

Explanation of categories used in the
recreational angling survey booklet

You should only fill in the categories if you have actually fished the river under consideration. In other words leave a blank beside those rivers you are not familiar with.

1. Importance of the river to you as an angler

This category relies on your own judgement and feelings about the rivers you fish. The score you give each river is not necessarily related to the amount of time you spend angling on it. You may for instance, value the headwaters of a remote river highly, because of the quality of the whole angling experience even although you only manage a trip every 2-3 years. On the other hand, you may value a river close to home as it allows you to go fishing frequently. One way of assessing the importance of a river to you is to imagine how you would feel if you no longer had the opportunity of fishing it.

2. Average number of visits you make to fish this river each year

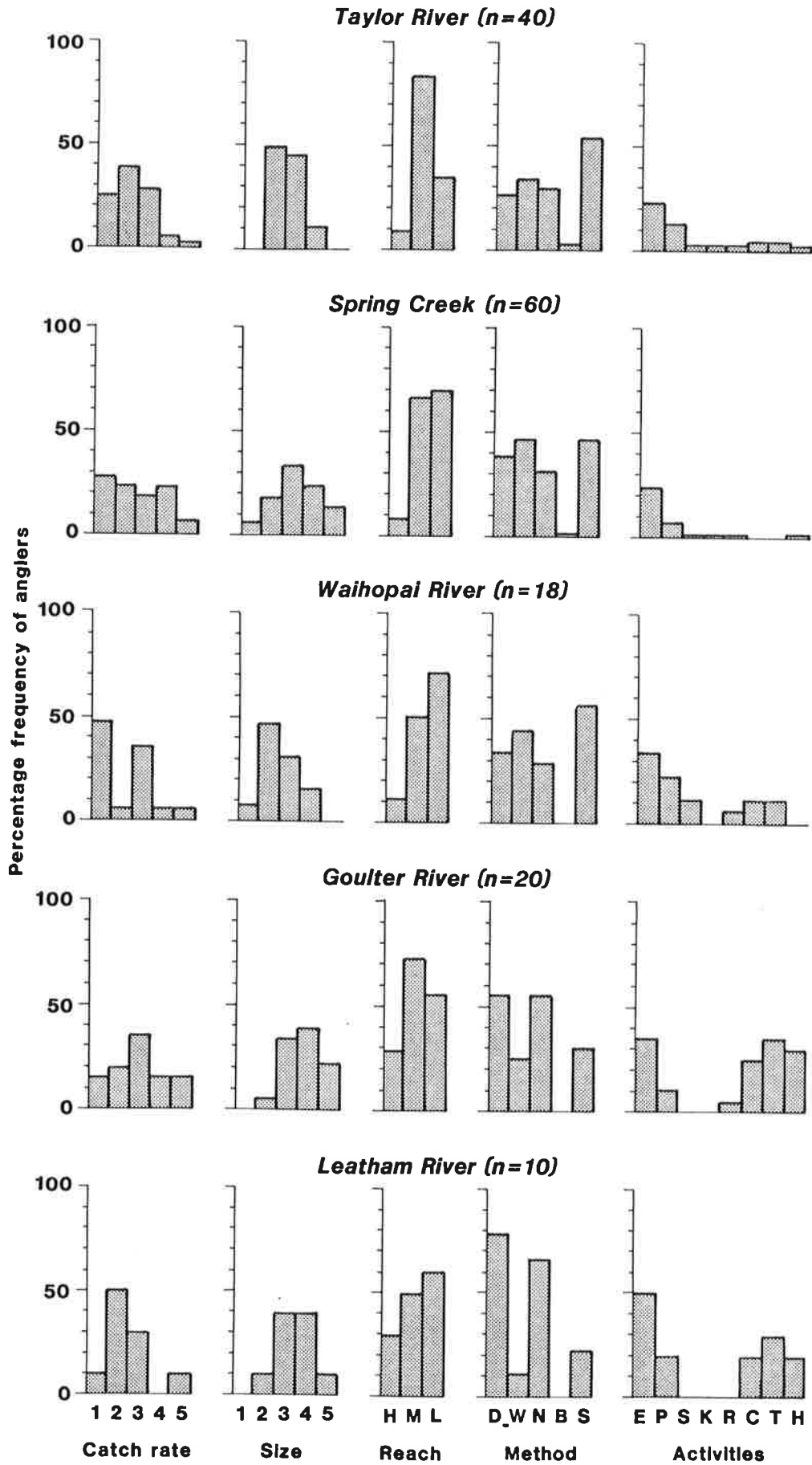
You probably don't visit a river to fish it the same number of times each year and therefore your average should be taken over the past 3-5 years angling experience. If you stay at the river for more than 1 day in order to fish, then fill in the average number of days on which you fished during your stays. If you have difficulty remembering exactly how often you fished a river an approximation will do.

