

Biodiversity Strategy

Christchurch/Ōtautahi and Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū



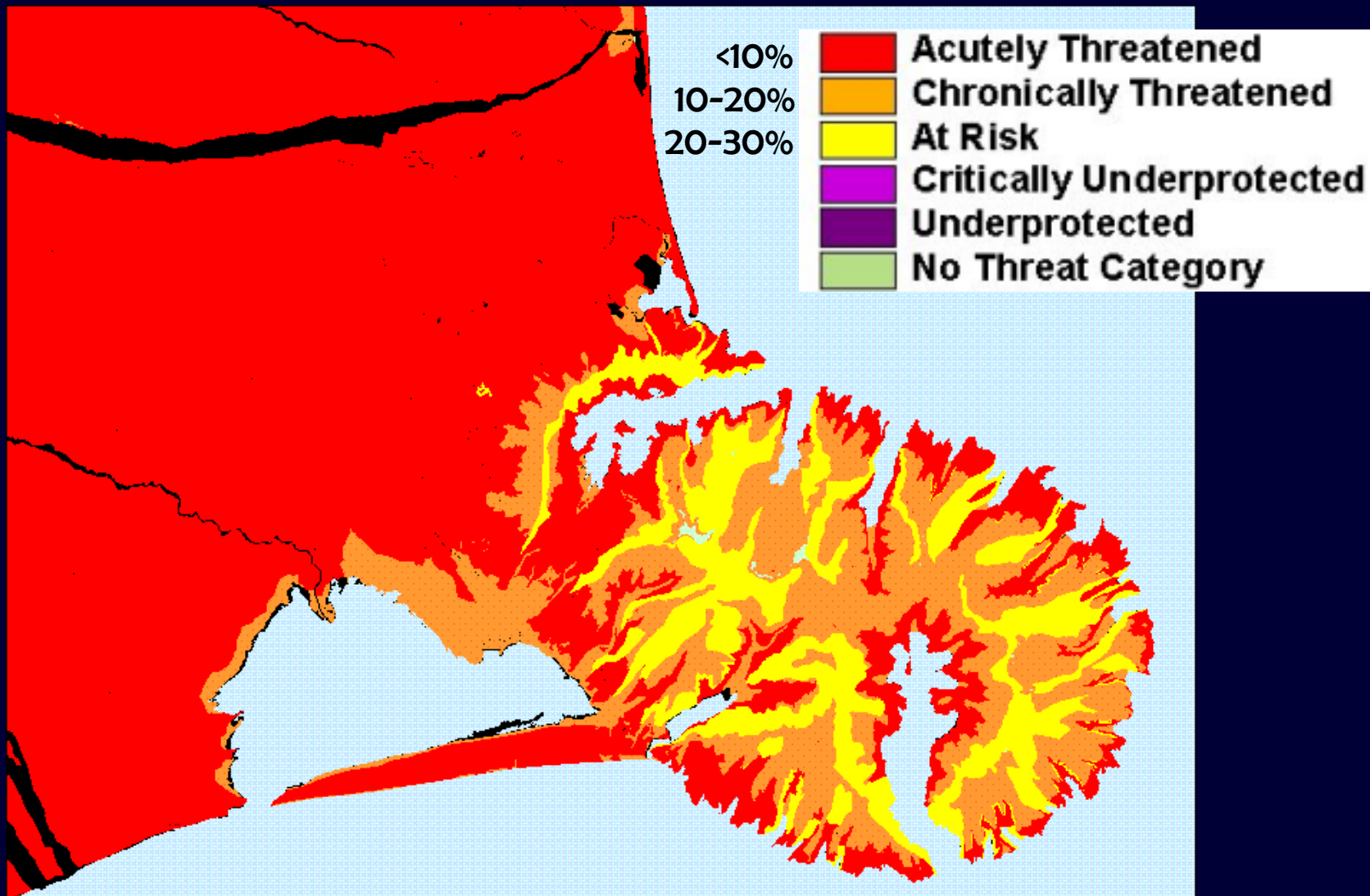
Council's Responsibility



- Functions of territorial authorities (Sec 31 RMA) Includes;
 “the maintenance of indigenous
 biological diversity”

