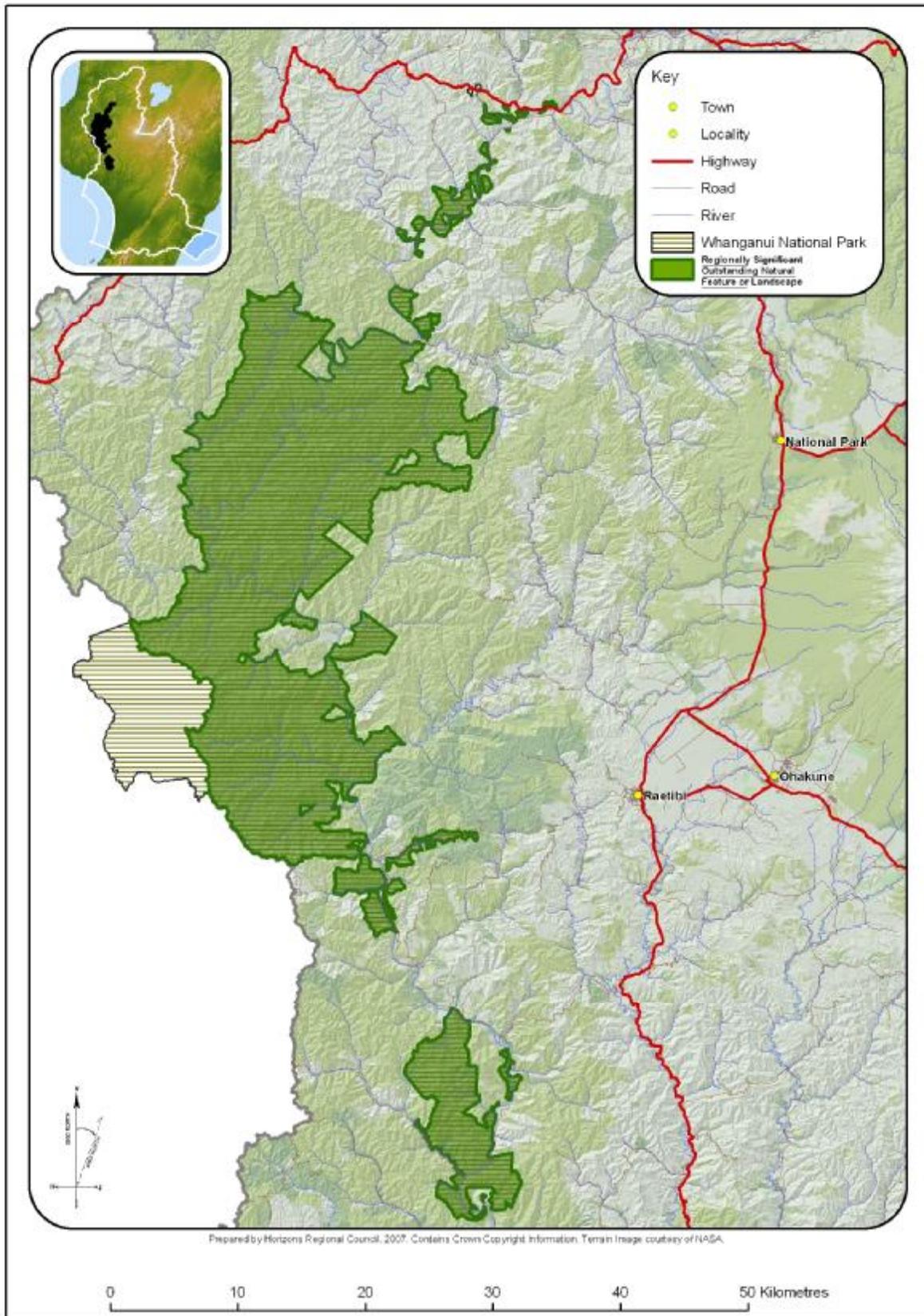


Figure F:3 Whanganui National Park ¹ and those sections of the Whanganui River bounded by the Whanganui National Park.¹³