3. Stretch of water fished

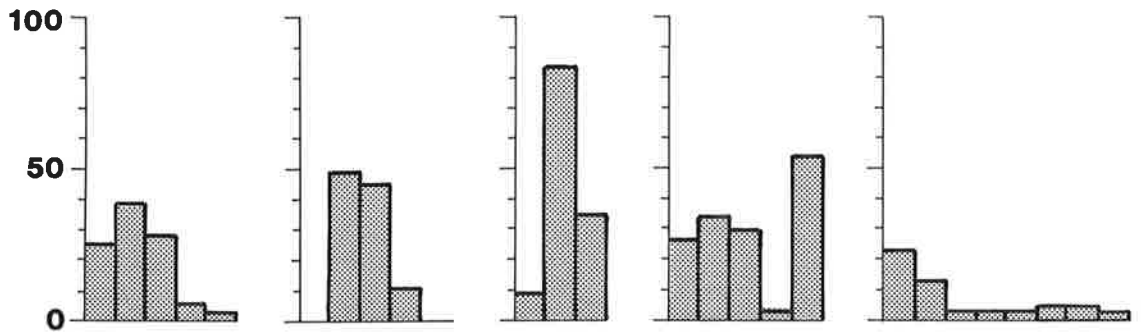
You may fish the whole length of a particular river or you may have a preferred fishing locality. As the character of a river may alter from the headwaters to the middle and lower reaches, please tick which length of river you fish. If you fish the whole river then you would tick all three categories.

4. The aim of this section is to find out why you value each river you fish. Consider each river in isolation of the others and then grade each reason between 1-5. Most of the reasons are self explanatory:

