

MĀORI LAND SPATIAL DATASET

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The Māori Land Spatial Dataset is a combination of the spatial data available in the map search section of the [Māori Land Online](#) website and static data containing information about management structures that may be associated with those land parcels.

The source data forms part of the public permanent record of the Court as described in rule 7.19 of the Māori Land Court Rules 2011 and it has been released publically under the authority of rule 7.21(1) of the Māori Land Court Rules 2011.

The data has been aggregated and, in accordance with the information privacy principles of the Privacy Act 1993, it does not identify any individual owner, beneficiary, trustee or committee of management member.

Note: This data does not include any information about lands that may have been returned under (or are subject to) any Treaty of Waitangi Settlement process – unless settlement legislation specifically requires the land become Māori Freehold Land or a Māori Reservation.

METHODOLOGY

Since the re-launch of the Māori Land Online website in 2011 to include GIS functionality, the Māori Land Court and the Ministry of Justice have received a high number of enquiries seeking customised spatial data sets associated with Māori Land.

Working in conjunction with the Ministry for Primary Industries a customised public Māori Land Spatial Dataset has been developed which meets the need of the public whilst protecting the privacy of individuals.

1. EXTRACTION

To create the dataset, the Māori Land Court extracts two sets of data:

- **SHAPEFILE** – the spatial land layer from the Māori Land Online website **and**
- **MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE DATA** – static data on the names, types and blocks contained in management structures

The data is then quality reviewed by the Court to ensure accuracy and to remove any information that may identify individuals or breach privacy principles.

2. COLLATION

The Ministry for Primary Industries receives both the static and spatial data from the Ministry of Justice and merges that data by identifying each parcel based on common block identifiers in each dataset. The information is then re-compiled back into spatial datasets which are then tested and reviewed by both agencies for usability and accuracy.

RESULTING DATASET

The Māori Land Spatial Dataset is available in two possible formats:

- **SHAPEFILE** – spatial data which is available as an ESRI compatible shape file (ideal for use in simple GIS applications) **or**
- **GEODATABASE** – spatial data which has been incorporated into a detailed geodatabase (suited more towards use in ArcGIS type applications for detailed spatial analysis)

Each dataset is available for download upon request.

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In addition use of this data should be read in conjunction with the [disclaimer set out on the Māori Land Online website](#).

Appendix A: Main data attributes

The following table describes the main top level data attributes and includes information relating to the abbreviation used in the data for each attribute, its full database reference and a brief description of each attribute type

Attribute	Full Title	Description
BLOCK_ID	BLOCK_ID	Māori Land Court block/parcel identification number
BLOCK_NAME	BLOCK_NAME	Māori Land Court block/parcel appellation
TITLE_ORDE	TITLE_ORDER_LINZ	Land Information New Zealand record of title reference
TITLE_ORD0	TITLE_ORDER_DATE	Date of instrument creating the block/parcel recorded by the Māori Land Court
BLOCK_AREA	BLOCK_AREA	Total area (in hectares) as recorded by the Māori Land Court
MINUTE_BK_	MINUTE_BK_REF	Māori Land Court minute book reference for the hearing or decision creating the block/parcel
TOTAL_SHAR	TOTAL_SHARES	A count of the total number of shares held by all owners in the block/parcel as recorded by the Māori Land Court
TOTAL_OWNE	TOTAL_OWNERS	A count of the total number of beneficial (or absolute) owners in the block/parcel as recorded by the Māori Land Court
TITLE_ORD1	TITLE_ORDER_TYPE	The type of instrument used to create the block/parcel as recorded by the Māori Land Court (<i>refer appendix b for more information</i>)
PLAN_REF	PLAN_REF	Any survey plan references related to the block/parcel as recorded by the Māori Land Court
TITLE_NOTI	TITLE_NOTICE_REF	Māori Land Court reference to any non Māori Land Court instrument which may have been used to create the block/parcel
LAND_STATU	LAND_STATUS	Status of the land as recorded by the Māori Land Court (<i>refer appendix b for more information</i>)
DISTRICT	DISTRICT	Māori Land Court District in which the land is located (<i>refer appendix b for more information</i>)
AGGREGATED	AGGREGATED	Where ownership of a group of blocks/parcels are vested in the same owners (an aggregation) this field returns the BLOCK_ID associated with the ownership list
Mgmt_NAME	ManagementStructure_Name	Where a management structure is recorded by the Māori Land Court, the name of the structure is returned. In the case of multiple structures, a comma delimited list is returned listing each management structure name
Mgmt_DESC	ManagementStructure_Description	Where a management structure is recorded by the Māori Land Court, the type of that structure is returned. In the case of multiple structures, a comma delimited list is returned listing each management structure type (<i>refer appendix b for more information</i>)
Mgmt_Count17	ManagementStructure_Count2017	Returns the number of management structures associated with the block/parcel as recorded by the Māori Land Court
MLOL_URI	MLOL_URI	Web address of corresponding page on Māori Land Online

Appendix B: Sub-attributes

Whilst the main data attributes will return unique values, there are sub-attributes which will return a set of static values each of which are described below.

