Restoring the Coast – what are we trying to conserve?

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Introduction

- The realities of coastal change
- Terrestrial versus coastal conservation
- When to intervene / should we intervene?
- Caring for special places
- Ownership and support
What’s Happening?

• Coastal forms are changing:
  - breakdown from sediment rich to sediment poor

• Conservation should focus on managing the breakdown
  – Sediment management & conservation
  – Community preparation
Re-creation of Bittern Habitat
Coastal Change Management Areas
Conclusions

• An understanding of coastal processes
• Embrace climate change
• Conservation sequence: function-form-habitat-species
• A Strategic Approach – SMPs, Strategies & CCMAs
• Think long term – 100 years+
• Community involvement