



**Biosecurity New Zealand**  
Ministry for Primary Industries  
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**Ngāti Rehua Ngātiwai ki Aotea**

# Rāhui and Controlled Area Notice in place

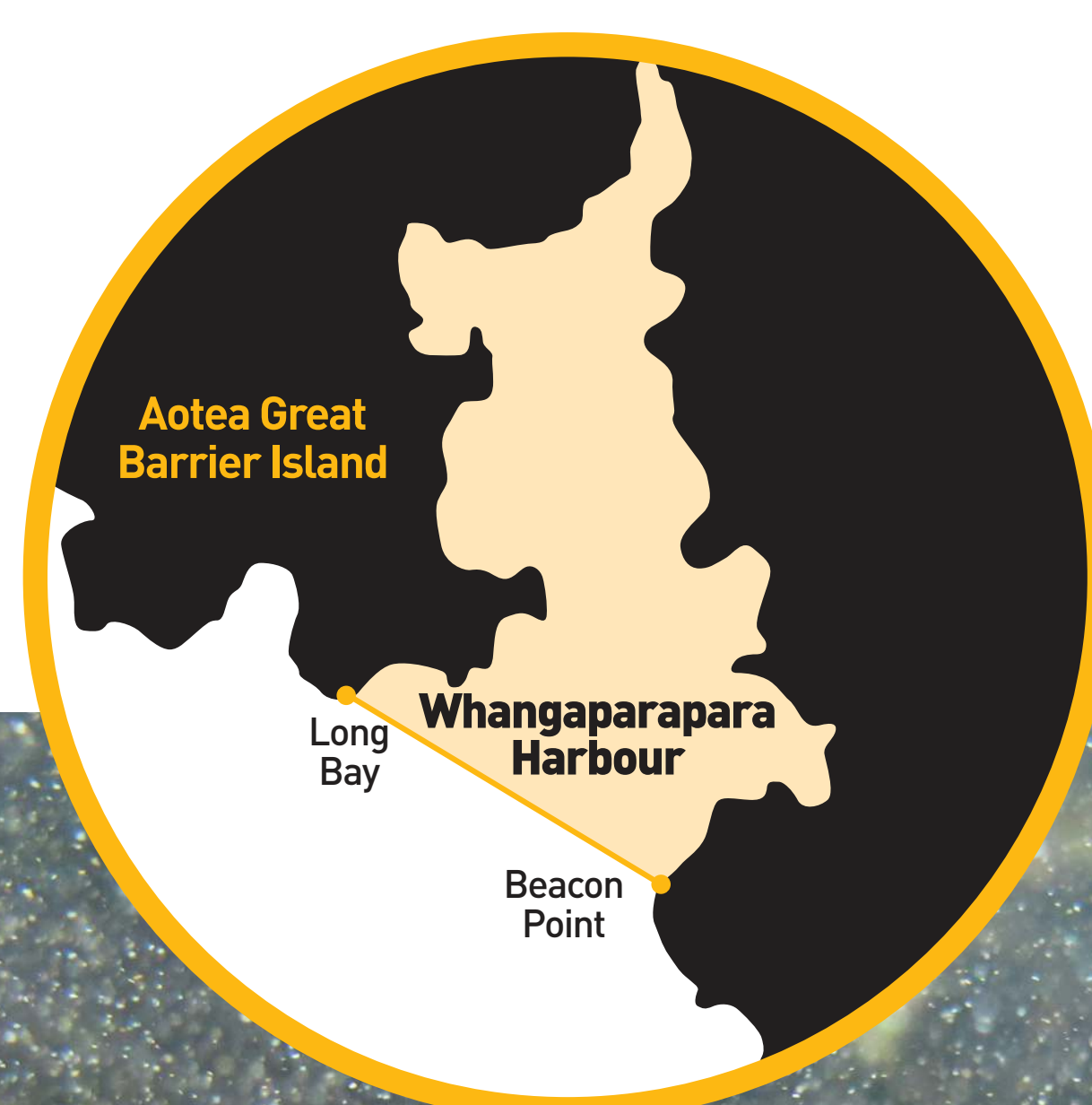
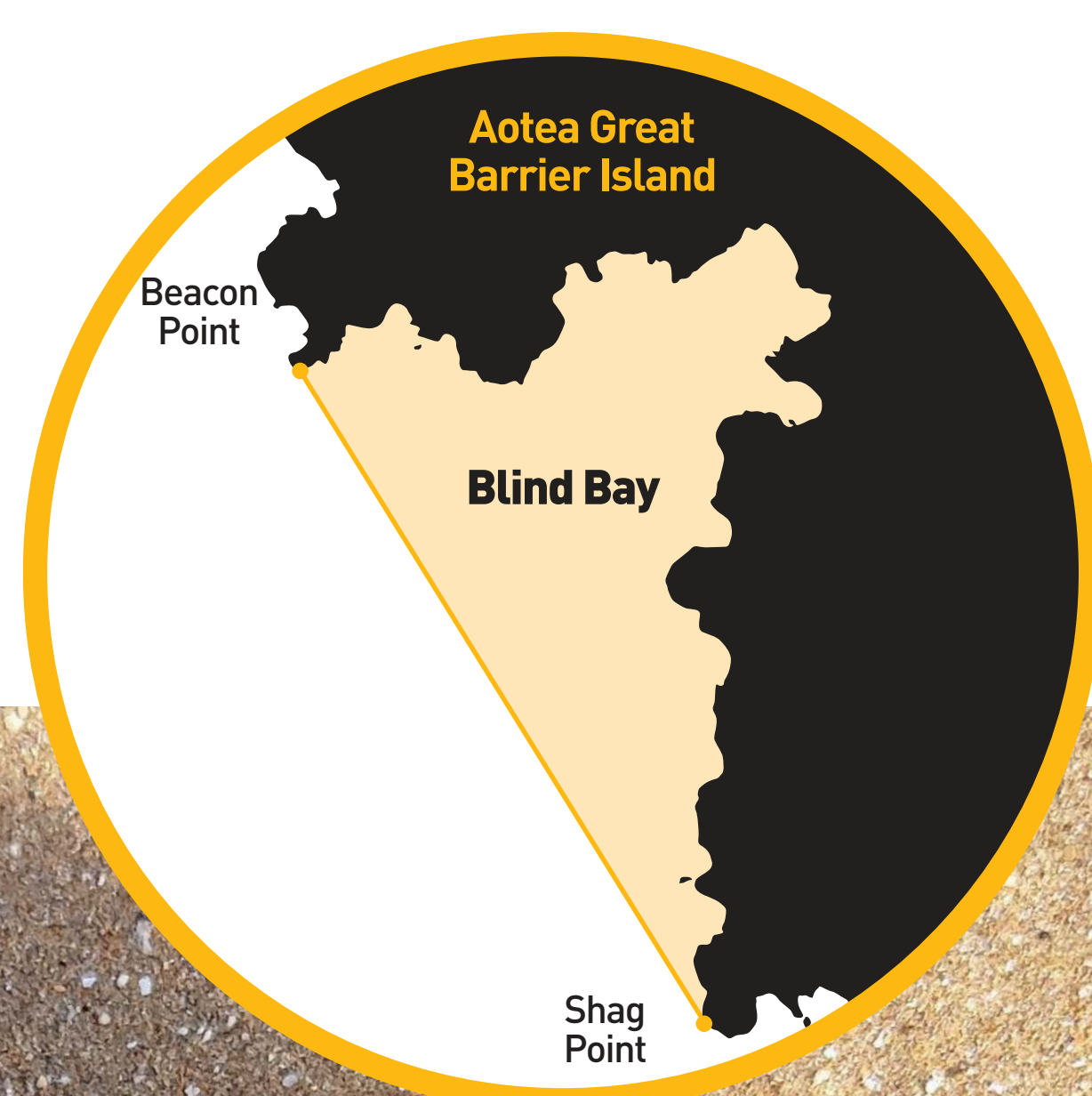
*Caulerpa brachypus*, a pest seaweed and Unwanted Organism, is in Aotea Great Barrier Island waters.

To stop its spread, it is now illegal to:

- Take any marine life e.g. fish, shellfish, crayfish from within the mapped areas
- Take an anchored vessel out of the mapped areas without a permit.

You can still swim, dive, paddle or boat in these areas but you are required to check your equipment/boat for seaweed and remove this before leaving any of the mapped areas.

Boats can still be launched within the three mapped areas to go fishing in other locations outside of the Controlled Areas.



**For more information visit**  
**[biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa](https://biosecurity.govt.nz/caulerpa)**

Report suspected sightings of *Caulerpa brachypus*  
outside these three mapped areas to 0800 80 99 66.