

# TE WAI POUNAMU THE GREENSTONE ISLAND

**A History of the Southern Maori  
during the  
European Colonization of New Zealand**

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"We used to get food from all over our Island; it was all *mahinga kai*. And we considered our Island as in a far superior position to any other, because it is called Te Wai Pounamu, the Greenstone Island;  
the fame thereof reaches all lands."

*Wiremu Te One Te Uki, Kaiapoi, 12 May 1879<sup>101</sup>*

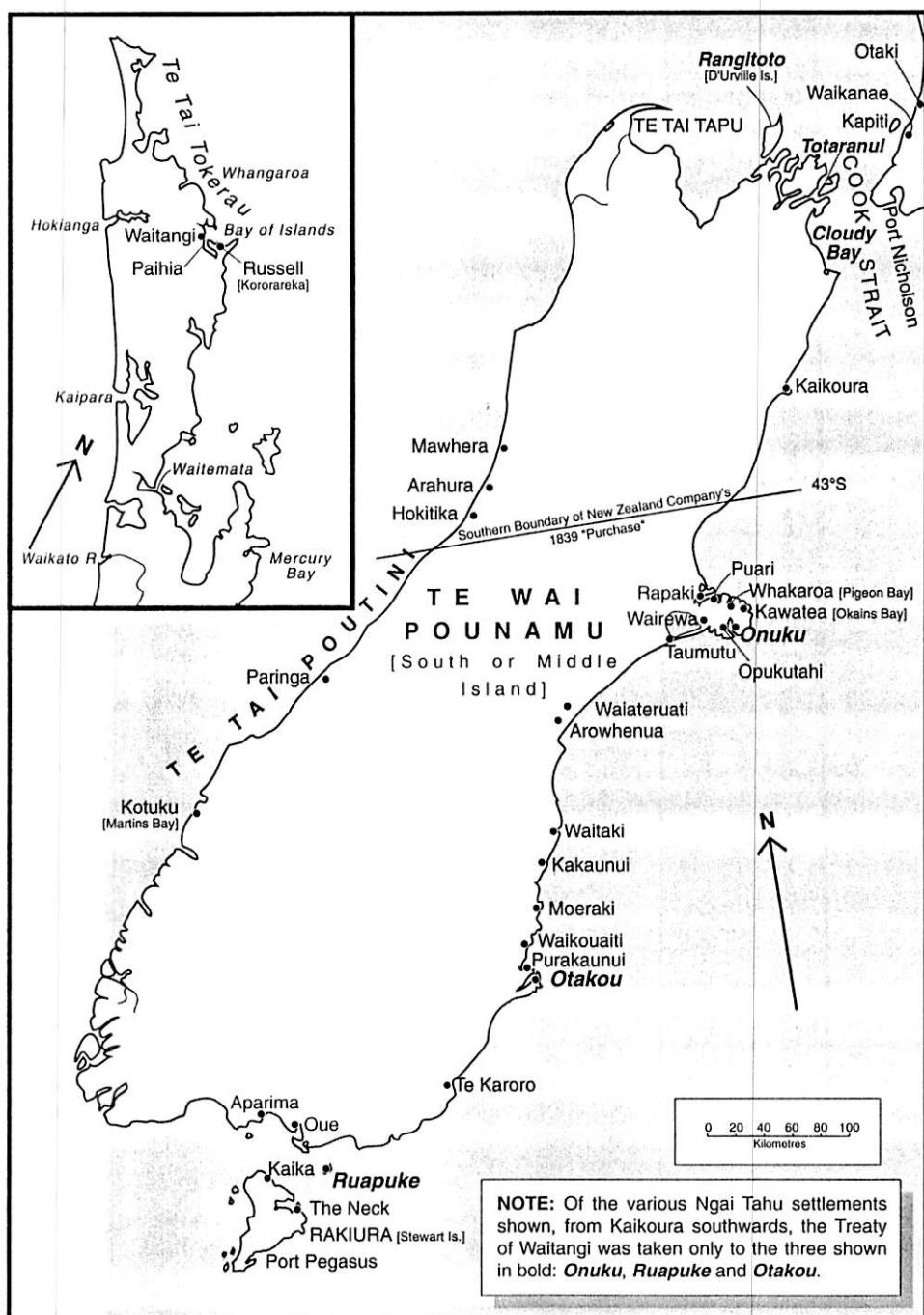


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