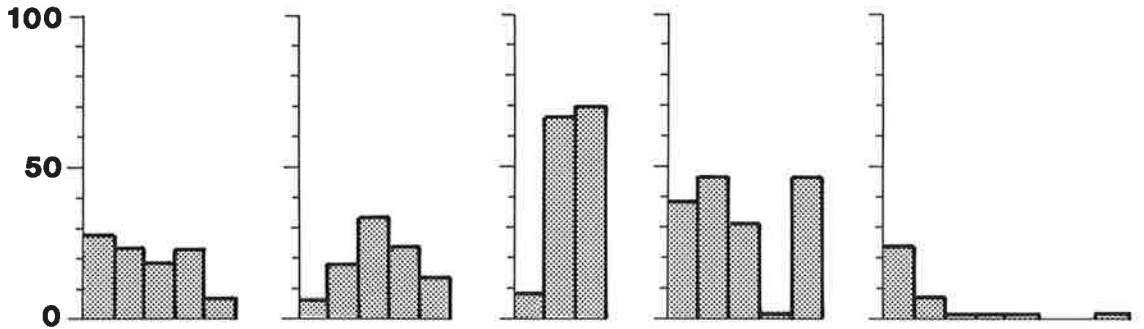
- (a) Close to where you live would include rivers which can be reached by a short drive.
- (b) Easy access would include rivers which can be driven to, or that only involve a short walk to reach the river bed.
- (c) Large area of water fishable incorporates the possibility of walking beside, or wading through long stretches of water, which may contain both pools and riffles in order to continue angling without having to leave the river.
