

ABOUT TEPS

TEPS is an incorporated society and registered charity. Founded in 1969, TEPS was instrumental in the creation of the Tahuna Torea Nature Reserve at Glendowie as a counter proposal to a landfill. The reserve is now a haven for wildlife and a regional attraction.



Run by local volunteers, TEPS continues to address issues of importance for the health of the Tāmaki Estuary.

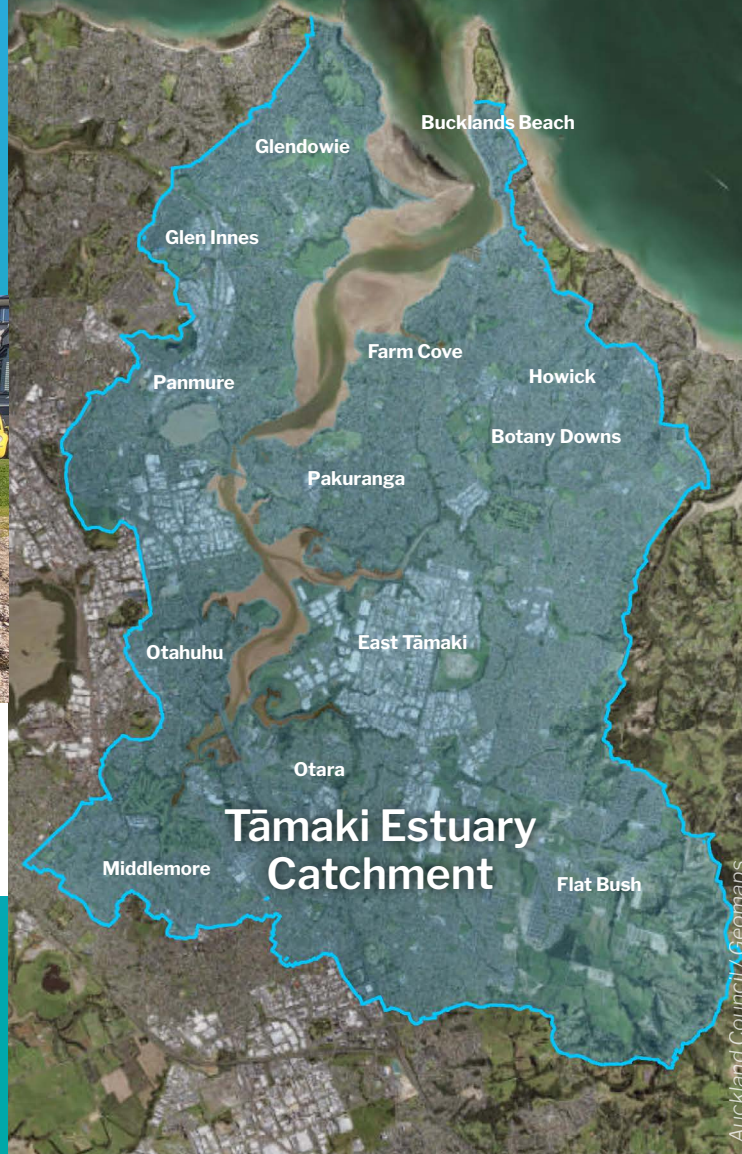
GET INVOLVED



Join our facebook group
facebook.com/groups/tamakiestuary

- Become a TEPS member
teps.org.nz/join
- Contribute your skills – we need all sorts, from writing to trapping!

Does water from your home and street flow into the estuary?



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Tāmaki Estuary Protection Society
EST. 1969



Omaru Island, Photo by Rolf Siggaard

Working together for a thriving Tāmaki Estuary

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WHAT WE DO

Our vision is that the Tāmaki Estuary / Te Wai o Taiki and its tributaries are a thriving ecosystem, abundant in diverse native flora and fauna.

Using a whole of catchment approach, we:

- Advocate to decision-makers
- Inform the public and our members
- Network with communities, NGOs and local boards
- Participate in clean-ups, pollution reporting, pest control, wildlife surveys and planting
- Support kaitiakitanga

Located in our largest city, the Tāmaki Estuary ecosystem faces a multitude of threats, including:

- Pollution – sediment, heavy metals, chemicals and plastic
- Increased stormwater from urban development degrading streams
- Pest predation of chicks and eggs
- Loss of shorebird roosting sites from human disturbance and erosion
- Over-harvesting of marine life
- Entanglement of wildlife in fishing gear

TĀMAKI ESTUARY'S VALUE

The Department of Conservation recognises the whole of the Tāmaki Estuary as a regionally important wildlife habitat and an Area of Significant Conservation Value.



