

MARINE RESERVES

Bringing Our Seas
Back To Life



FOREST and BIRD
THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTORS



Bottlenose dolphins are at the top of the marine food chain. They are often caught in set nets around our coasts.

Kahawai are migratory fish which often school in huge numbers, feeding on plankton and small fish. A lack of control over kahawai catch has seen their population plummet.

Red moki, a long lived and slow moving species of the rocky reef which has proved easy game for spearfishers.

Near archways and headlands, the iridescent blue maomao forms spectacular large schools.

Ecklonia radiata, the shining brown kelp, is intolerant of strong light and wave action. It grows up to 3 metres tall in sub-tidal kelp forests.

Inquisitive blue cod will fearlessly approach divers, often nibbling fingers or diving gear. They may live up to 15 years.

Up to 20 times inside the marine reserve than found outside and South Island commercial o