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Area Number	Description
1	Cape Runaway to Matakaoa Point
2	Hicks Bay, Te Araroa
3	East Cape
4	Waiapu River Estuary
5	Koutunui Head to Koutunui Point
6	Mawhai Point (Tokomaru Bay)
8	Motuoroa Island, Marau Point
10	Tolaga Bay
11	Pourewa
12	Waihau Bay, Waiharehare Bay
13	Whangara, Waiomoko
15	Wainui/Tuaheni
16	Gisborne, Poverty Bay
17	Whareongaonga

Note:

The Combined Regional Land and District Plan Maps do not show those parts of the Outstanding Landscape Areas that lie within the Coastal Marine Area (seaward of the spring high tide mark). Some Outstanding Landscape Areas lie entirely within the Coastal Marine Area and as a result are not shown in the maps or listed in this appendix.

Assessment of the Outstanding Landscape Overlay

The Outstanding Landscape Overlay comprises regionally outstanding landscapes identified in the report "An Assessment of the Landscape Character of the Coastal Environment of Gisborne District" Boffa Miskell Ltd, Auckland. The assessment was undertaken to a Gisborne District Council brief in relation to section 6(b), and clause 1(d) of the Second Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991. As no definition for outstanding or significant is used in the Resource Management Act, the assessment used the collective experience of three landscape architects to identify and confirm regionally outstanding natural features and landscapes using a consistent evaluation methodology based on field surveys and secondary data (1: 5000 black & white photographs, video, "Sites of Significant Conservation Value in the Coastal Marine Area of the East Coast Conservancy", and NZ Geological Survey Maps).

In the process of assessing 19 units of distinct visual landscape character along the Gisborne coastline a standardised evaluation was undertaken. The analysis was initially photographic, followed by surveying from land and/or air.

Evaluation sheets included information and analyses on map references, landscape character type; physical description; visibility ranking based on the potential for the landscape unit to be viewed; visual quality ranking based on vividness, intactness and coherence; visual absorption capability ranking based on modification, relief and vegetative cover; enhances and detractors; a ranking on a scale of five of visual sensitivity; and any outstanding natural features and landscapes which lay within or contributed to the unit.

During field surveys all natural features and landscapes identified as highly memorable or vivid components of the landscape were recorded on the standard evaluation sheets. These were verified and added to during the aerial flight and later discussed and confirmed with the assistance of video footage. All natural features and landscapes identified in the report are considered to be outstanding at a regional level, although four features / landscapes should be considered in a nationally significant context. All regionally outstanding landscapes and features are also outstanding at a District level and it is acknowledged that there are other areas which would rate as locally outstanding natural features and landscapes.

The outstanding natural features and landscapes have been delineated on maps in the course of a more general assessment of the character of landscape units in the District. The delineation includes the area defining the visual context of the feature or landscape, and specifies the landward boundary of all outstanding natural features and landscapes. The seaward boundary varies on a case-by-case basis, but for the purpose of the Combined Regional Land and District Plan is the line of Mean High Water Spring, ie the seaward extent of the jurisdiction of district rules. All existing settlements are intended to be excluded from the effect of the outstanding natural features and landscapes overlay, although they are included within the maps. The exclusion is achieved through the standards and terms of activities subject to rules in s. 4.8 – “Coastal Environment Overlay” of the Combined Regional Land and District Plan.