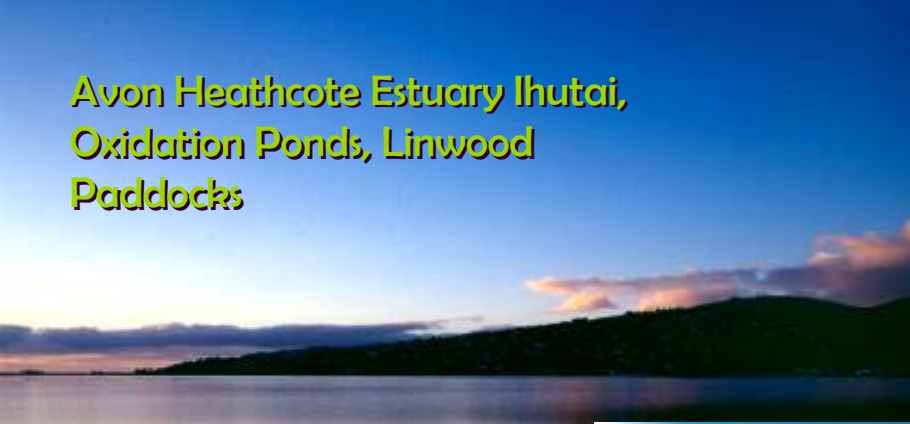


Threatened Environments



Majority of City has < 20% remaining indigenous vegetation

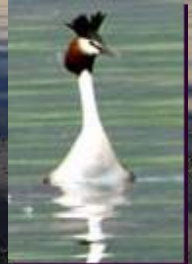
Avon Heathcote Estuary Ihutai,
Oxidation Ponds, Linwood
Paddocks