¹³ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 13

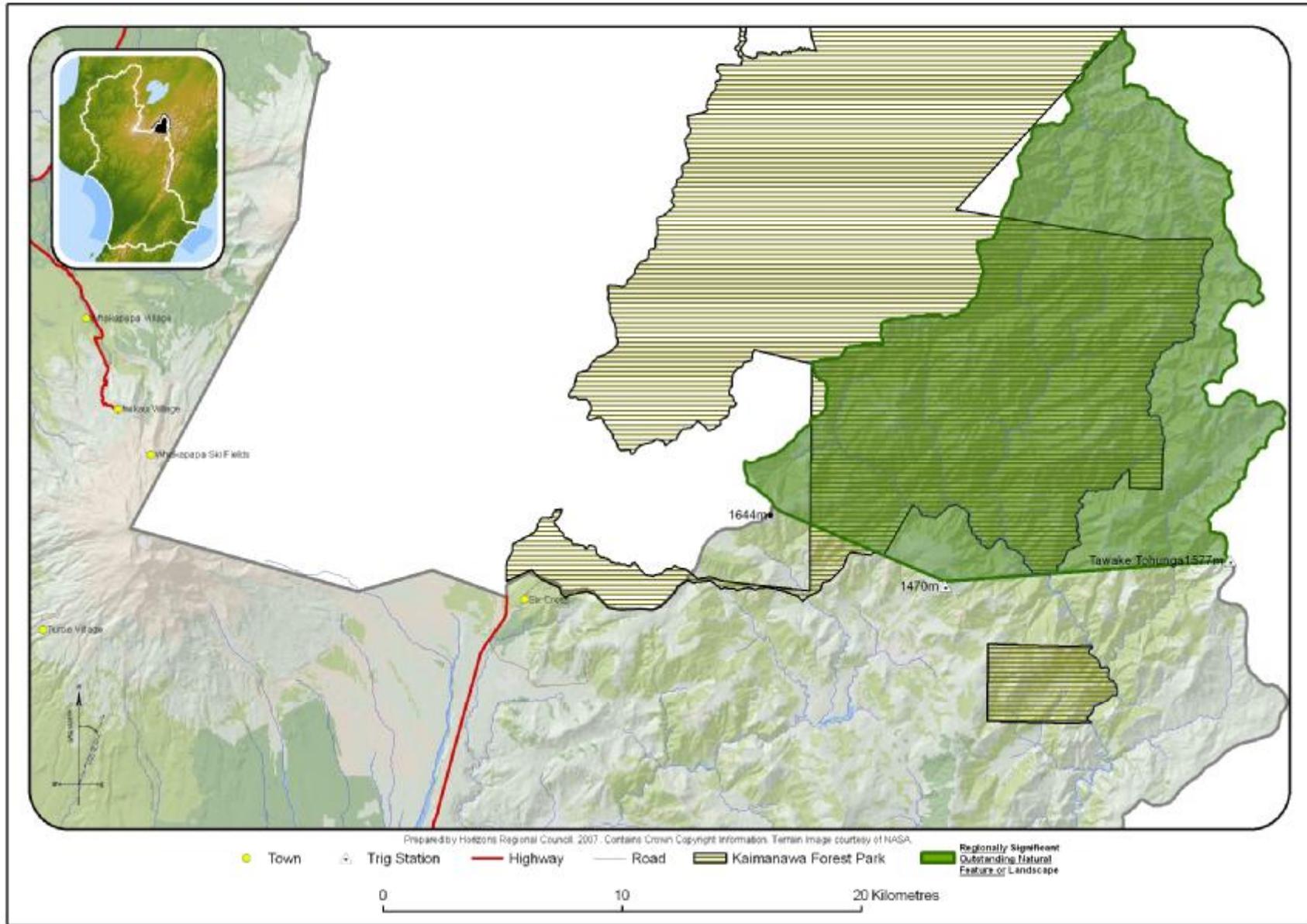


Figure F:4 Kaimanawa Ranges ¹

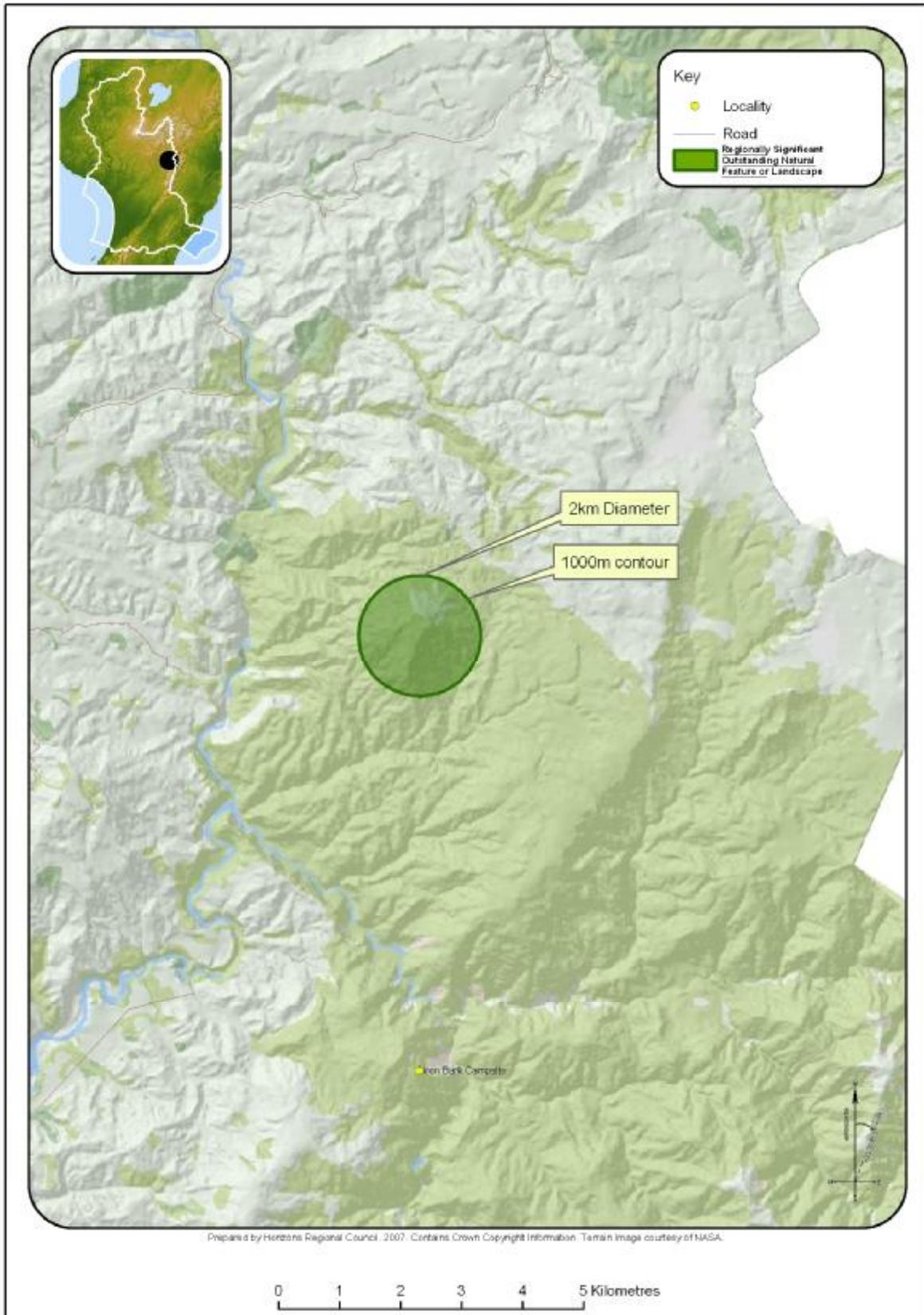
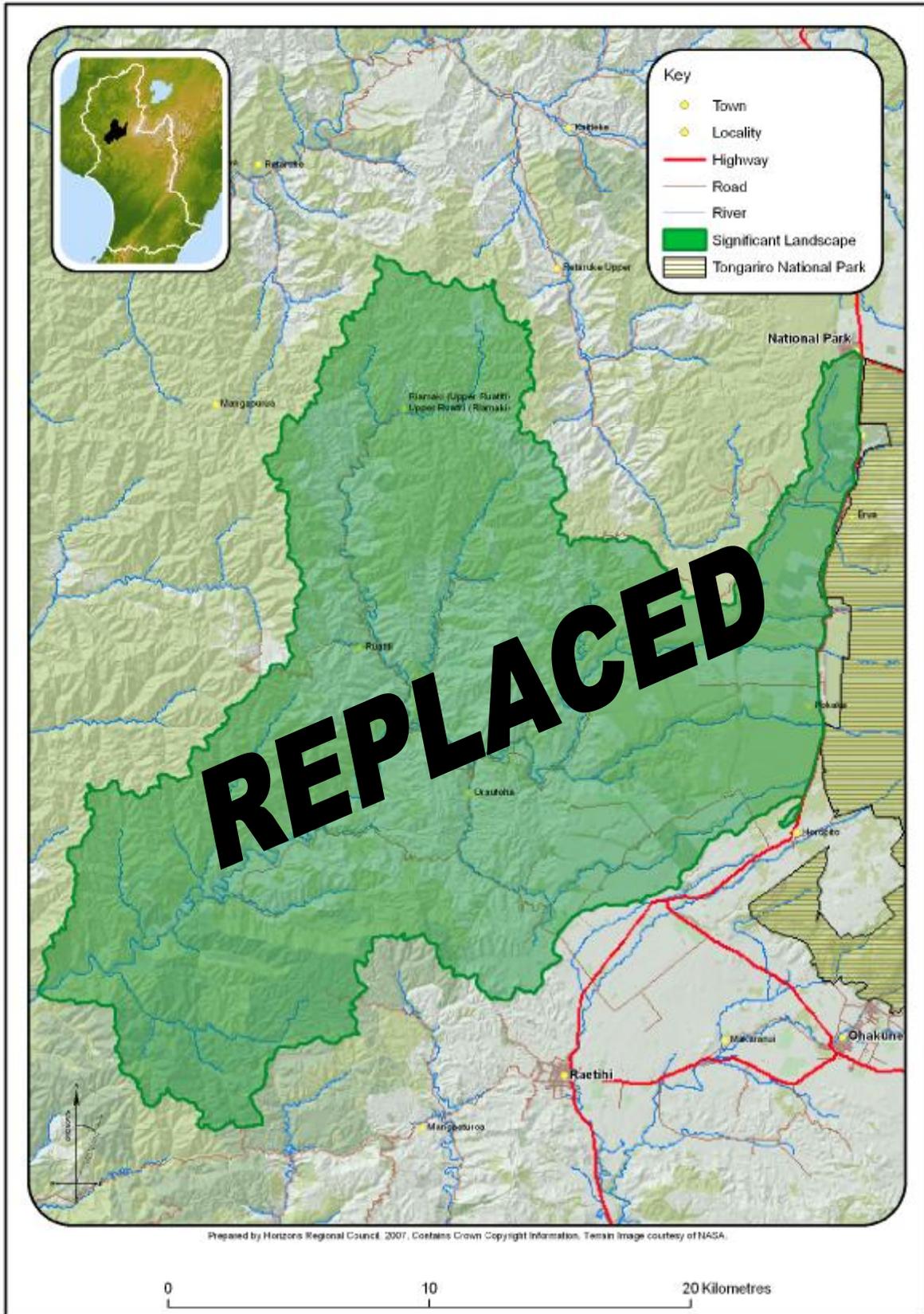