- (d) Scenic beauty should include the river bed, the river, the river banks and surrounding views, either immediate or panoramic.
- (e) Feelings of solitude/peace may be gained without being in a wilderness area and will be influenced by the geography of the river. For instance, if fishing in a gorge, the existence of a road above may not detract from feelings of solitude if it is out of sight and the traffic noise cannot be heard.



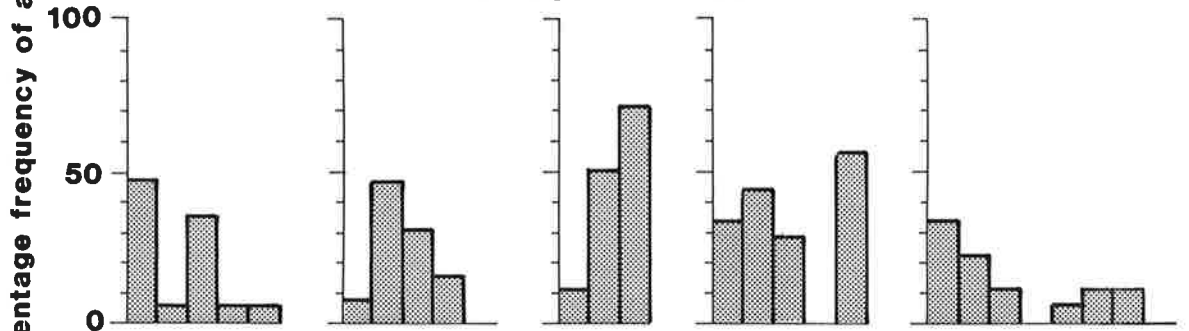
