



# East Otago Taiāpure



Effective from: 2 March 2023

## Pāua, set net and kelp prohibition/rāhui



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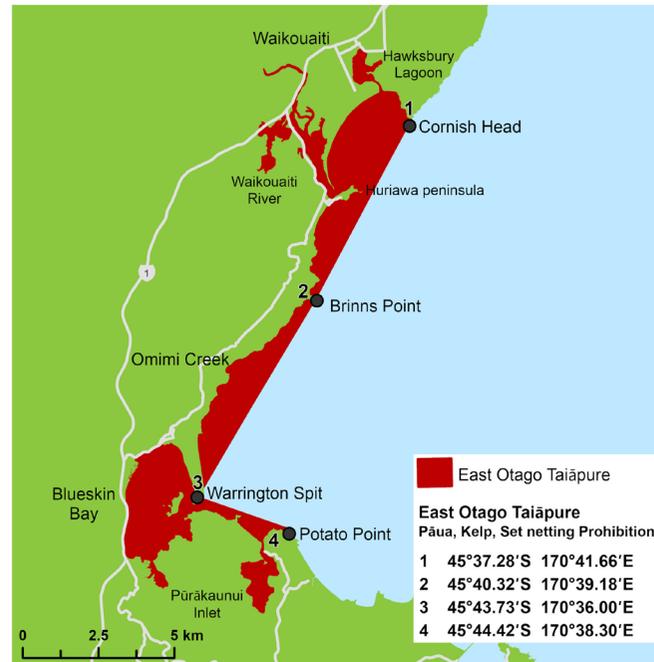


## East Otago Taiāpure Area

The East Otago Taiāpure area includes the marine and estuarine waters from Cornish Head (at 45° 37.28'S and 170° 41.66'E) along a south-westerly direction to Brinns Point (at 45° 40.32'S and 170° 39.18'E) then along a south-westerly direction to Warrington Spit (at 45° 43.73'S and 170° 36.0'E) then along an easterly direction to Potato Point (at 45° 44.42'S and 170° 38.3'E) then generally west and north along the mean high-water mark to the point of commencement.

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### Pāua prohibition



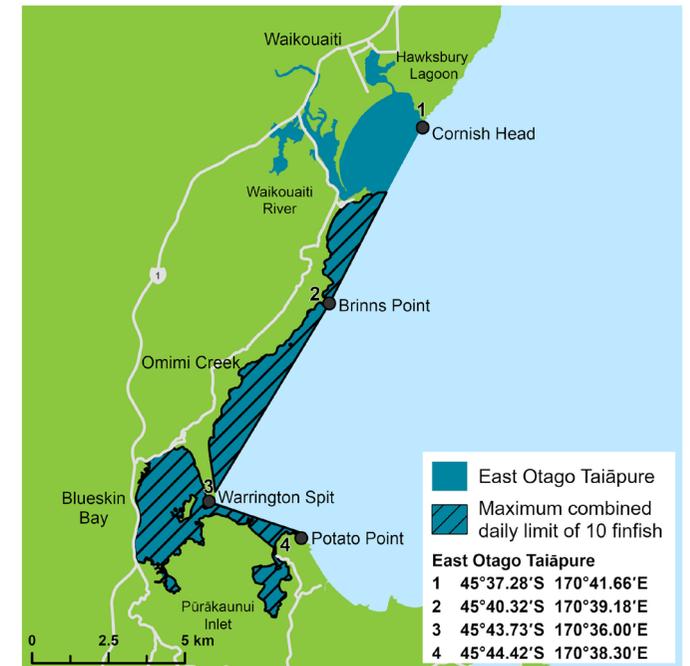
## Finfish

Between Huriawa Peninsula and Potato Point (hashed area on the map below), the combined daily bag limit is 10 finfish per person fishing (includes all species).

Within the combined daily bag limit no person may take or possess more than 2 blue cod, 6 eels, 5 groper, 5 elephant fish, 5 school shark and 5 rig.

All finfish possessed inside the East Otago Taiāpure area must be in a measurable state (whole or gutted).

If you take finfish outside the East Otago Taiāpure area the restrictions above don't apply provided you can prove the finfish were taken outside the East Otago Taiāpure and were lawfully taken and possessed under fisheries rules in the South East Fishery Management Area. **Note: that blue cod must be possessed in a measurable state regardless of where they were taken.**



## Set netting is prohibited in East Otago Taiāpure

Set netting fishing is prohibited in the East Otago Taiāpure.

## Taking pāua is prohibited in East Otago Taiāpure

Taking or possessing any pāua is prohibited within the East Otago Taiāpure area.



## Taking kelp is prohibited in East Otago Taiāpure

Taking kelp is prohibited within the East Otago Taiāpure area.

This prohibition does not apply to unattached beach cast kelp.



## Shellfish

**Combined Daily Bag limit is 50 shellfish** shellfish per person gathering any combination of the species listed in the following table. Individual species limits must not be exceeded.

Shellfish species	Maximum daily limit per fisher	Minimum size (mm)
Cockles	50	None
Cooks Turban	50	None
Crabs	50	None
Kina	10	None
Mussels	50	None
Oysters	50	None
Pipi	50	None
Rock Lobster	6	Female tail width 60 Male tail width 54
Tuatua	50	

The combined daily bag limit applies to all shellfish species not specifically named above (except pāua which is totally prohibited in the area) and includes all crabs, limpets, starfish, snails, periwinkles, whelks, barnacles, and freshwater crayfish (koura).

## The East Otago Taiāpure

The East Otago Taiāpure (established 1999) is home to a rich range of species and habitats. The area has long been valued by both Māori and non-Māori fishers.

Kāti Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki have chosen to exercise their chieftainship through a community-based taiāpure management committee. The committee is made up of representatives from the East Otago Boating Club, Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki, Karitane Commercial Fisherman's Co-operative, University of Otago and the River-Estuary Care: Waikouaiti-Karitane.

The committees objectives are:

- To ensure customary, recreational and commercial fishers have access to and use of abundant supplies of fisheries resources.
- To actively promote the use of traditional tikanga (customs) and kawa (protocols) such as rahui (temporary closures) through the management regulations for the Taiāpure (using "lore" to create the "law").

- To ensure that the adverse impacts of human activities on the marine environment, nursery areas, spawning grounds, fisheries habitat and associated and dependant species are avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- To ensure all fisheries resources from the Taiāpure are fit for human consumption.

The committee wish to manaaki (look after) the local community. To achieve this they need to ensure that the fishery is rebuilt and restored to abundant levels. This will protect and future-proof the ability of the local community to "catch a feed" in the Taiāpure. Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei. For us and our children after us.

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