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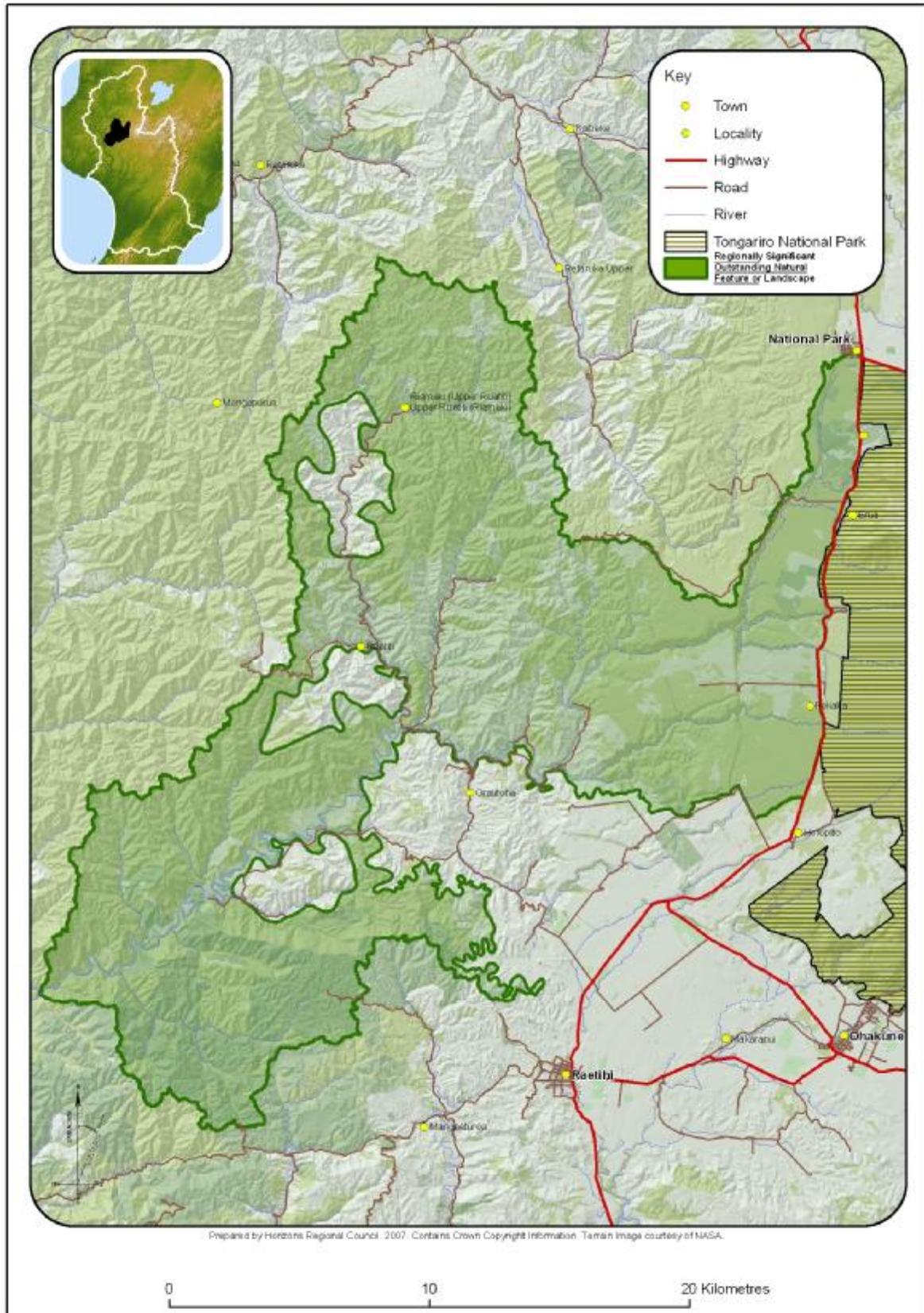