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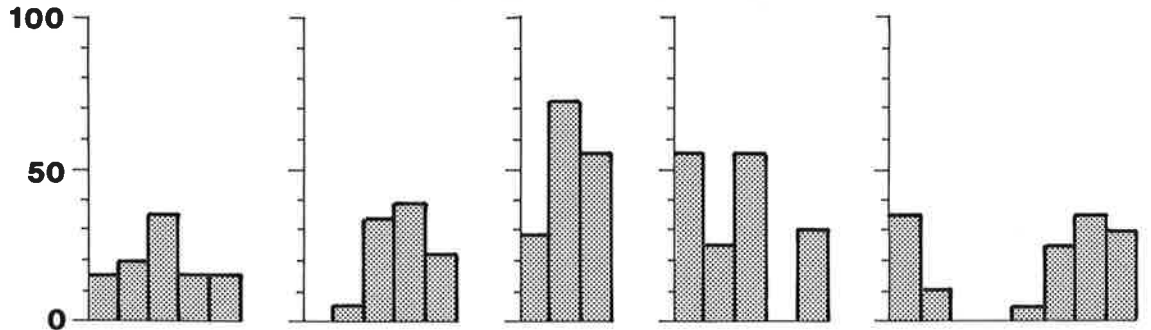
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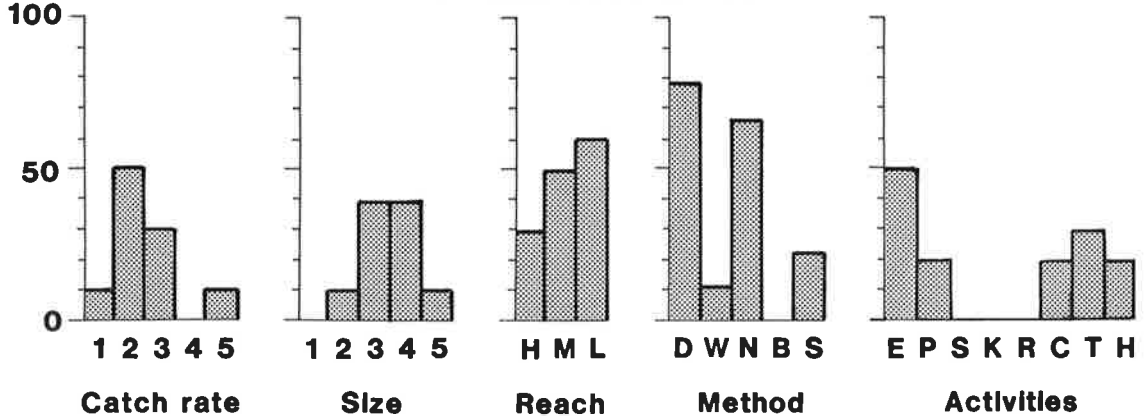
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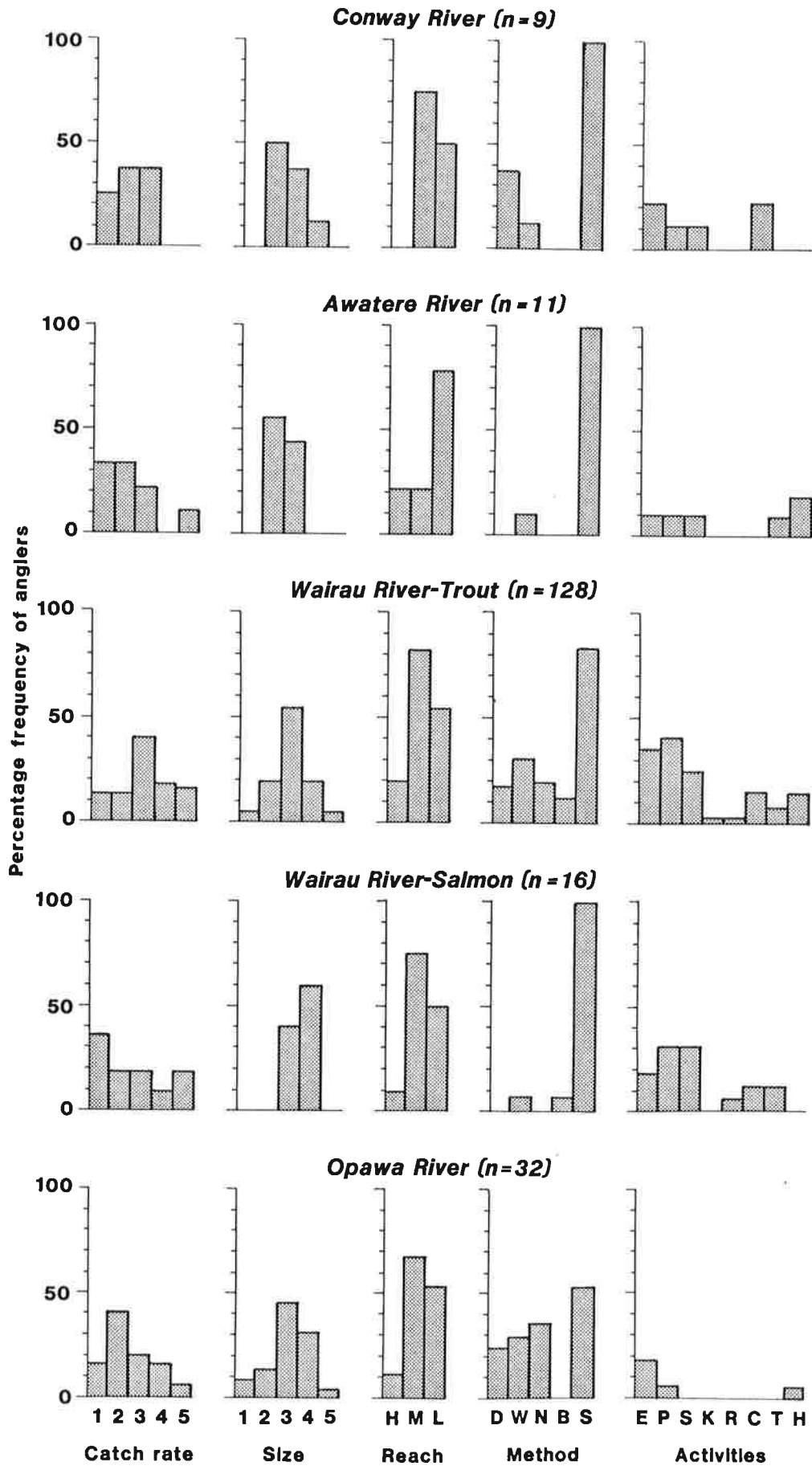


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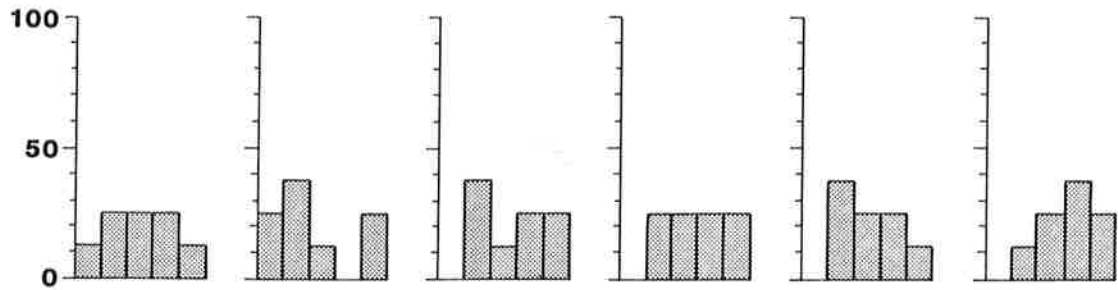


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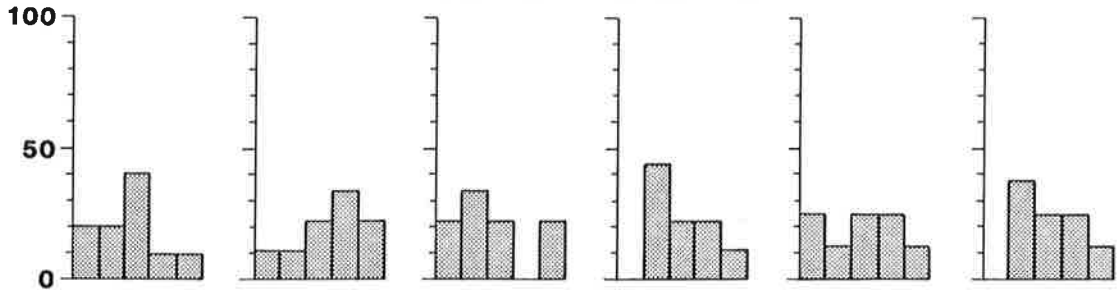




