

# WHITIANGA/MERCURY BAY CATCHMENT

From Waitaia Bay to Sailors Grave. The land area is about **54,000ha** and includes **198km** of streams and rivers. It's made up of 11 sub-catchments:

Wharekaho	Cook
Tuputapuatea/Tarapatiki	Purangi
Mahakirau/Kaimarama	Wigmore
Mill Creek	Whenuakite
Waiwawa	Hot Water Beach.
Kapowai	



Waitaia Bay

Whitianga Harbour is about 1690ha, has about 74km of harbour margins and 141km of coastline.

Ohuka Beach

Maramaratotara Bay

Whitianga

Cooks Beach

Hahei

Hot Water Beach

Sailors Grave

Of the land area:

**65%** is indigenous vegetation

**24%** is pasture

**8%** is exotic vegetation (6 per cent in plantation forest)

**51%** is moderately steep to very steep (between 21 to >35 degrees)

**33%** is sheep and dairy farming.