Figure F:6 Manganui o Te Ao River⁴

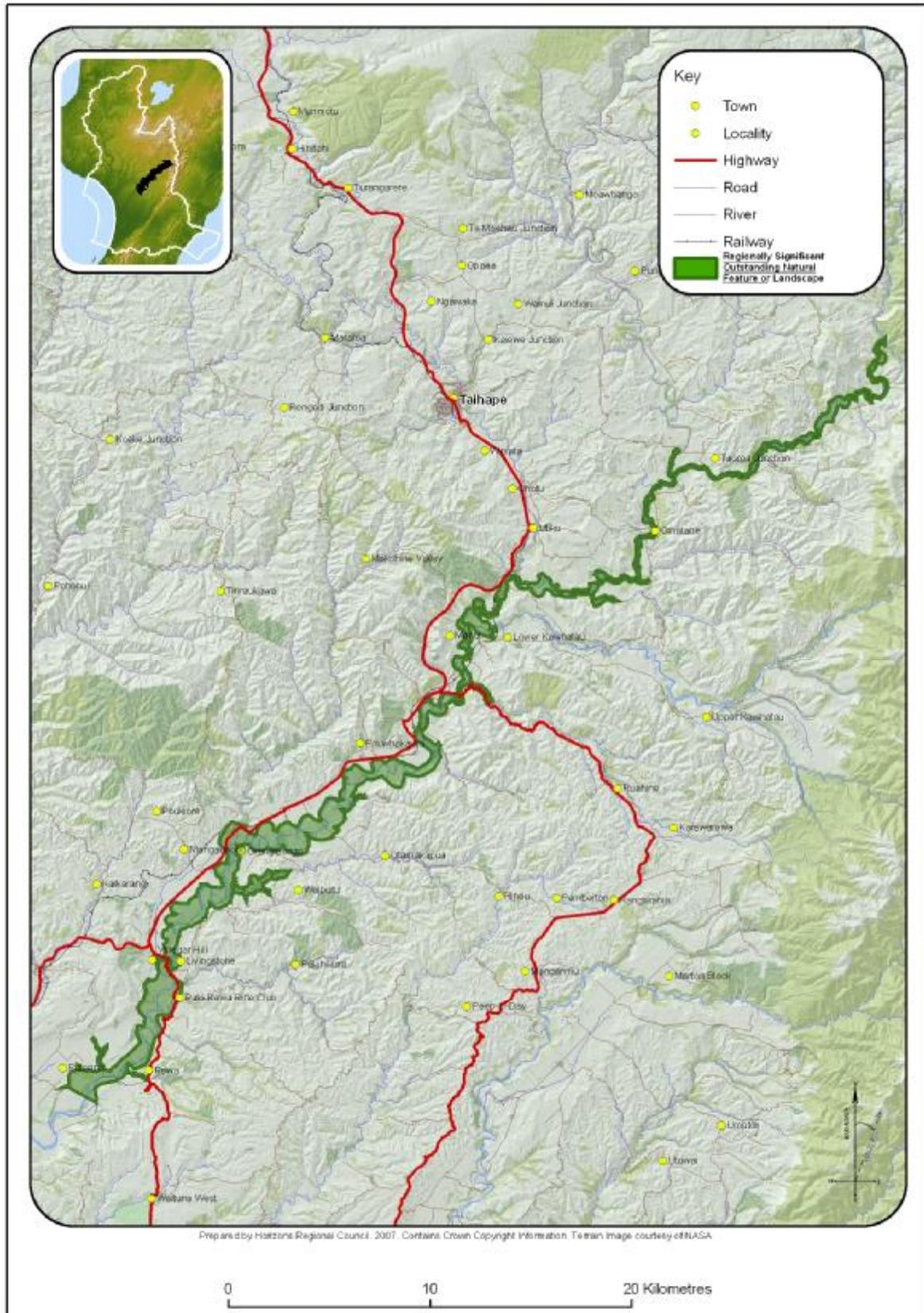


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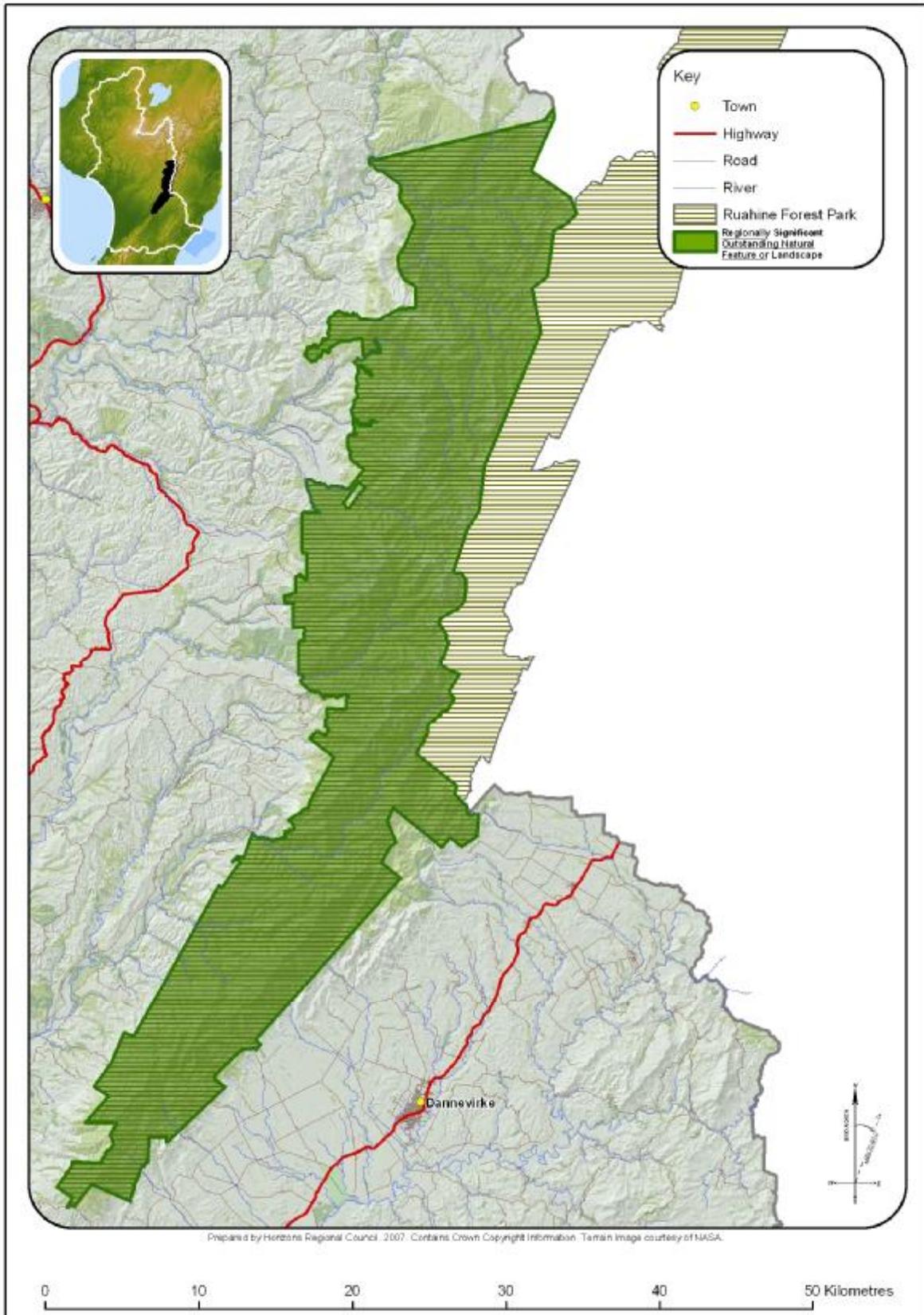