Wairewa/ Lake Forsyth



McLeans Island



Te Waihora/ lake Ellesmere



Kaitorete Spit

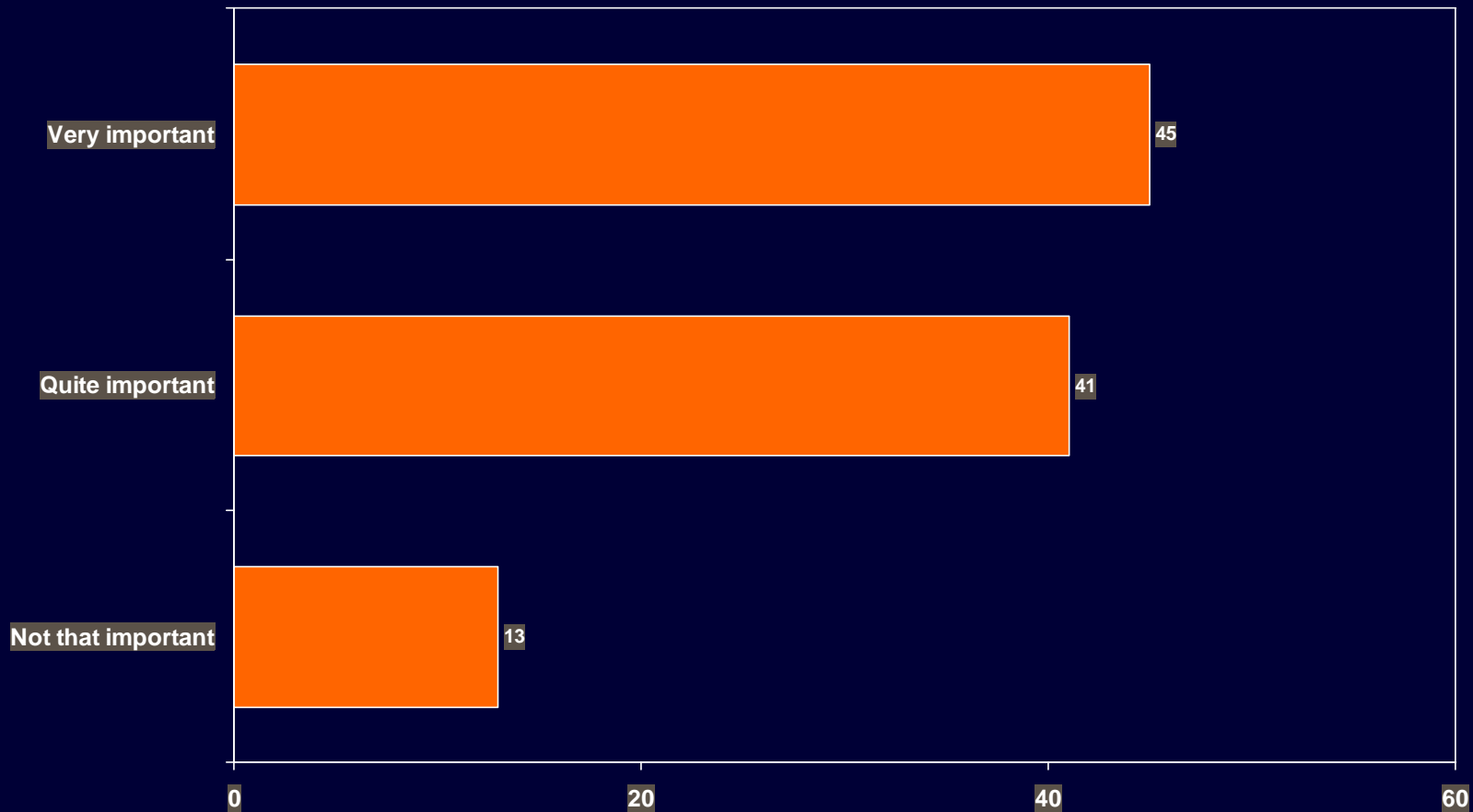
Biodiversity Issues



- Water quality
- Adverse land use change
- Pests
- Protecting the habitat of threatened species
- Protecting threatened habitats
- Maintaining locally rare species
- Maintaining indigenous species in exotic dominated ecosystems
- Partnership and cooperation
- Landowner support and incentives
- Monitoring

Without our input indigenous biodiversity will be severely reduced

Importance of Biodiversity



86% of the public consider biodiversity important

Healthy environment strategy public survey 2007

Importance of Biodiversity-why?

- Desire to maintain natural, healthy environment
- Encourages native birds
- Do not want to live in a concrete jungle
- Our heritage

