

# New Zealand oil spill worsens



NEW  
ZEALAND

Auckland

NORTH  
ISLAND

Wellington

Mount  
Maunganui  
beach

BAY OF  
PLENTY

Tauranga

Papamoa  
beach

Motiti  
Island

Oil expected to  
reach Tauranga  
port and beaches  
south to Maketu

Maketu

4km

2.5 miles

The oil spill from a stranded cargo ship has become New Zealand's worst maritime environmental disaster in decades.

Up to 350 tonnes of oil have spilled to date while bad weather is increasing fears that the ship could break up, leaking the rest of its 1,700-tonne cargo

**Oct 5: MV *Rena*, headed for Tauranga, runs aground on *Astrolabe Reef***



**Wildlife:** Conservationists warn of impending tragedy, with penguins, seals, whales, and seabirds set to be hardest hit

**Most vulnerable of around 85 seabird breeding species include *Little blue penguin* and endangered *New Zealand dotterel*, of which only 1,200 survive**