Figure F:8 Ruahine [State¹⁴ Forest Park Ranges¹](#)

¹⁴ Supplementary Officer's report – Landscapes and Natural Character – Recommendation SLSNC 1

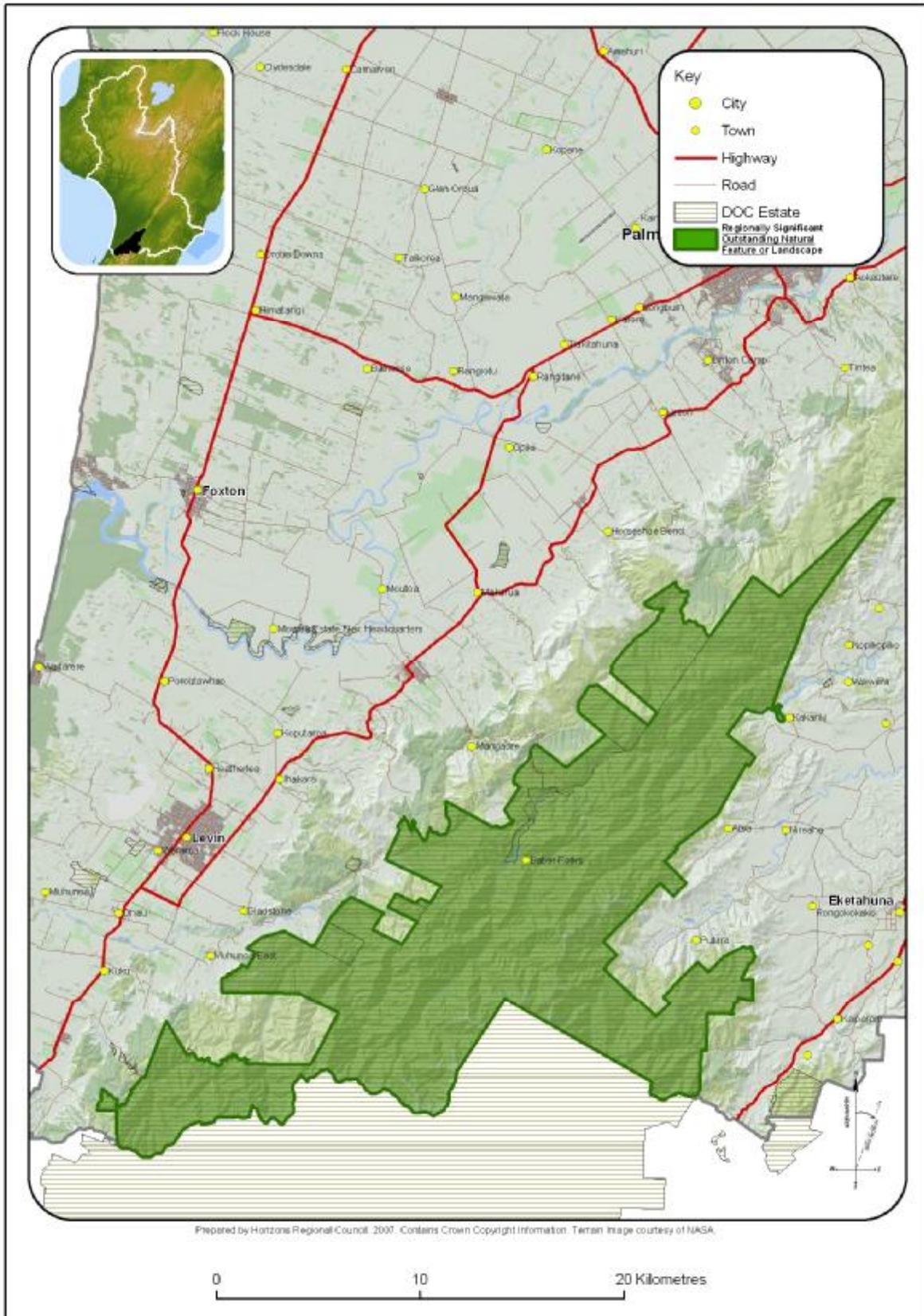
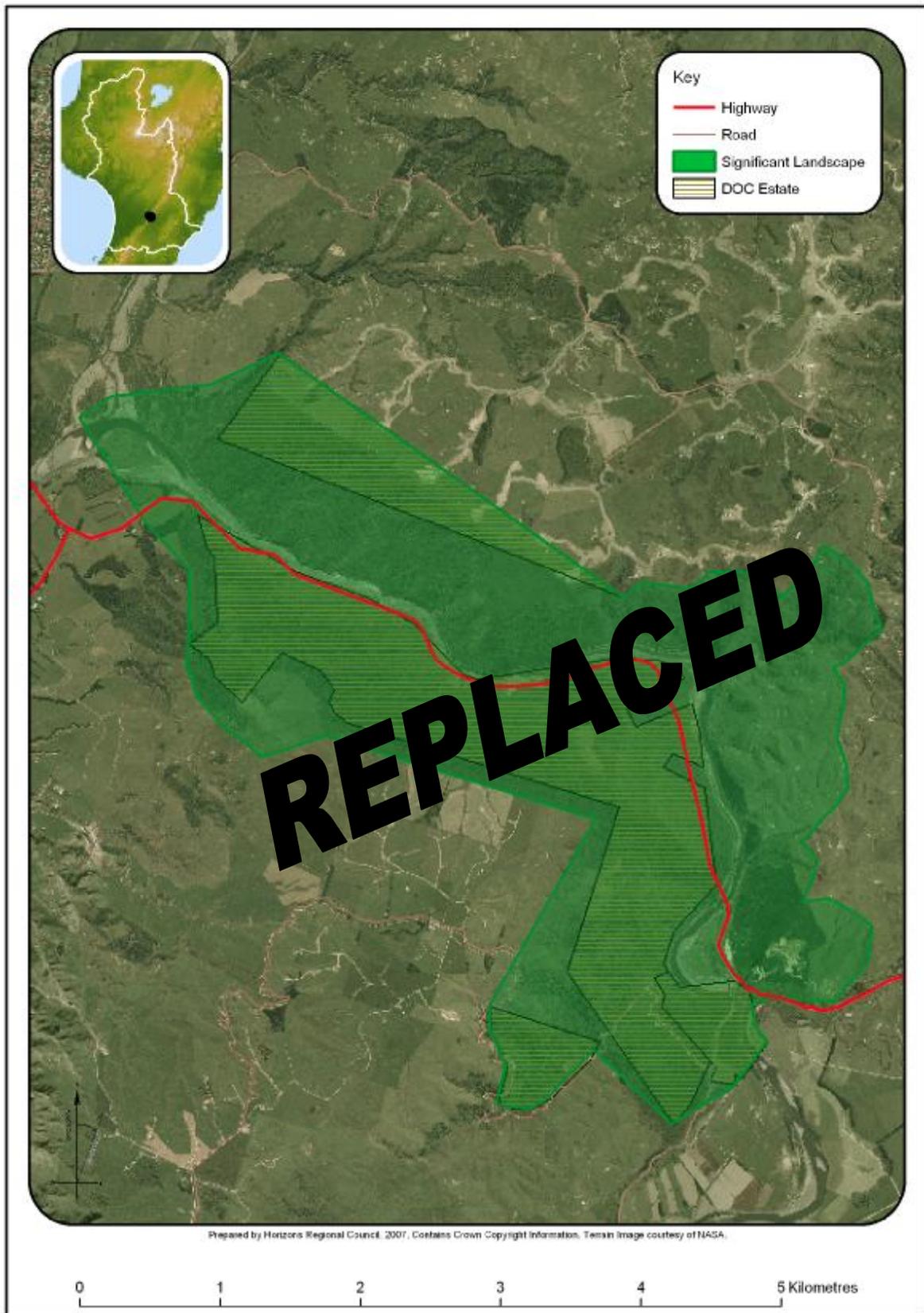


