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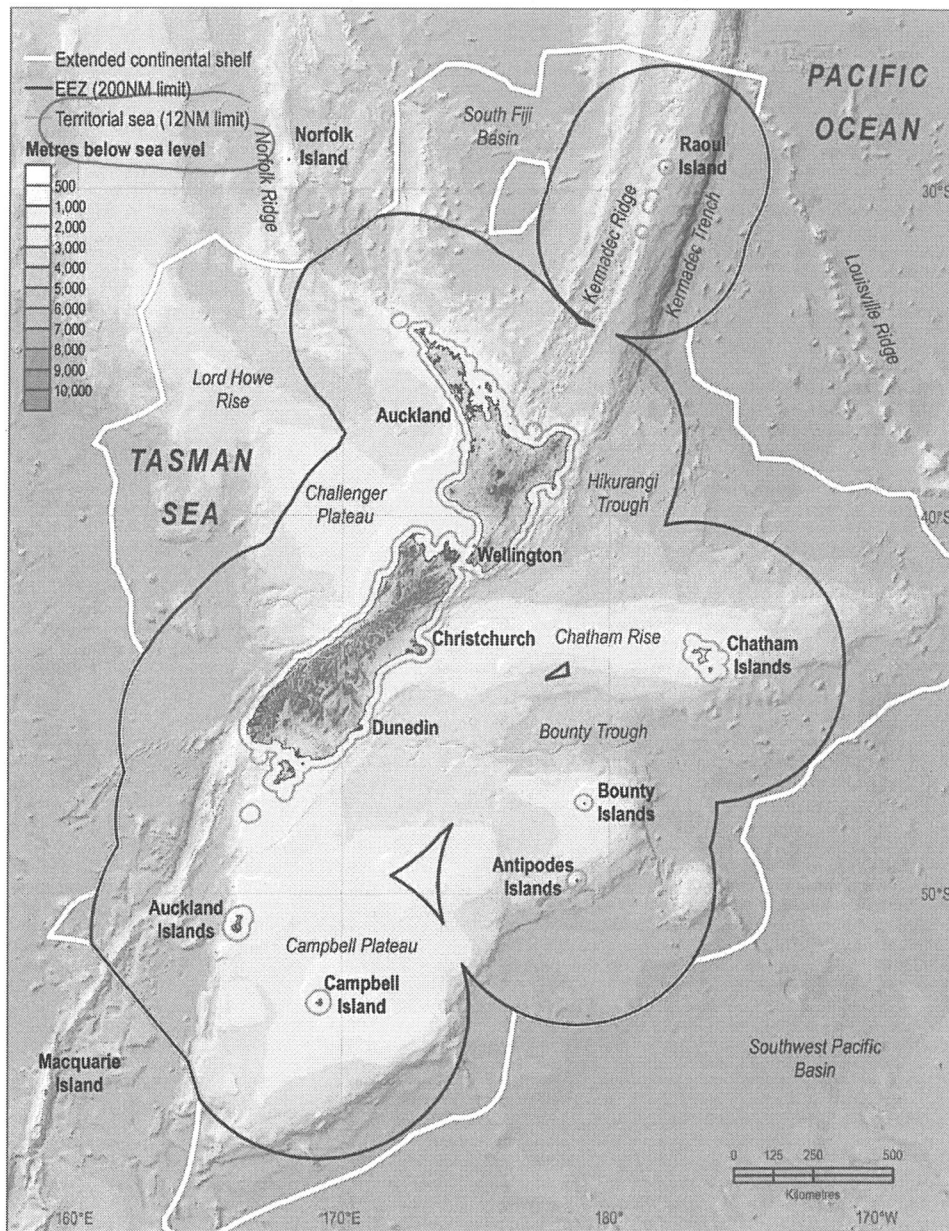
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Figure 37

New Zealand's marine environment



Sources: NIWA; Land Information New Zealand

Note: Data from the satellite ocean colour sensors SeaWiFS and MODIS-Aqua. EEZ – exclusive economic zone; NM – nautical miles.

How our marine environment is monitored

From economic and ecological perspectives, the health of our fisheries (fish stocks that are harvested) and marine ecosystems is critical. Three government agencies monitor aspects of our marine environment. The Ministry for Primary Industries monitors fish stocks to ensure fishing is kept within sustainable limits under the quota management system for commercial catch. The Environmental Protection Authority is responsible for monitoring economic