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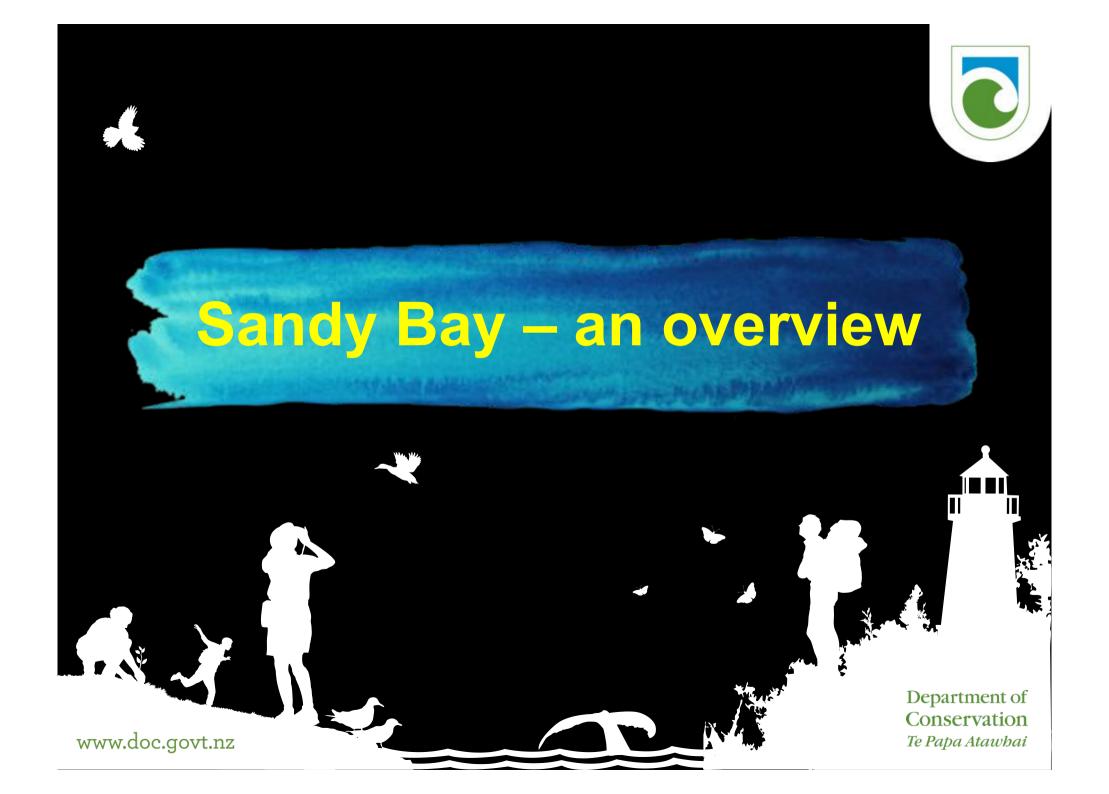
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35 hectares managed by The Ngati Tara Sandy Bay Society.

Local people
DOC ,TRC
STOSS

Other interested people.



Mainly coastal dune fields with varying degrees of vegetation cover.

Oaonui Recreation Reserve-16.5 hectares currently administered by DOC.

A strip of local purpose Reserve owned and administered by the South Taranaki District Council

Private land 18.6 hectares. 9 hectares of this is protected under Open Space Covenant with the QE11 National Trust















## Historical perspective

1976 - Pipeline Maui to Oaonui Production Station.

1977- Creation of the Recreational Reserve begins upon subdivision of a Ngati Tara block

Sand stabilisation, marram plantings, access limited from Kina Road plantings such as pingao





2000 – Shell Todd oil services, STOSS propose a Legacy Project to commemorate 50 years of activity within the region.

- Gave funds
- Sought to involve the Community

2012 Community groups begin stage 1 – wind break fencing, marram grass and other plantings.



### Community project

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2004

The Ngati Tara Sandy Bay Society is formed to transfer guardianship of the project from STOS to the community



# Key Issues



Loss of biodiversity values

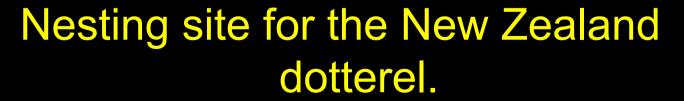














Habitat loss, predation by introduced mammals and disturbance during breeding.

















• Other birds nest there too - oyster catchers, black backed gulls.











Pimelea carnosa or Pinatoro - host plant for the Notoreas 'Taranaki' moth

## Issue: Sand moving inland

















#### Aims of Ngati Tara Sandy Bay Society



Protection of these natural values

**Protection of Cultural values** 

- eg the urupa located between the reserve and the covented area

To promote the area as a educational resource

