

Schedule 4B – Sensitive marine benthic habitats

The information included within Table 2 has been taken from Cawthron, (August 2016), *Sensitive Habitats and Threatened Species in the Taranaki Coastal Marine Area (TCMA) – Database Investigation*. Information on the marine benthic habitats within the Taranaki CMA is still very limited with only a small area actually having been sampled. Consequently sensitive habits identified in the vicinity of the Taranaki CMA have also been listed as these may also occur within the Taranaki CMA.

Table 2: Sensitive marine benthic habitats found within or in the vicinity of the Taranaki Coastal Marine Area.

Sensitive Marine Benthic Habitats	Present within the Taranaki coastal marine area	Present within 200 m of the Taranaki Coastal Marine Area
(Beds of) large bivalve molluscs	✓	
Brachiopods	✓	
Bryozoans (thickets)	✓	
Calcareous tube worm (thickets)	✓	
Macro-algal (beds)	✓	
Sponge (gardens)	✓	
Rhodolith (maerl beds)	✓	
Chaetopteridae worm (fields)		✓
Sea pens (field)		✓
Stony coral (thickets)		✓
Xenophyophores (sessile protozoan beds)		✓