Figure F:9 Taranaki State¹⁵ Forest Park Ranges¹

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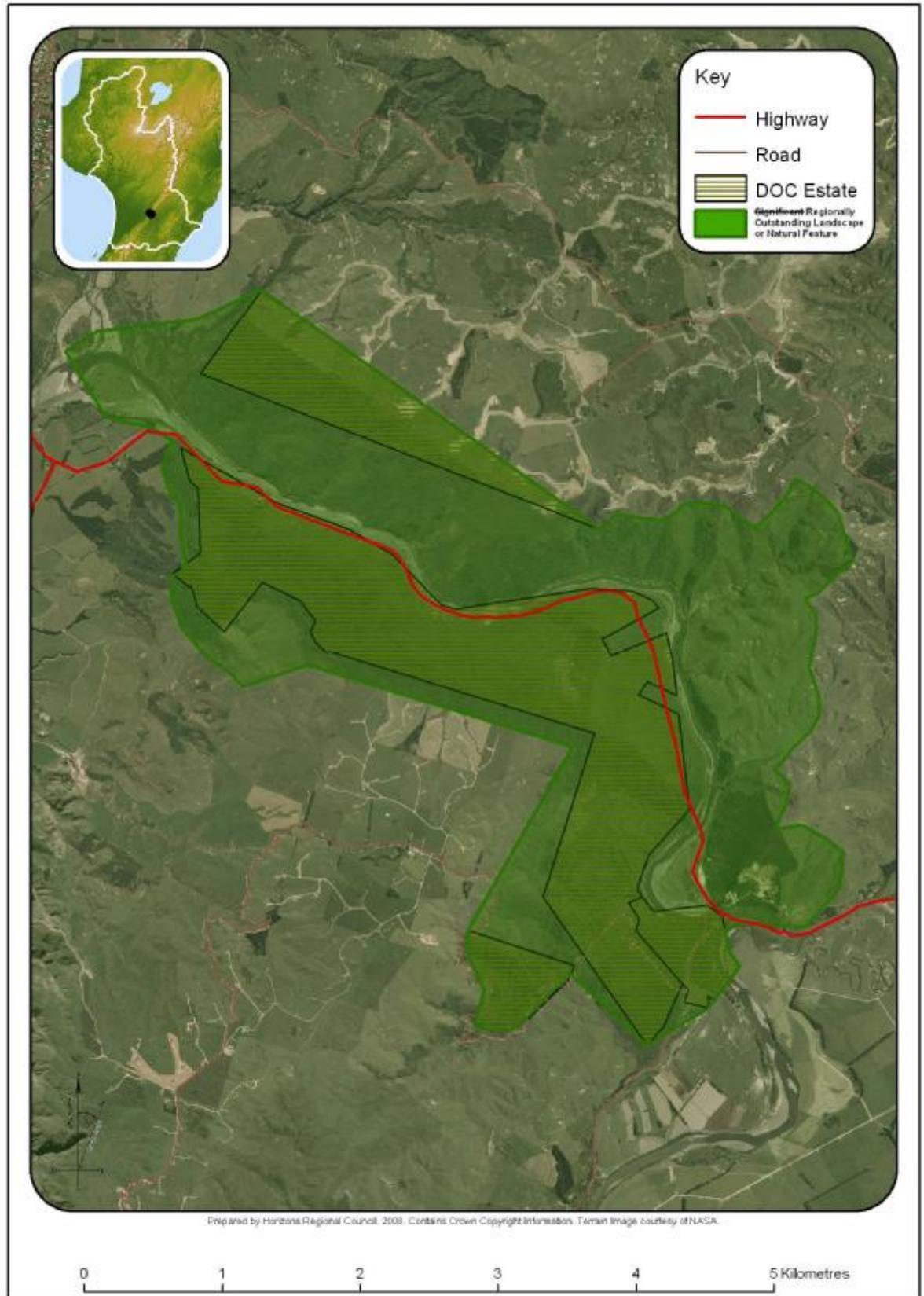


