

Te Pāti Māori Responses

1. Increase marine protection

Te Pāti Māori will commit to protecting at least 30% of Aotearoa New Zealand's ocean in high-quality, Tiriti-consistent marine protection.

2. Reform outdated marine protection laws

Te Pāti Māori will 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.

3. Support marine protection across the Pacific and in the High Seas

Te Pāti Māori will support high seas MPA proposals under the UN High Seas Treaty, including in the Lord Howe Rise/South Tasman Sea region.

4. Phase out damaging fishing methods

Te Pāti Māori will commit to phasing out destructive fishing practices like bottom-trawling in vulnerable marine ecosystems such as seamounts, and in the Hauraki Gulf/Tikapa Moana. We will end bottom trawling in our first term.

5. Review New Zealand's fisheries management system

Te Pāti Māori will commit to withdrawing the Fisheries Amendment Bill and reviewing the Quota Management System to prioritise ecosystem health, abundance, and long-term resilience.

6. Increase transparency in commercial fishing

Te Pāti Māori will commit to extending onboard camera coverage to the entire deepwater fleet.

7. Support iwi and hāpu-led marine management

Te Pāti Māori will 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.

8. Strengthen protections for marine mammals

Te Pāti Māori will commit to reviewing Aotearoa's network of Marine Mammal Sanctuaries and introducing fishing restrictions in areas where marine wildlife is being harmed.

9. Safeguard Aotearoa's threatened seabirds

Te Pāti Māori will commit to extending mandatory seabird bycatch mitigation measures to all commercial fisheries, aligned with international best practice.

10. Prevent extractive industries damaging the ocean

Te Pāti Māori will commit to ending seabed mining in Aotearoa, and we will phase out both onshore on offshore oil and gas exploration.