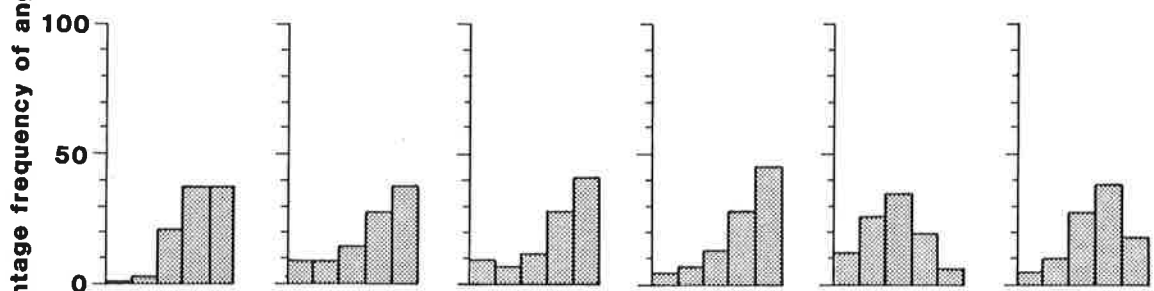
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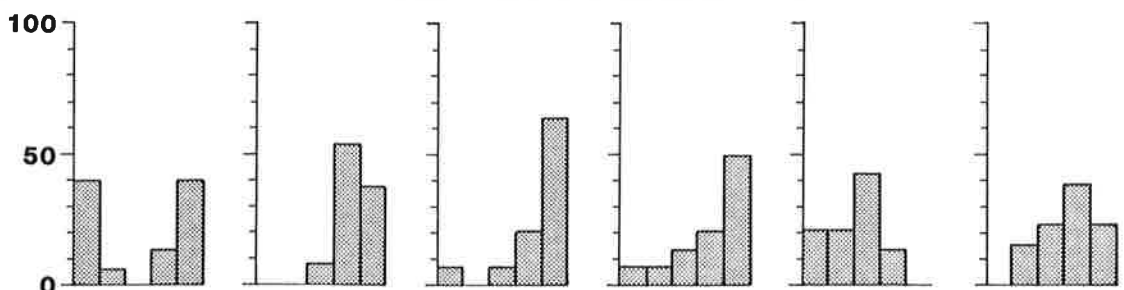
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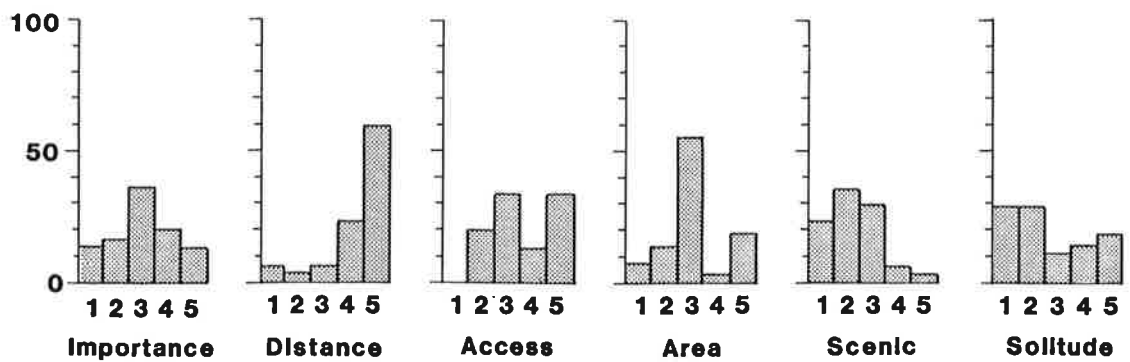
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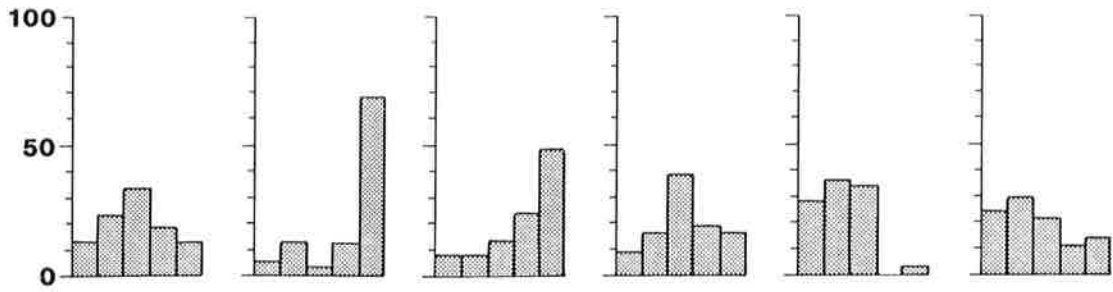
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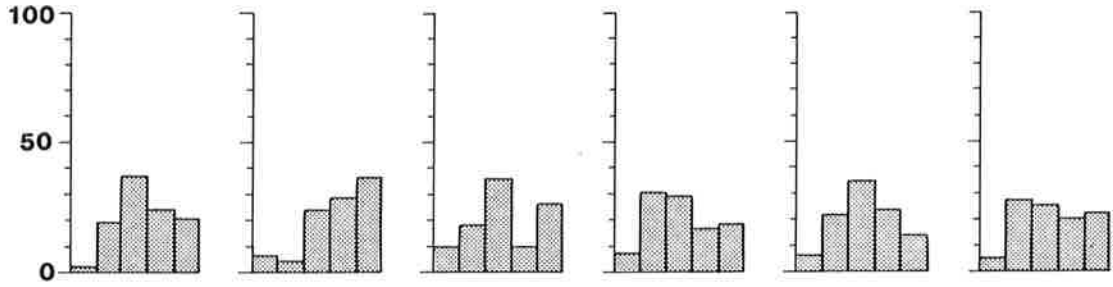
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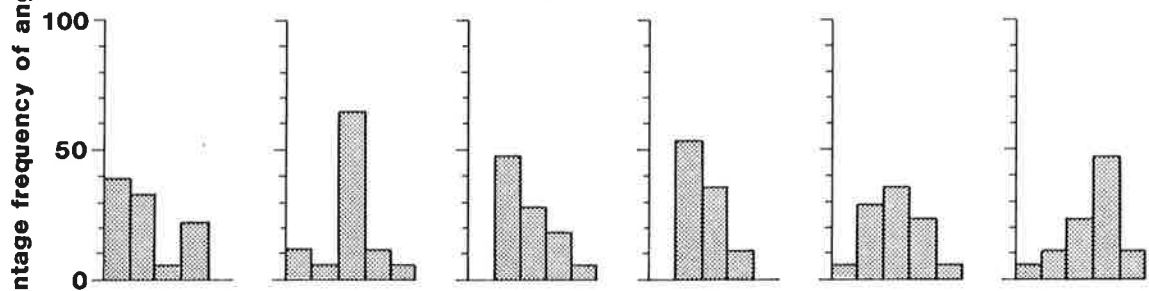