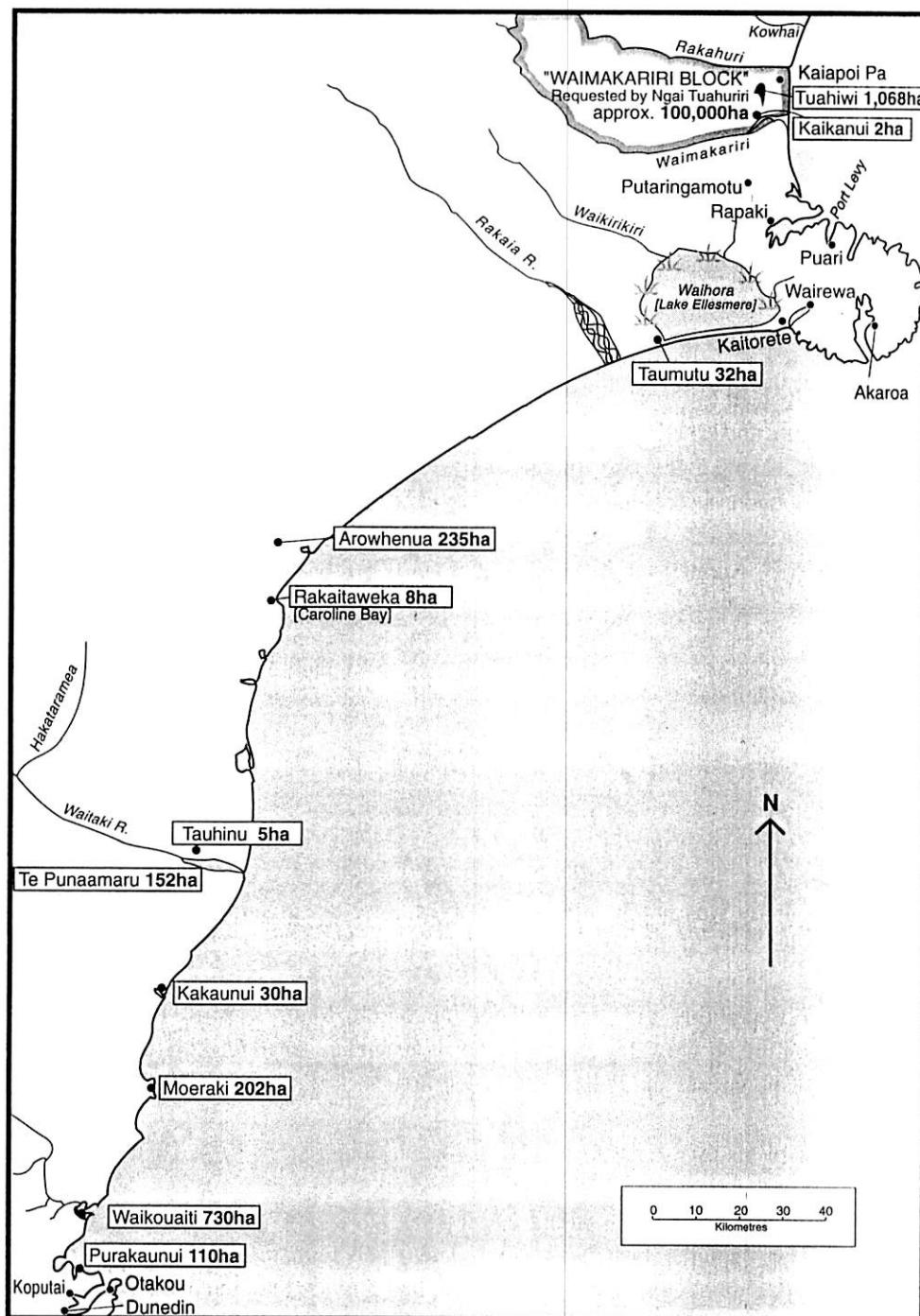
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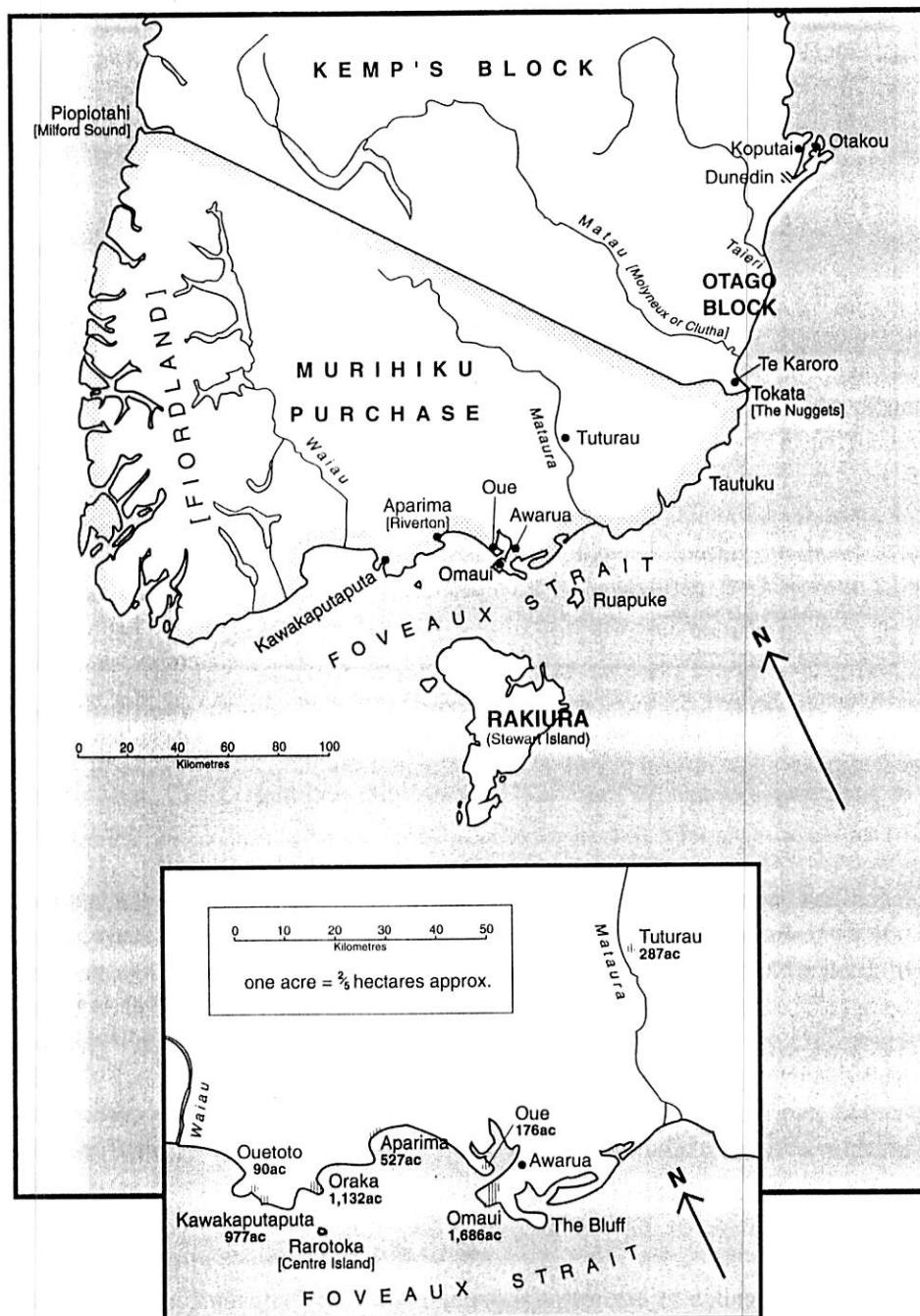
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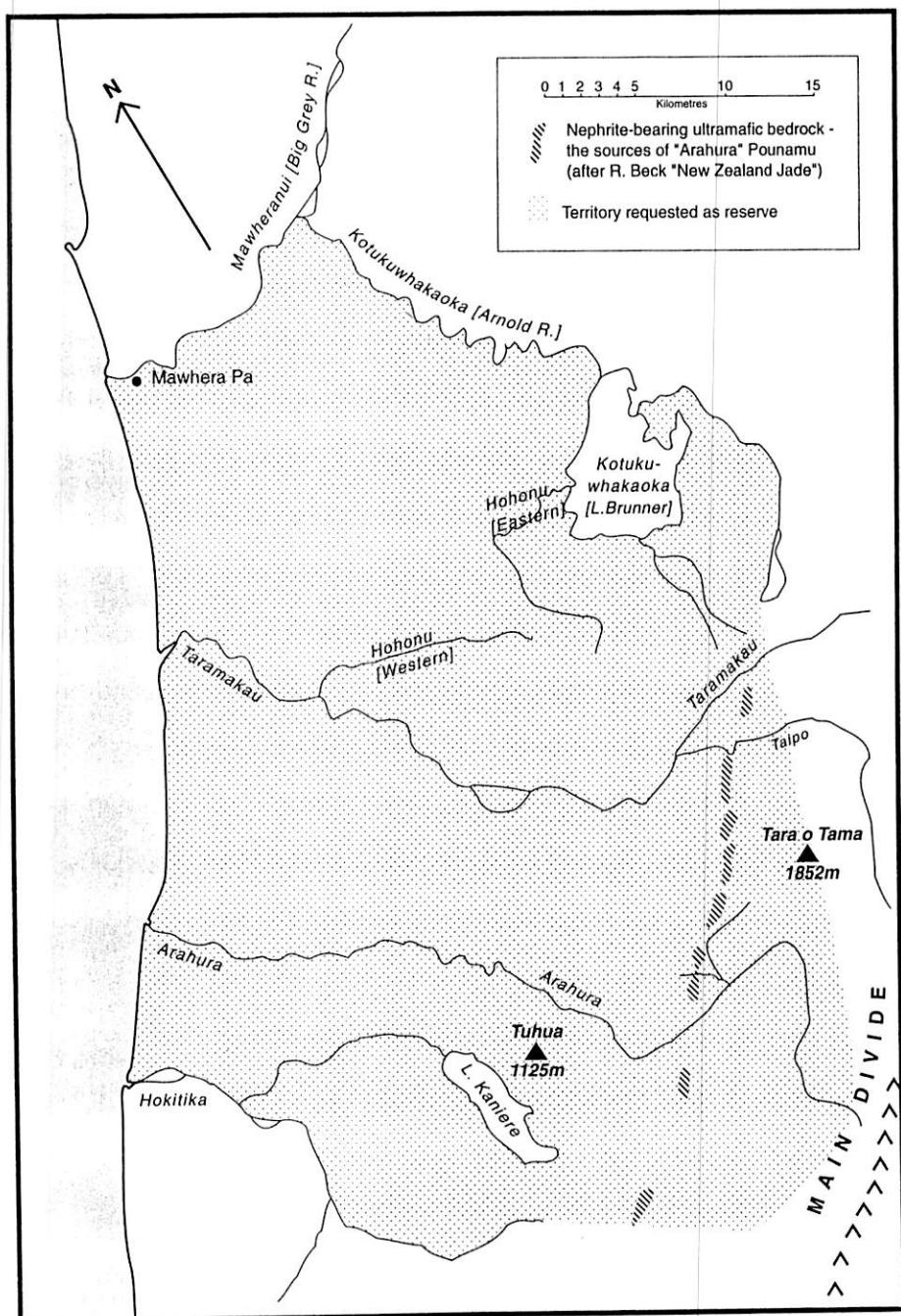
Map 11: Ngai Tahu and the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi  
[Inset: The signing of the Treaty in Northern New Zealand]



Map 24: Walter Mantell's Reserves for Kemp's Purchase, 1848



Map 27: The Murihiku Purchase 1853, showing Mantell's reserves



Map 32: Reserve requested by Poutini Ngai Tahu from Arahura Purchase