The estuary offers:

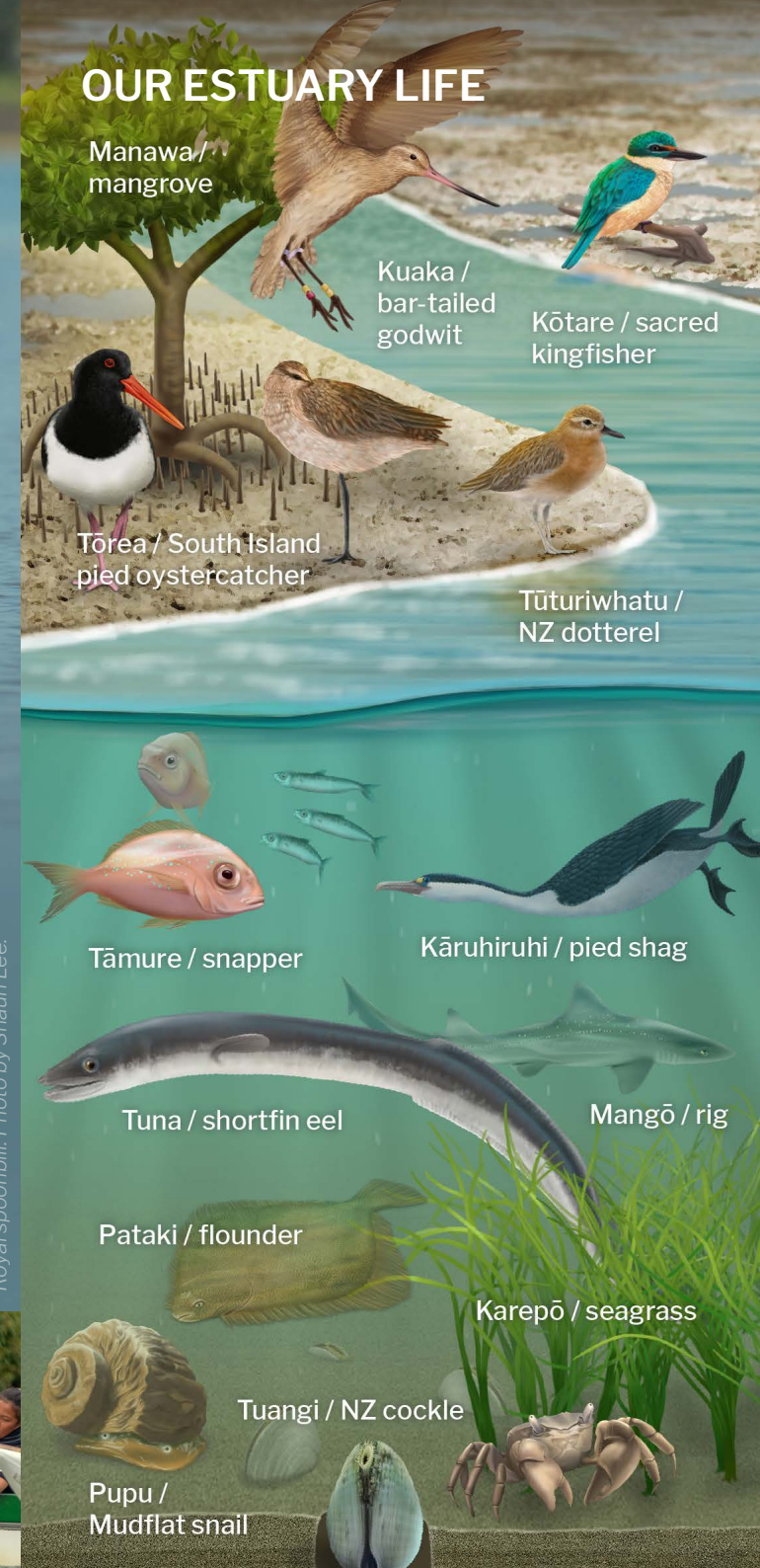
- Shorebird and wader feeding grounds and roosting sites
- Nursery and juvenile habitat for a variety of fish species
- Scheduled¹ marine and terrestrial Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs)
- Pied shag, little shag, and red-billed gull breeding colonies
- Scheduled Māori archaeological sites
- Scheduled geological features
- Water sport opportunities such as sailing, rowing, waka ama, kite surfing and wind surfing

¹ Scheduled under the Auckland Unitary Plan.



OUR ESTUARY LIFE

Manawa / mangrove



Kuaka / bar-tailed godwit

Kōtare / sacred kingfisher

Tōrea / South Island pied oystercatcher

Tūturiwhatu / NZ dotterel

Tāmure / snapper

Kārūhiruhi / pied shag

Tuna / shortfin eel

Mangō / rig

Pataki / flounder

Karepō / seagrass

Tuangi / NZ cockle

Pupu / Mudflat snail