Figure F:10 Manawatu Gorge¹⁶

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Figure F:11 West Coastline¹



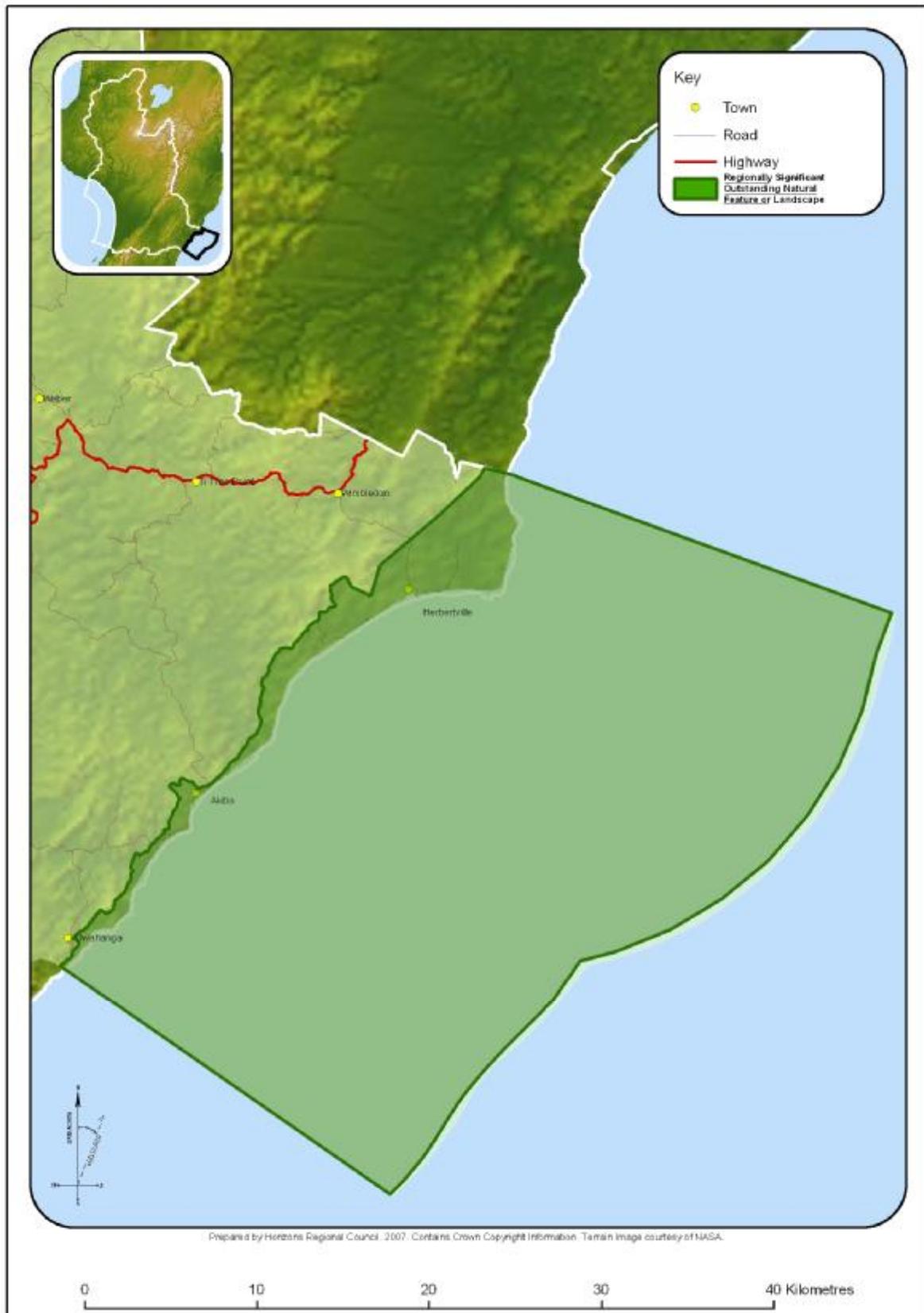
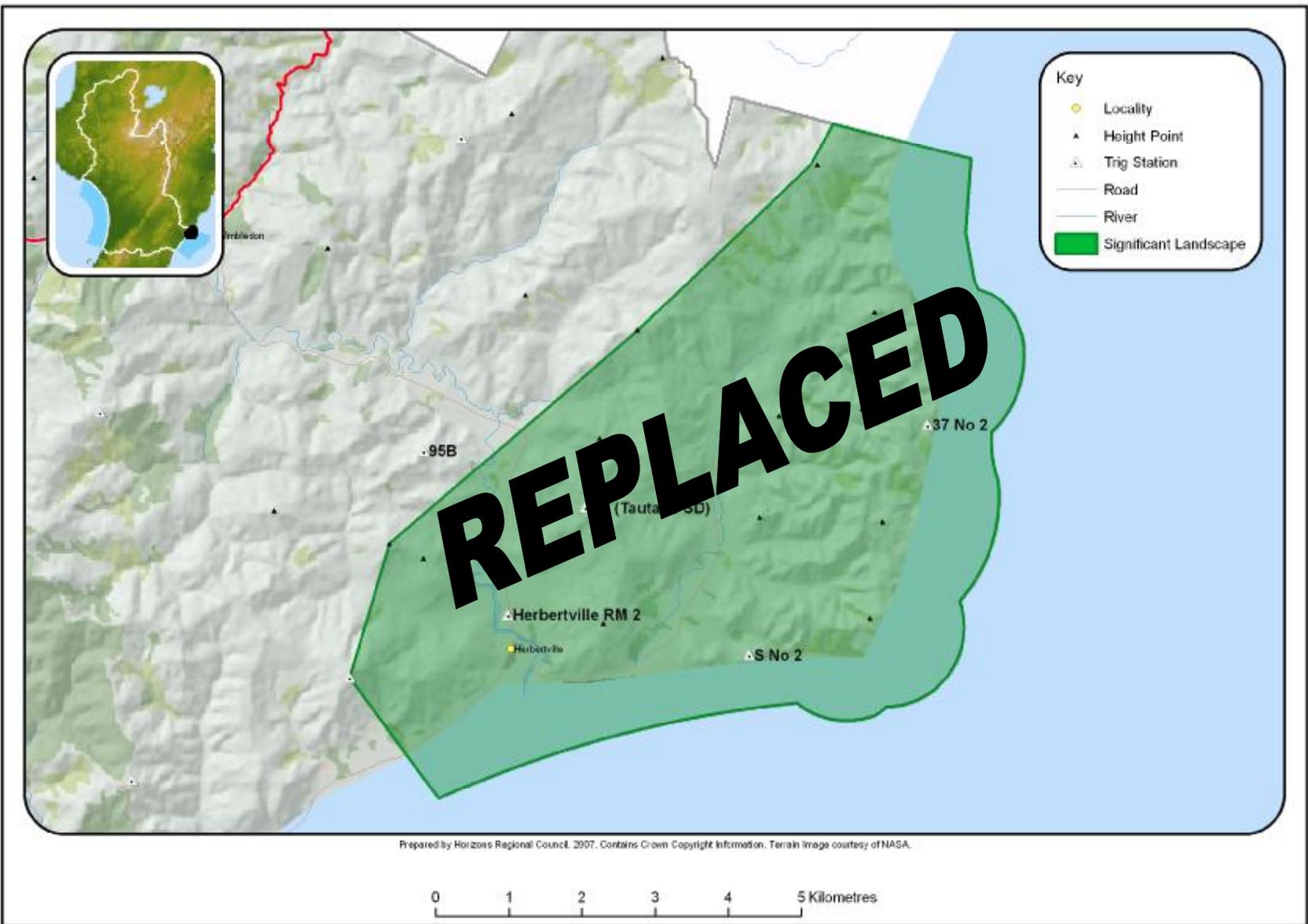


