

7. RELATIONSHIP OF THE STRATEGIES TO OTHER STRATEGIES, POLICY STATEMENTS AND PLANS

These Pest Management Strategies have been prepared taking into account related Strategies, policy statements and plans either in place or recently proposed. Under section 76(4) of the Biosecurity Act, the Strategies are not to be inconsistent with:

- a) Any national or Regional Pest Management Strategy (whether relating to the same Region or any other Region or Regions) concerning the same organism; or
- b) Any regulation; or
- c) Any Regional policy statement or Regional plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

7.1. RELATIONSHIP WITH REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT AND REGIONAL PLANS

The Northland Regional Council has prepared, and is preparing, a number of Regional Plans that have been considered in the development and may impact on the implementation of the Pest Management Strategies. The Regional Policy Statement (RPS) is a framework for integrated resource management in the Region. It outlines issues and methodologies that have guided the preparation of the Strategies. section 20 of the RPS recognises the relationship between soil conservation, land management and pest management. section 23 of the RPS addresses ecosystem and biodiversity policies and includes methods that address pest management.

Other Regional plans considered include the Regional Water and Soil Plan, Regional Coastal Plan and the Regional Air Quality Plan.

7.2. CROSS BOUNDARY AND NATIONAL STRATEGIES

Integrated management aims to minimise the effects of cross-boundary issues and give effect to the objectives of these Strategies. The Northland Regional Council will use the following procedures in relation to integrated management and cross-boundary issues:

- Liaison with the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry with regard to pest management issues which are best dealt with or coordinated at a national level;
- Liaison with Crown land occupiers with respect to coordination of pest management programmes;
- Liaison with the Auckland Regional Council on cross-boundary issues pertaining to pest management, and will liaise with other Regional Councils on matters which are relevant to more than one Region;
- Encouraging other authorities (e.g territorial local authorities) to adopt policies and practices which will avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects associated with pests, and coordinating education initiatives with other agencies;
- Making submissions on documents prepared by other authorities

There is an operative Regional Pest Management Strategy in neighboring Auckland Region and national Strategies for Bovine TB and American Foulbrood.

The Northland Regional Council may also have regard to the provisions of hapu/iwi Management Plans in developing pest management policy.

7.3. RELATIONSHIP WITH STATUTES

Legislation that may have a particular impact upon the Strategy in the areas of funding, control methods, service delivery and monitoring include:

- Agricultural Compounds Act 1998
- Conservation Act 1987
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992
- Local Government Act 2002
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Reserves Act 1977
- Wild Animal Control Act 1977