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— Outstanding Natural Character Area  
— High Natural Character Area



NATURAL CHARACTER EVALUATION TABLE

Biophysical Characteristics

**Landforms** | very pronounced sequence of headlands, promontories, sheer cliffs and escarpments, rocky outcrops and islands, interspersed by extensive sandy beaches and dune systems.

**Vegetation type, Cover & Patterns** | remnant indigenous pohutukawa dominant coastal forest cover much of the coastal slopes and promontories descending to the coastal edge, interspersed with small patches of pasture.

**Sea / Estuarine Water Bodies** | remnant indigenous pohutukawa dominant coastal forest cover much of the coastal slopes and promontories descending to the coastal edge, interspersed with small patches of pasture.

**Land Uses / Activities / Structure** | devoid of building and structures – incorporates patches of open pasture along the upper margins of the coastal environment.

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

**Natural Processes** | rugged coastal environment highly expressive of the interplay between a varied amalgam of landforms including sheer cliffs, rocky coastline, beaches 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

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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 nearby housing.

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

**Context / Setting** | close proximity to small number of scattered housing and broader areas of pasture to the west 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** | lighting from nearby dwelling starts to affect the degree of naturalness within the coastal environment.

Rating of Perceptual Characteristics

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Very Low.....Very High

Overall Natural Character Evaluation

(Biophysical and Perceptual Values)

**HIGH**