



How have humans changed the coastal ecosystem of Otago?

Has there been a change in estuary health since human arrival in New Zealand?

Humans only arrived in NZ ~700 years ago and have made huge changes to the environment in that short time period.

I will use red cod bones and cockle shells from archaeological deposits from early Maori settlers and samples I collect to see if growth rate and food web structuring has changed between then and now.



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