

Objective 6: Whangamarino Wwetland

Nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and E.coli loads in the catchment are ~~managed-reduced~~ to ~~actively enhance-in the short term, and~~ make progress towards the long term protection and restoration of Whangamarino Wwetland.

The management of ~~systems-contaminant loads~~ entering the wetland is consistent with the achievement of targets in Tables 11-1 and 11-2.

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Objective 6 seeks to recognise the significant value of Whangamarino, a Ramsar site -of international importance, and the complexity of this wetland system. It seeks to recognise that the bog ecosystems (which are particularly sensitive to discharges of contaminants) need protection over time. The effort required to restore Whangamarino over 80 years is ~~significant-considerable~~ and as a minimum needs to halt and begin to reverse decline in the first 10 years. This objective describes how wetland restoration needs to be supported by restoration of the Lower Waikato Freshwater Management Unit sub-catchments that flow into Whangamarino.

Policy 15: Whangamarino Wwetland

Protect and make progress towards restoration of Whangamarino Wetland by reducing the catchment discharges of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and E. coli to

- a) Reduce and minimise further loss of bog ecosystem
- b) Provide increasing availability of mahinga kai for the people of the rohe over time
- c) Support implementation of the catchment management plan that ~~covers-includes~~ Whangamarino wetland

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Halt further loss of area of sensitive bog ecosystem.