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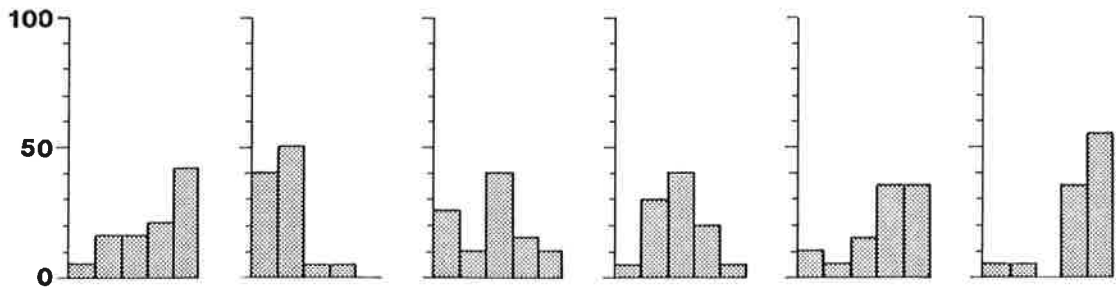
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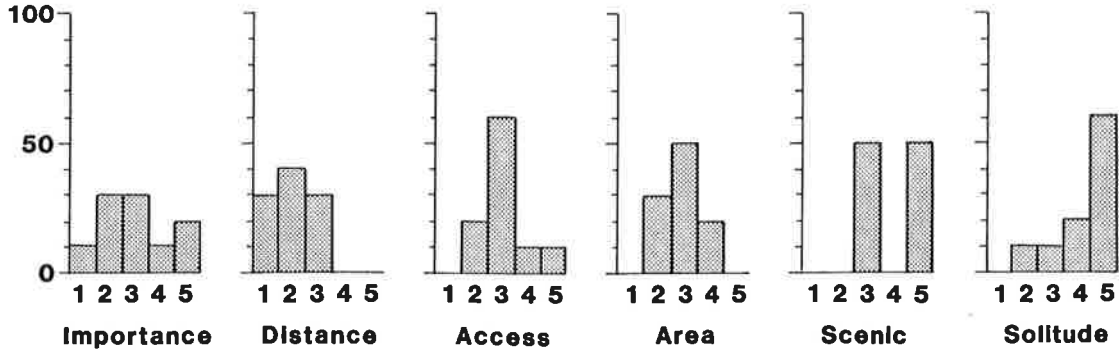
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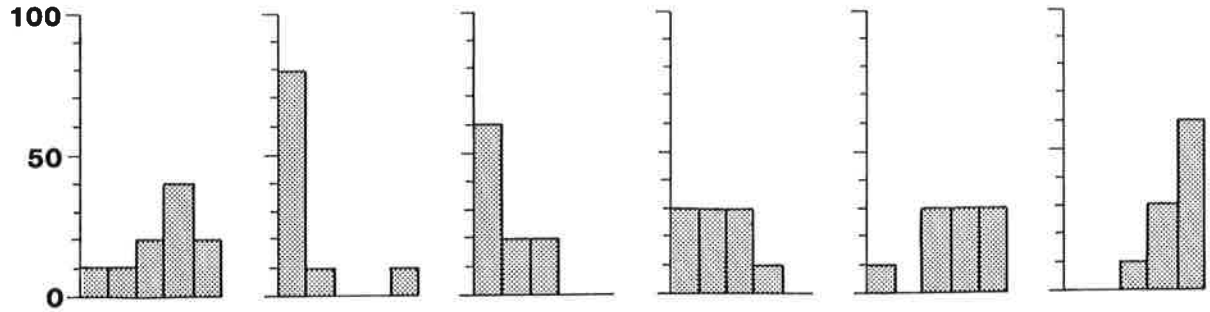
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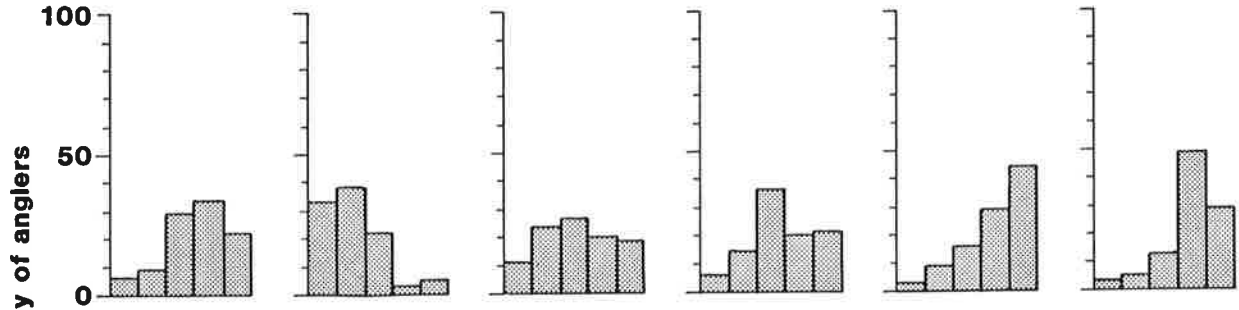
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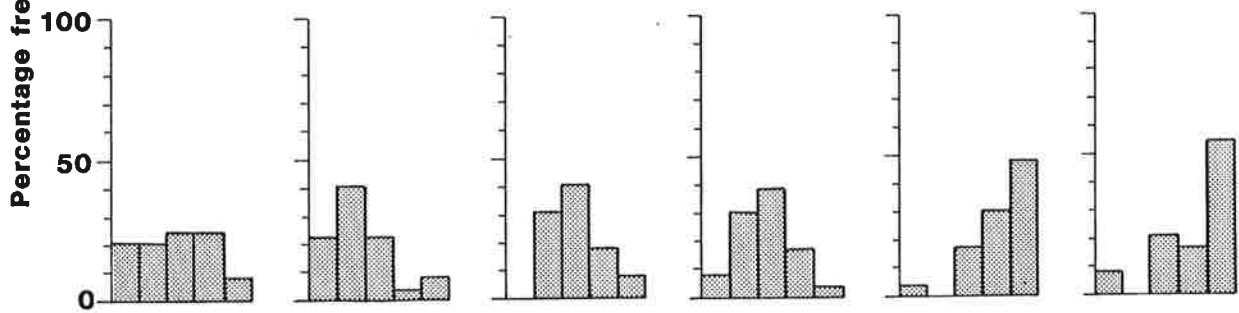
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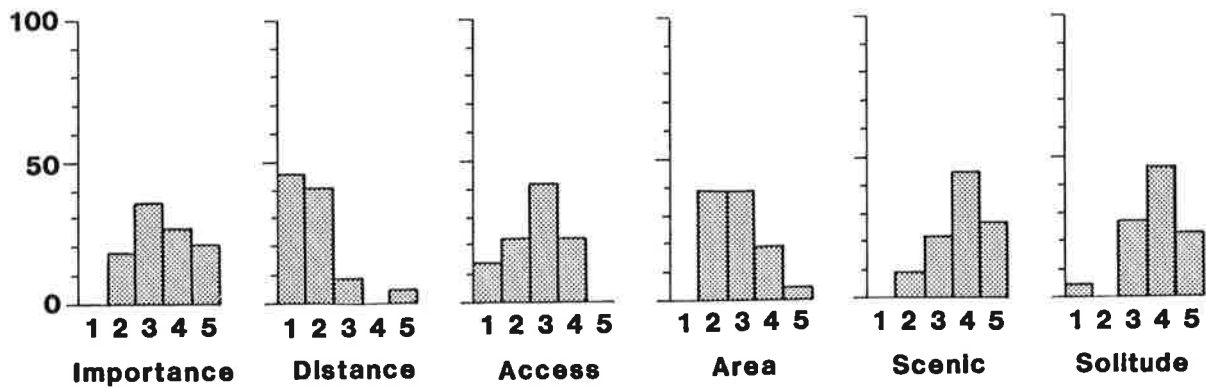