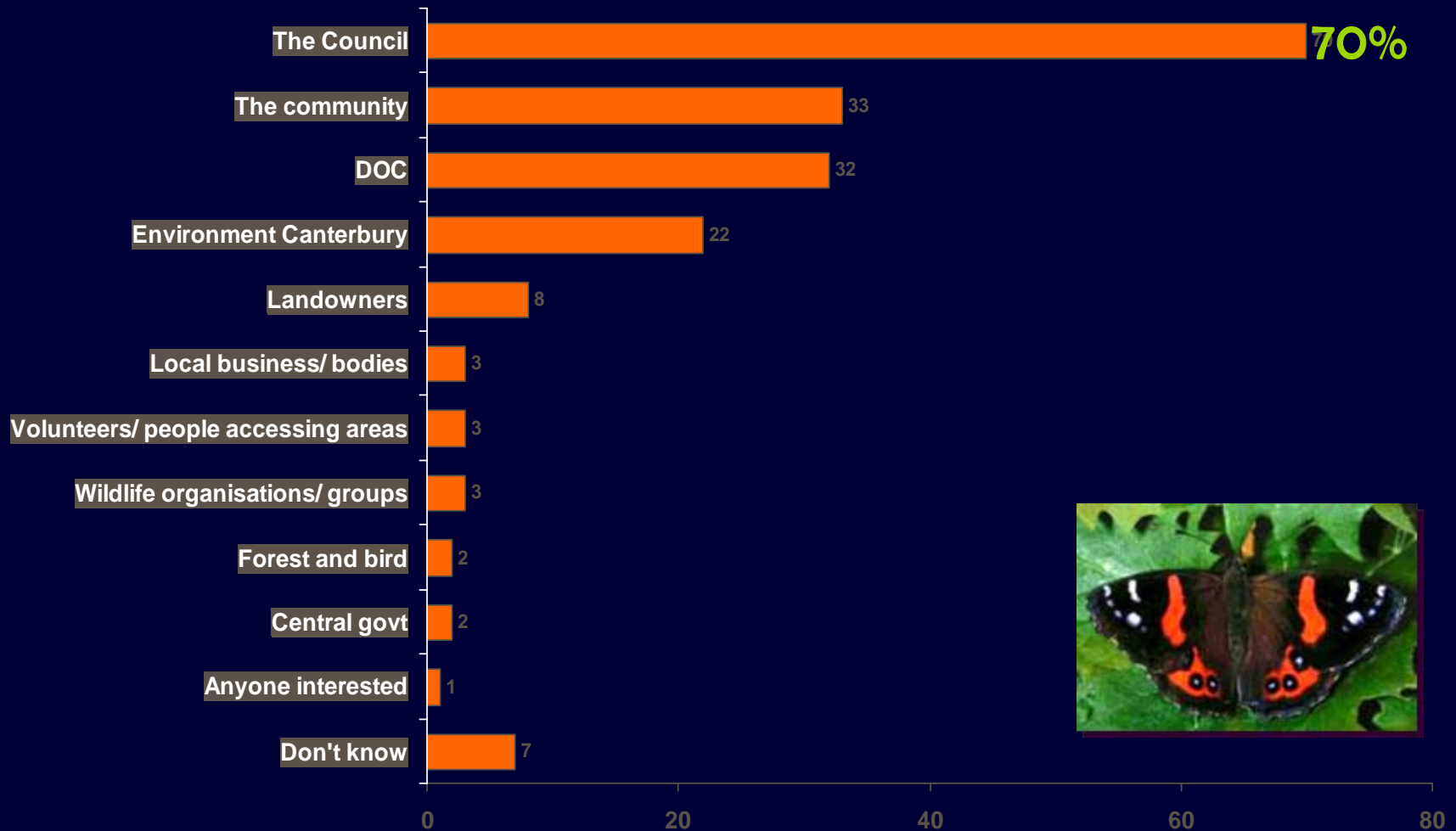


Healthy environment strategy
public survey 2007

Even in the inner City



Who is Responsible for biodiversity?



70% consider that the Council is responsible for biodiversity
Healthy Environment Public Survey 2007

Biodiversity Guiding Principles

1. **Protect existing biodiversity first**
2. **Council has a biodiversity leadership responsibility.**
3. **Council is committed to a partnership approach.**
4. **Council acknowledges the important biodiversity protection role of rural landowners.**
5. **Council is committed to a well-beings (social, economic, cultural and environmental) approach to biodiversity protection and enhancement.**
6. **Council recognises the importance of the 'Garden City' character of Christchurch when achieving biodiversity outcomes.**

Biodiversity Strategy Goals



Goal 1: Conserve and restore.

