

Green Party response to WWF's Actions for a healthy ocean

WWF commitment	Green Party response
Increase marine protection Commit to protecting at least 30% of Aotearoa New Zealand's ocean in high-quality, Tiriti-consistent marine protection.	Yes, the Green Party is committed to protecting at least 30% of our ocean territory.
Reform outdated marine protection laws Commit to modernising marine protection legislation to ensure it is fit-for-purpose and enables Tiriti-consistent and tikanga-led tools and approaches to improve ocean health.	Yes, the Green Party is committed to reforming marine protection legislation especially to enable the use of tikanga-led tools.
Support marine protection across the Pacific and in the High Seas Support high seas MPA proposals under the UN High Seas Treaty, including in the Lord Howe Rise/South Tasman Sea region.	Yes, the Green Party is committed to ratifying the High Seas Treaty including support for marine protection proposals in the High Seas.
Phase out damaging fishing methods Commit to phasing out destructive fishing practices like bottom-trawling in vulnerable marine ecosystems such as seamounts, and in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana.	Yes, the Green Party is committed to phasing out destructive fishing practices. We will phase out bottom trawling, starting with an immediate ban in ecologically sensitive areas such as seamounts and in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana.
Review New Zealand's fisheries management system Commit to withdrawing the Fisheries Amendment Bill and reviewing the Quota Management System to prioritise ecosystem health, abundance, and long-term resilience.	The Fisheries Amendment Bill must be thrown out in its entirety. The Green Party is committed to reviewing the QMS to prioritise the long-term abundance of our fisheries.
Increase transparency in commercial fishing Commit to extending onboard camera coverage to the entire deepwater fleet.	Yes, the Green Party is committed to rolling out cameras on the entire fleet.

Support iwi and hapū-led marine management Commit to supporting iwi and hapū-led marine management through resourcing for local marine management planning, strengthening customary management tools, and ensuring Mātauranga Māori is well integrated in research and management.	Yes, the Green Party is committed to supporting iwi and hapū marine management, including through additional resourcing for local conservation projects.
Strengthen protections for marine mammals Commit to reviewing Aotearoa’s network of Marine Mammal Sanctuaries and introducing fishing restrictions in areas where marine wildlife is being harmed.	The Green Party is committed to increasing protections for marine mammals. At Waitangi we announced a member’s bill to better protect our precious tohorā. This was only the beginning of the Green Party’s commitment to new approaches to marine conservation and protection.
Safeguard Aotearoa’s threatened seabirds Commit to extending mandatory seabird bycatch mitigation measures to all commercial fisheries, aligned with international best practice.	The Green Party support extending bycatch prevention measures alongside banning methods like bottom trawling and expanding the cameras on boats programme.
Prevent extractive industries damaging the ocean Commit to opposing seabed mining applications in New Zealand waters and reinstating the ban on offshore oil and gas exploration.	Yes, the Green Party has a long-held position to ban seabed mining. In November 2025 we announced that if in government, the Greens would revoke all Fast-track consents approved for seabed mining.