NORTH ONEMANA COASTLINE   UNIT NO: 78

Outstanding Natural Character Area
High Natural Character Area

0   0.75KM

NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

Landforms | very pronounced sequence of headlands, promontories , sheer cliffs and escarpments, rocky outcrops, and sandy beaches backed by elevated dune systems.

Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns | mature sculptured pine forest dominates the cliff tops while remnant pohutukawa-dominated indigenous coastal forest and shrub land occupied more exposed slopes.

Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies | sheer cliffs, headlands , and rocky shoreline has a strong interaction with the Pacific Ocean.

Land Uses / Activities / Structure | devoid of building and structures. Land cover is dominated by senescent pine forest however the predominance of the steep cliffs and bluffs, presence of jagged rocky outcrops and islands gives this stretch of coast a strong sense of cohesion and unity.

Habitat Value | cliff edge habitat descending into rocky outcrops and beach / dune areas.

Natural Processes | rugged coastal environment highly expressive of the interplay between sheer cliffs, rocky coastline and the Pacific Ocean. Windswept vegetation and coastal erosion on steeper slopes and outcrops further reinforces the dynamic natural process at play.

Rating of Biophysical Characteristics

Very Low....................Very High

Perceptual Characteristics

Wildness / Wilderness / Remoteness | the combination of raw landforms, remnant forest, prominent rocky coastal features and the landscapes isolation imbue this landscape with a sense of remoteness and wildness despite the presence of pine forestry.

Experiential Attributes | clearly articulated and dramatic sequence of cliffs and rocky shoreline combined with the highly weathered and raw face of the cliff landform impart a high degree of naturalness.

Context / Setting | sculptured pine forest within the unit is part of a broader active area of pine forestry which negatively impacts on the perceived intactness of the coastal environment.

Transient / Dynamic Attributes | coastal erosion, tidal processes, seasonal change, atmospheric conditions, and windswept vegetation combine to create a dynamic interplay between this landform and the Pacific Ocean.

Night-time Values | limited lighting due to pine forest atop of the cliffs. Nearby settlement at Onemana starts to affects the degree of naturalness within the coastal environment.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics

Very Low....................Very High

Overall Natural Character Evaluation
(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

HIGH