

INA_32 – Little Grey River (5.5268 ha)

Protected Area(s)	Area (ha)	NaPALIS #	# of Primary Parcels
Conservation Area - Little Grey River	5.5268	2806819	2

Location

On the banks of Mawheraiti (Little Grey) River immediately north of the Ikamatua-Atarau Road.

Brief Description

Two small isolated areas of the Mawheraiti (Little Grey) River bed and terraces, cleared of indigenous vegetation and surrounded by farmland. This area is partially developed and is not diverse in terms of freshwater systems, as it is only one river. No freshwater species are recorded. There are no tracks or facilities and there is likely to be little recreation use. No permissions or historic interest.

Map



Ngāi Tahu Values and Interests

Mo tātou, a, mo ka uri, a muri ake nei – for us and our children after us

From the preliminary desk top assessments, there do not appear to be any site specific Ngāi Tahu values identified. However, there is a deep connection between Ngāi Tahu and all of the whenua in the Ngāi Tahu takiwā, and the absence of site-specific values in the preliminary analysis does not detract from that connection, nor does it confirm that site specific values are not present. Further, a section 4 Conservation Act and Te Tiriti principles perspective is required as well, and it may be that areas of land are significant to Ngāi Tahu from that broader perspective. To avoid doubt, nothing in the proposed classification affects, limits or derogates from the rangatiratanga of Ngāi Tahu over its takiwā, including in relation to freshwater; and/or any other rights or interests Ngāi Tahu may have.

Ecological Values

Representativeness

Low representativeness as most of the indigenous vegetation has been cleared; remnant trees appear to be exotic from satellite imagery. There is a low level of naturalness – this is isolated areas surrounded by farmland.

These are two small sections of Mawheraiti (Little Grey) River, including riparian areas, the main stem, and riparian vegetation. There would be a moderate-high level of predicted naturalness but the river flows through developed farmland.

Diversity and pattern

Low diversity and pattern. These are small sections of a riverbed, waterway, riparian areas and adjacent terraces, surrounded by developed farmland, and looks to be grazed. Little to no indigenous vegetation remains.

This area is not diverse in terms of freshwater systems as it is only one river. No freshwater species are recorded, but a range of species could use this area, as species recorded nearby in similar habitat include upland bully (West Coast) (*Gobiomorphus breviceps*), brown trout (*Salmo Trutta*) (Introduced), longfin eel (*Anguilla dieffenbachii*), redfin bully (*Gobiomorphus huttoni*) and dwarf galaxias (*Galaxias divergens*).

Rarity and distinctiveness

The area is part of the riverbed and banks. No at-risk or threatened species are recorded. Level 4 land environment O1.4a. decrease in indigenous vegetation cover (1997–2002), No Threat category.

Ecological context

Two separate, small and isolated areas.

Recreation Values

Setting

This area is in a Backcountry-remote zone, and there are no tracks or facilities located in this area.

Visitor type and activities typically undertaken

The area is likely to receive little recreation use.

Access

Access via Atarau and Mirfin Roads, immediately west of Ikamatua.

Heritage Values

Historical overview

No historic sites or heritage values recorded.

Permissions Summary

None recorded.

Map (aerial photo)