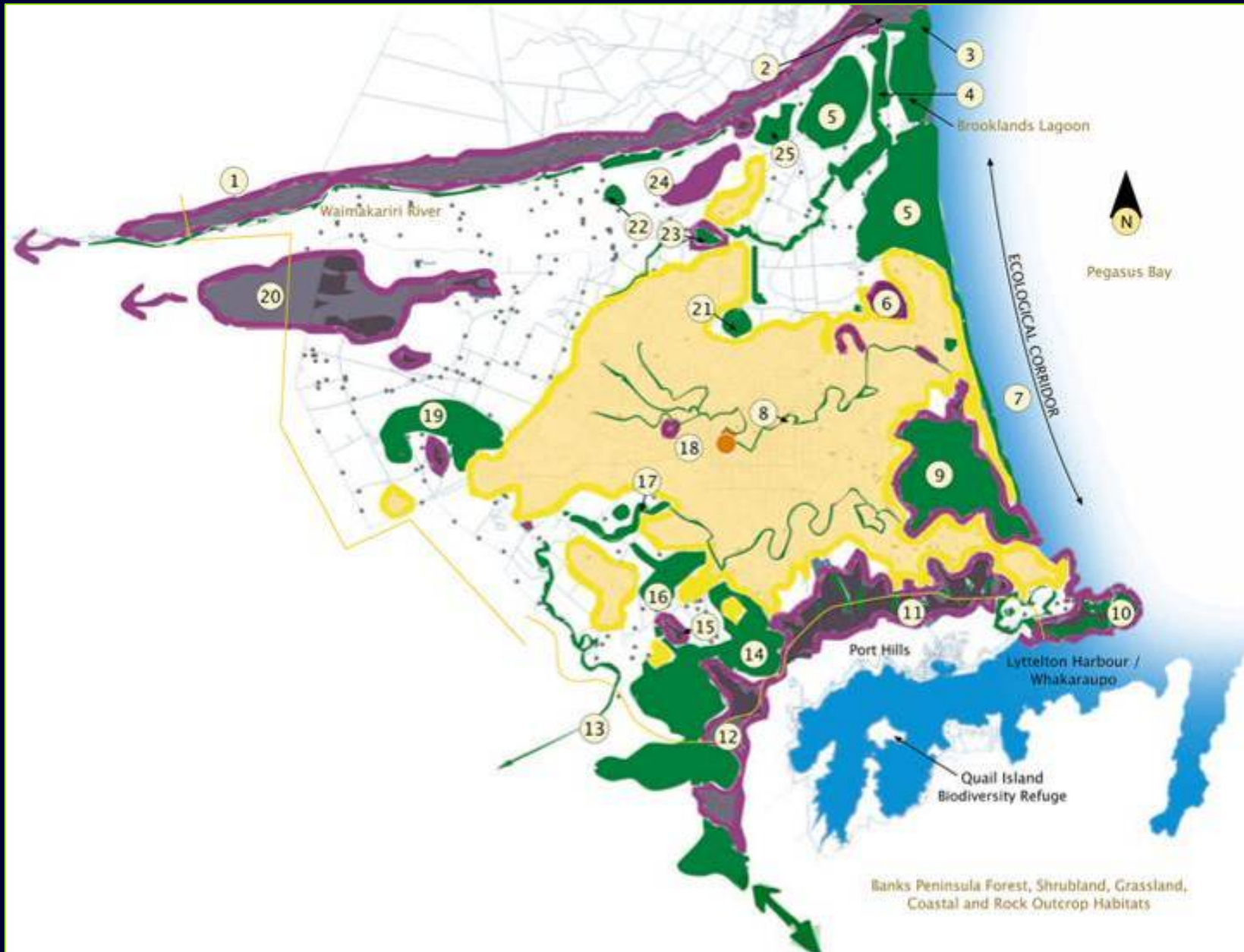
Goal 2: Raise awareness and understanding.

Goal 3: Encourage widespread participation.