TITLE_ORD1 (TITLE_ORDER_TYPE)

Returns the type of instrument used to create the block/parcel as recorded by the Māori Land Court (values taken from the CT_TITLE_ORDER_TYPE_TOT table in the Māori Land Information System)

Value
Aggregation Order
Amalgamation Order
Certificate of Title
Combined Partition
Computer Freehold Register (CFR)
Computer Interest Register (CIR)
Consolidation Order
Crown Grant
Encroachment Order
Exchange Order
Freehold Order
Native Land Act Order
Order Excluding Land from an Incorporation
Order Winding Up Incorporation
Order of Incorporation
Other
Partition Order
Private Subdivision (Land Transfer Act)
Revesting Order
Roadway Order
Status Order
Unit Title Subdivision (Unit Titles Act)
Vesting Order

LAND_STATU (LAND_STATUS)

Status of the land as recorded by the Māori Land Court (values taken from the CT_BLOCK_STATUS_BST table in the Māori Land Information System)

Value	Description
Maori Freehold Land	Land which has been determined by the Māori Land Court by freehold order or status order as Māori land as described by sections 129(1)(b) and 129(2)(b) of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993
Maori Customary Land	Land which is still held in accordance with tikanga Māori the ownership for which has not been determined by the Māori Land Court as described in sections 129(1)(a) and 129(2)(a) of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993
General Land Owned by Maori	<p>Land which has a status described by sections 129(1)(c) and 129(2)(c) of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993.</p> <p>This status type is normally only associated with general land owned by a Maori Incorporation or vested in a trust subject to the jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court.</p> <p>This status type is not automatically applied to general land that maybe owned by an individual, or group of people one of whom is Māori (unless by order of the Māori Land Court).</p>
Crown Land	Land which has a status described by sections 129(1)(e) and 129(2)(e) of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and is, generally, land which has been described in the records of the Māori Land Court as Crown Land (held by or owned by the Crown)
Crown Land Reserved for Maori	Land which has a status described by sections 129(1)(f) and 129(2)(f) of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 and is, generally, Crown land which has been reserved for Māori
Other	Land which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court but for which a status has not been determined
Aggregate	<p>This is not in itself a status type.</p> <p>Aggregate is the internal Māori Land Court reference to a common ownership list used for multiple Māori Land parcels otherwise known as an aggregation. An aggregated list of owners is not a separate parcel or land block, but is the Māori Land Court way of recording the same list of owners for multiple parcels, titles or blocks.</p> <p>The status type “Aggregation” is applied to parcels in accordance with section 309 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (or for parcels which were created under section 434A of the Māori Affairs Act 1953)</p>

NOTE: Only general land which is owned by an Incorporation, vested in a trust or which has some type of outstanding condition placed on it by the Māori Land Court or is in some other way subject to the jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court are included in the dataset.

The dataset does not automatically include general land which maybe owned by a person of Māori descent nor does it include any lands transferred or held by any person, group or post settlement governance entity as part of any Treaty of Waitangi Settlement unless the jurisdiction of the Māori Land Court is specifically included for those lands in any settlement legislation.

DISTRICT

Māori Land Court District in which the land is located (values taken from the CT_DISTRICT_DIS table in the Māori Land Information System)

Value	Description
AOT	Aotea Māori Land Court District (Registry office in Whanganui)
TKT	Tākitimu Māori Land Court District (Registry office in Hastings)
TRW	Tairāwhiti Māori Land Court District (Registry office in Gisborne)
TTK	Taitokerau Māori Land Court District (Registry office in Whangārei)
TWP	Te Waipounamu Māori Land Court District (Registry office in Christchurch)
WAI	Waikato-Maniapoto Māori Land Court District (Registry office in Hamilton)
WAR	Waiariki Māori Land Court District (Registry office in Rotorua)

MANAGEMENTSTRUCTURE_DESCRIPTION

Where a management structure is recorded by the Māori Land Court, the type of that structure is returned (values taken from the CT_MGMT_STRUCT_TYPE_MGST table in the Māori Land Information System)

Value	Description
Ahu Whenua Trust	General trust established over land in accordance with section 215 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (or for pre-1993 trusts continued as an Ahu Whenua Trust under section 354)
Whenua Topu Trust	Hapū or Iwi focussed trust established over land in accordance with section 216 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993
Putea Trust	Share based trust to hold uneconomic interests in land for a class of beneficiaries established under section 213 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993
Maori Incorporation	Incorporations or Māori Incorporations established and/or subject to part 13 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (or for pre-1993 incorporations continued as a Māori Incorporation under section 357)
Maori Reservation	Māori Reservations, Urupā and Marae established and/or subject to part 17 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 (including any reservation created under any other enactment, Crown grant, proclamation, Gazette Notice or other instrument of title)
Other	Non-Māori Land Court created entities or structures which contain Māori land and/or General Land owned by Māori and by virtue of section 236 are subject to sections 237 to 245 of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993