Figure F:12 East Coastline ¹⁷

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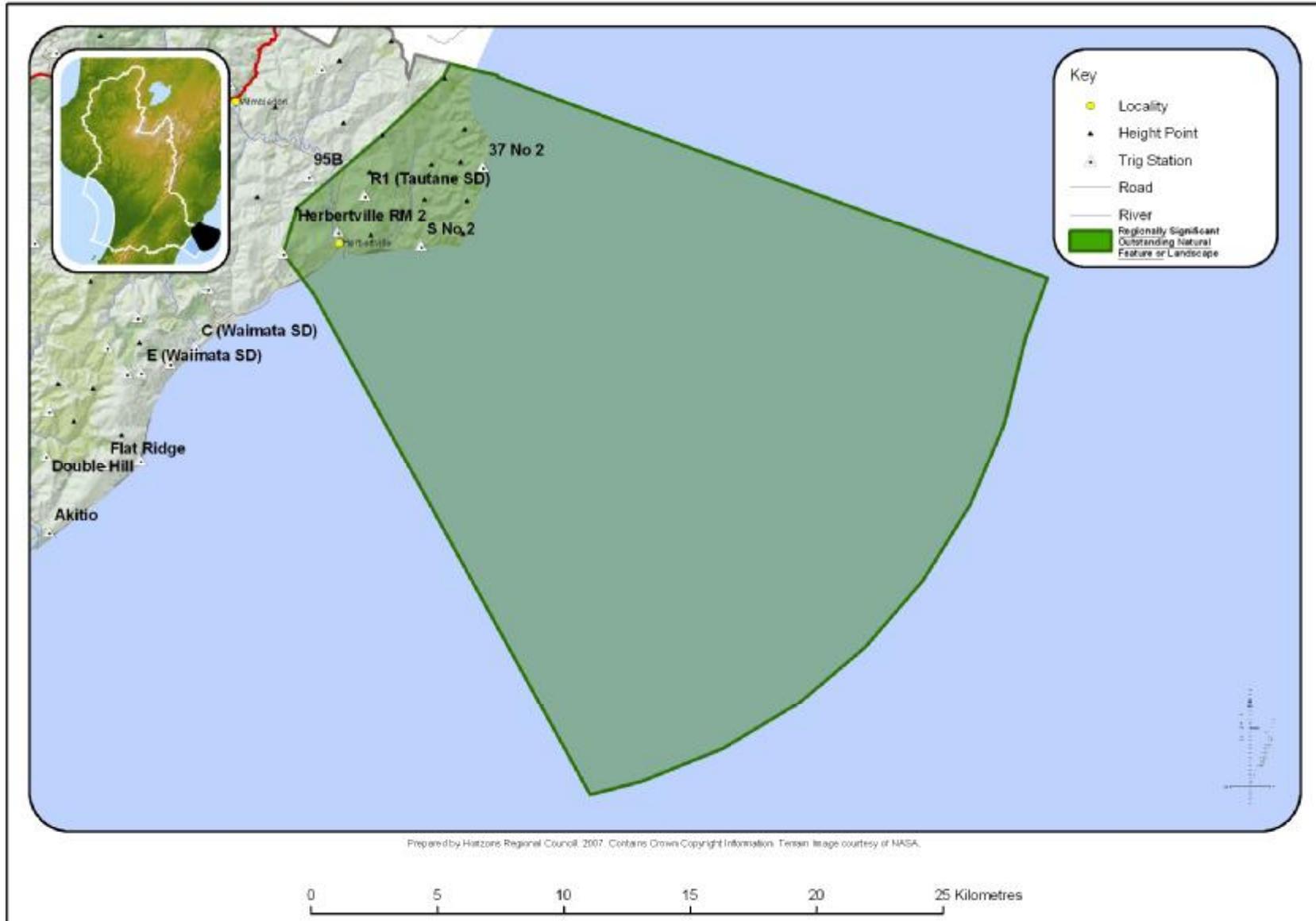


Figure F:13 Cape Turnagain ¹⁷