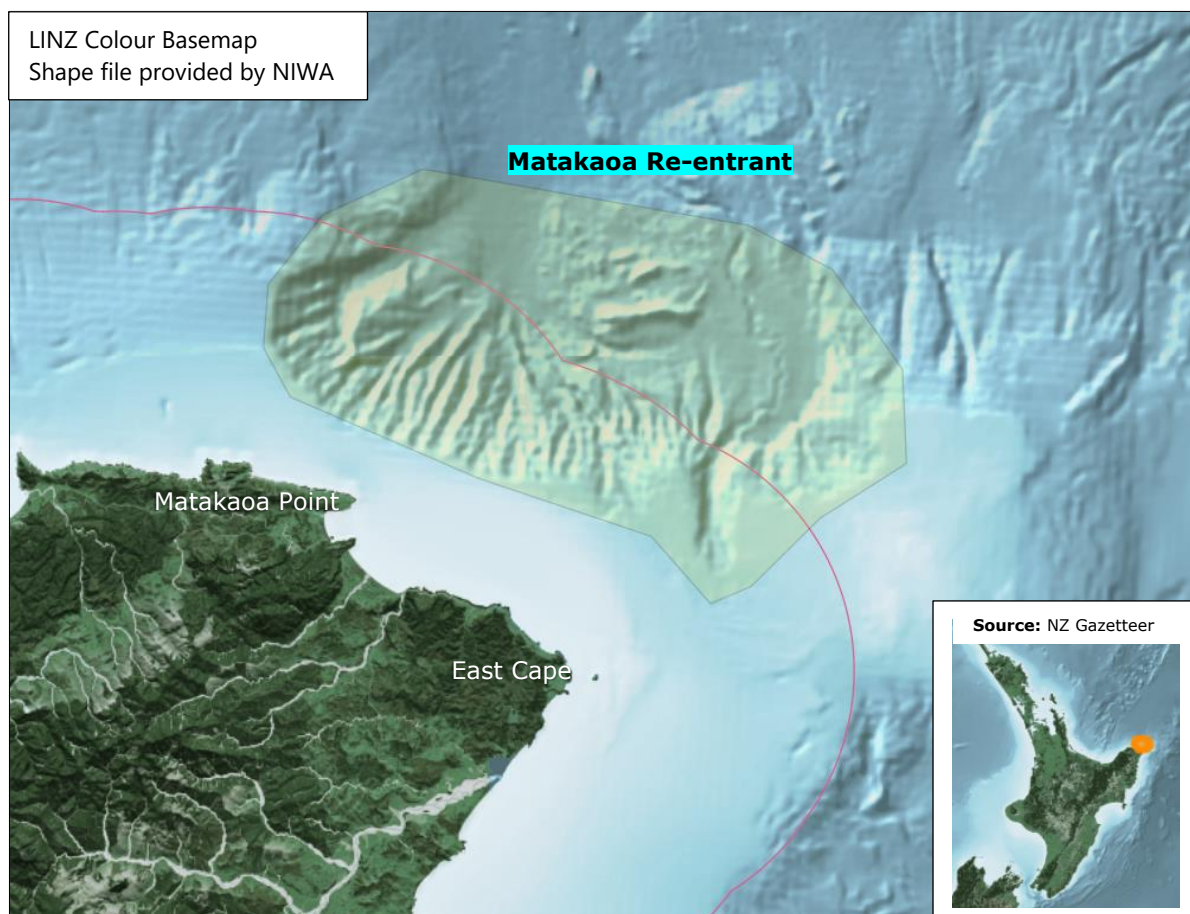


Proposal considered by the NZGB on 2 April 2020 for: Matakoa Re-entrant [altered from Matakaoa Re-entrant]



Summary At its meeting on 3 February 2020 the UFNC¹ noted that a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licenced translator had confirmed that both 'Matakaoa' and 'Matakaoa' are orthographically² correct, and both have many meanings³.

The UFNC agreed that the spelling Matakaoa should align with the spelling of the associated features, Matakaoa Point on the nearby mainland and Matakaoa Ridge, the official name of an undersea feature within the re-entrant.

The generic term Re-entrant⁴, which has been in long term use (25 years) for this feature, has been added to the new edition of the IHO⁵'s [B-6 Guidelines](#) as an obsolete term that SCUFN⁶ will accept to harmonise with other gazetteers. The UFNC recommended that the NZGB also add Re-entrant as an obsolete term to the next edition of the [Standard for undersea feature names](#).

The feature is ~53% beyond New Zealand's 12NM territorial limit⁷. Therefore, the UFNC recommended that the NZGB make a fast track proposal⁸ to SCUFN to

¹ Undersea Feature Names Committee

² The conventions and rules of how to write a language

³ The TTWh licenced translator has since advised that based on the 'collected' place name on land 'Mata kaoa' translating as 'surface of tide as it churns over a reef' Matakaoa could very well be correct

⁴ A prominent indentation in the continental shelf, which is the result of a massive landslide

⁵ International Hydrographic Organisation

⁶ Sub-Committee for Undersea Feature Names

⁷ A feature must be at least 50% beyond the external limit of a territorial sea for SCUFN to consider a proposal

ensure that the name is protected, known and used internationally. The feature is not in a mutual area of interest, so no international consultation is required.

UFNC's recommendations to the NZGB

At its meeting on 2 April 2020 the NZGB resolved recommendations 1, 2 and 3.

- Recommendation 1 That the NZGB **accepts** the proposal to **alter** the recorded (unofficial) undersea feature name Matakaoa Re-entrant to an official undersea feature name **Matakaoa Re-entrant** based on:
- consistency with the associated features – Matakaoa Point a recorded place name on land and Matakaoa Ridge an official undersea feature name,
 - long term use of the specific term 'Matakaoa' for the feature in published scientific literature,
 - a Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori licenced translator having confirmed that 'Matakaoa' is orthographically correct, and
 - 'Re-entrant' being an acceptable and correct generic term that has been in long term use (25 years) for the feature.
- and**
If the NZGB accepts Matakaoa Re-entrant that it be **notified** as a proposal to alter for one month.
- and**
- Recommendation 2 If the NZGB **alters** Matakaoa Re-entrant to **Matakaoa Re-entrant** as an official undersea feature name that it makes a fast track proposal to SCUFN-33 in November 2020 as the feature is more than 50% beyond New Zealand's 12NM territorial limit.
- and**
- Recommendation 3 That the NZGB add Re-entrant as an approved obsolete generic term to the next edition of the *Standard for undersea feature names*.

Supporting information

1. UFNC report to alter Matakaoa Re-entrant – 2020-02-03

⁸ This process applies for undersea feature names in long term (25 years or longer) common use and appear on published charts, maps or in scientific literature