



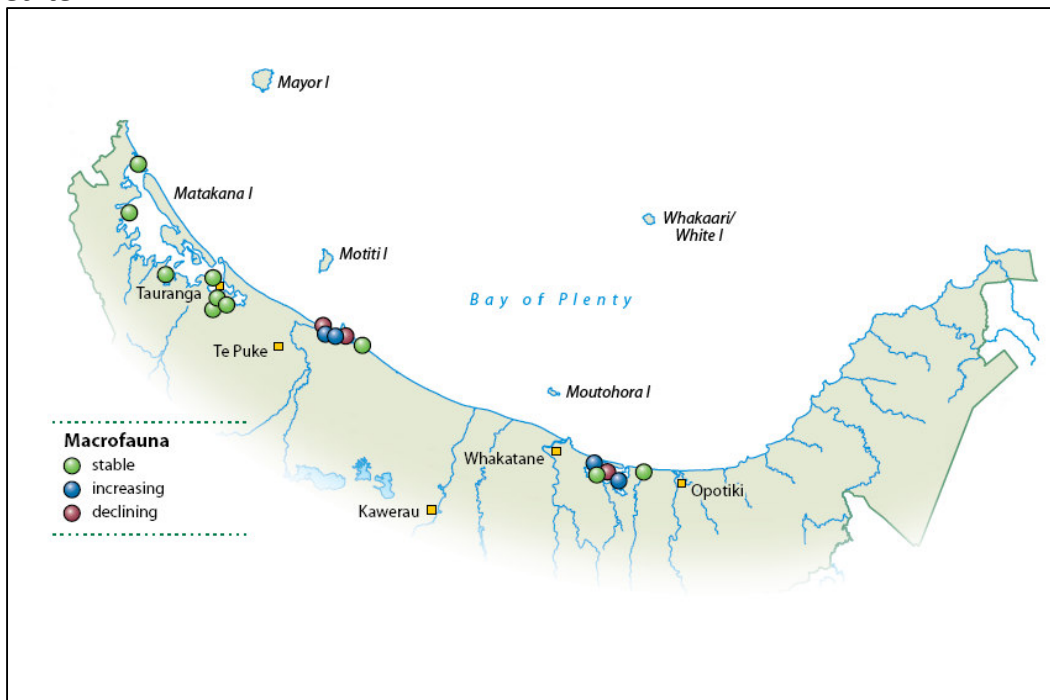
Our environment is clean, green and valued

How we will measure this: Water quality of key waterways

Why are we monitoring this?

Inshore waterways are important for environmental wellbeing (the health of the ecosystem) and economic wellbeing (the tourism value of clean waterways). However, these waterways are prone to water quality issues resulting from pollutants being passed into the areas. The quality of these waterways is assessed by monitoring the levels of estuarine organisms (for example, shellfish, crabs and worms) in the water from October to March each year.

Key Results



Source: Environment BOP State of the Environment Report 2007

What is this about?

The monitored sites in Tauranga Harbour have remained stable throughout the monitoring period. One of the most stable sites in respect of species richness is the Te Puna Estuary, despite the percentage silt content of the sediment varying to a moderate degree. Waihi Estuary has remained quite stable both in terms of species richness and sediment parameters.

How will we know we are successful?

Air, water and land quality are maintained to protect our health and ecological systems.