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The Global Steel Industry Wants Our Black Sand

The entire west coast, from Wanganui to Cape Reinga, is now under either a prospecting or exploration permit for offshore ironsands mining. This involves sucking up millions of tonnes of black sand from the seafloor every year. It's the oceanic equivalent of open cast mining.

***Now's the Time to Engage
The Time to Act is Near***

Trans Tasman Resources Ltd (TTR) have last week applied to the EPA for a marine license to mine the seabed in a 65sqkm area off South Taranaki. We expect the four week public submission period to be open in the next few weeks (mid November to mid December).

We see this first application as very important as it sets a precedent for future applications up and down the coast. TTR has stated that if they are successful with this application they will immediately apply for a larger area closer to shore and other companies are also watching how this plays out.

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We need your help to get 20,000 submissions to save our black sand. Sign up for updates. Help us get the word out.



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Mining the seabed for iron sands: the facts

Suction dredging turns mined areas into dead zones.

Nothing on the sea floor of the mined area is left alive. These ecosystems may take decades or generations to recover, if ever. Fisheries could be substantially affected in the entire region, through loss of life in the sea floor and curtailment of phytoplankton, which are the base levels of the food web. The Ocean is one interconnected ecosystem. Damage one area and effects flow onto others.

The threat to Maui's dolphin is clear and substantial.

The west coast is Maui's dolphin territory. With just 55 adult Maui's left, any further degradation of their habitat threatens their chance of recovery.

Nobody else has agreed to seabed mining on such a large scale

Seabed mining in NZ waters would be a global experiment. The government would get only 1-5% of the ore's value in royalties. TTR is 92% foreign owned, with no track record. Profits would go offshore.

Seabed mining threatens our coastline & surf breaks

Mining iron sands right up the West Coast could cause coastal erosion disrupt sand replenishment systems and negatively affect beaches and surf breaks.

Moratorium Callout

KASM believes NZ should follow suit behind Namibia and the Northern Territories of Australia in placing a moratorium on Seabed Mining applications until more information is available.

What can YOU do?

- Sign up for our submission and alert list on our website
- Like our facebook page. (Kiwis against seabed mining)
- *Donate* to help with upcoming legal battle.

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