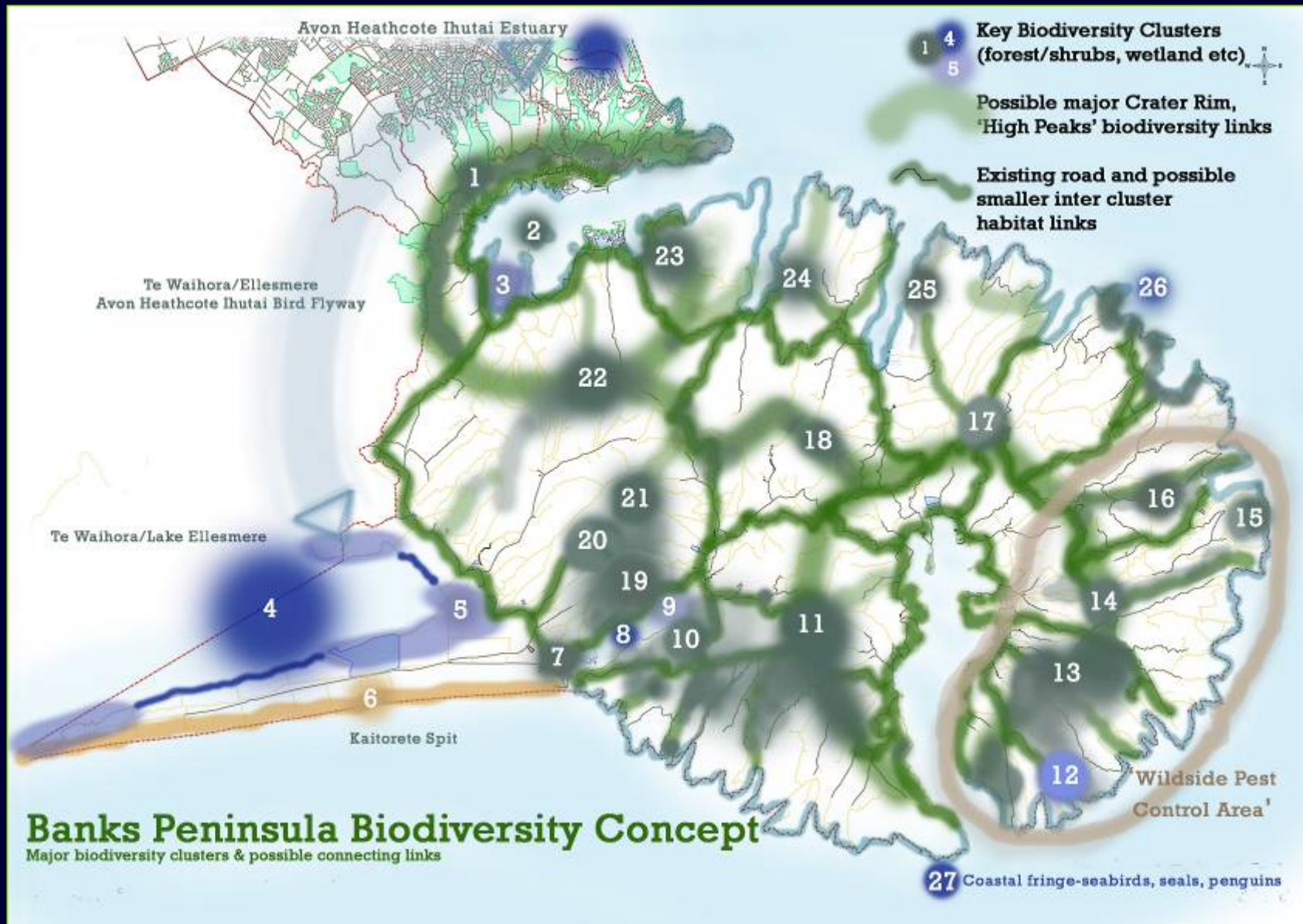
Goal 4: Improve and facilitate research and monitoring



Biodiversity Concept Christchurch



Biodiversity Concept Banks Peninsula



Major Initiatives 2009-2012+

- priorities*
- Land purchase*
- Council land protection*
- Landowner support
- Plan change & resource consent support
- Mainland Island review*
- Habitat creation (wildlife ponds in the City)
- Pest control*
- monitoring*

*Support from other agencies/ partners anticipated



Implementation Plan Budget; LTCCP

Possible Budget Increase*	Capex \$m	Opex \$m
2009-2012	3.9	1.3
2009-2012 average per year	1.3	0.4

*Support from other agencies/ partners anticipated but not Included in budgets.