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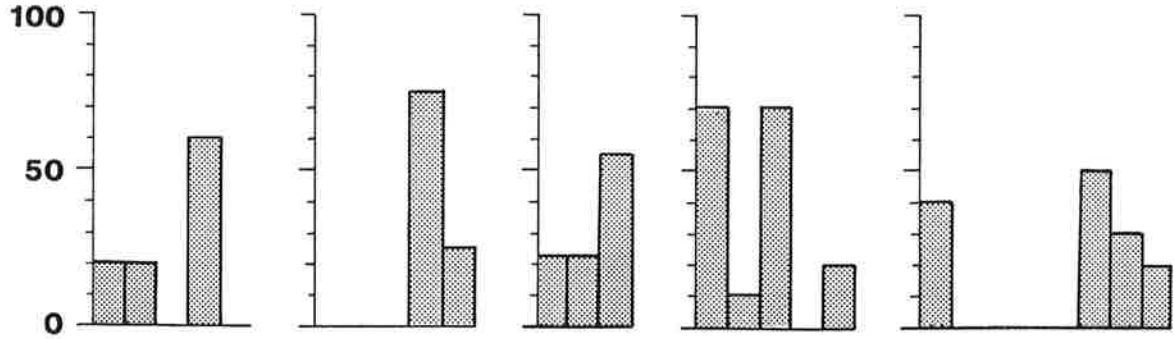
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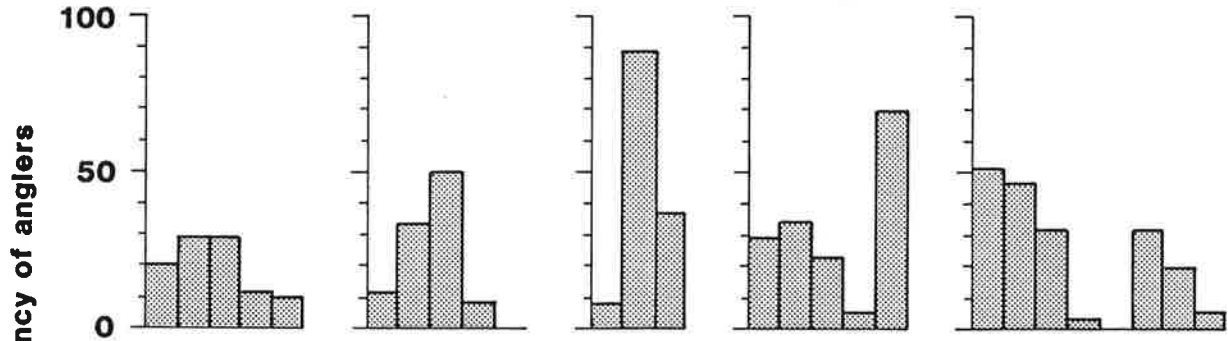
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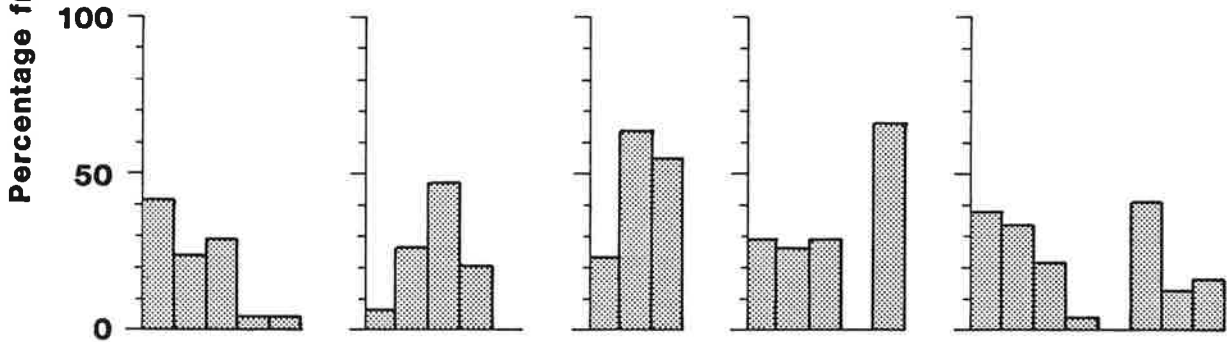
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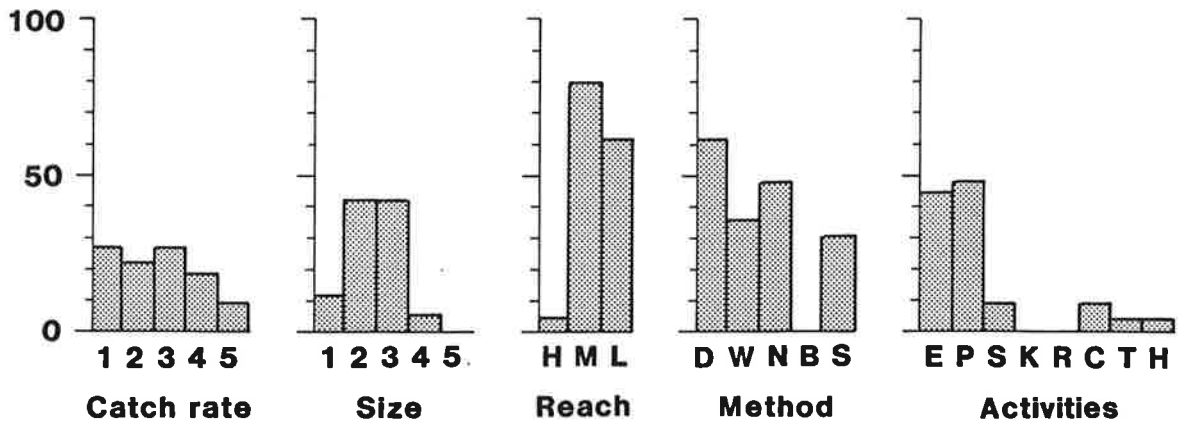
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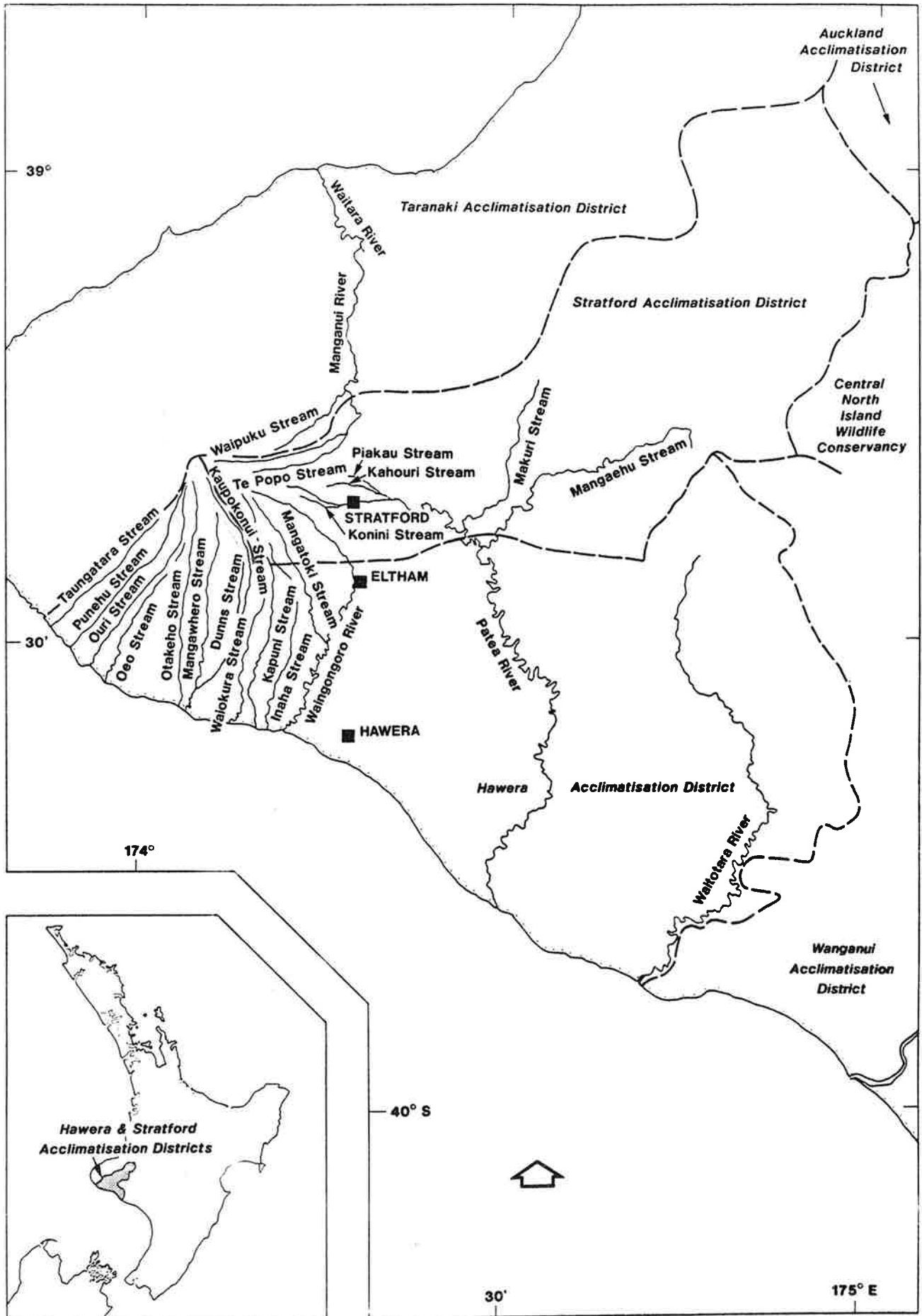


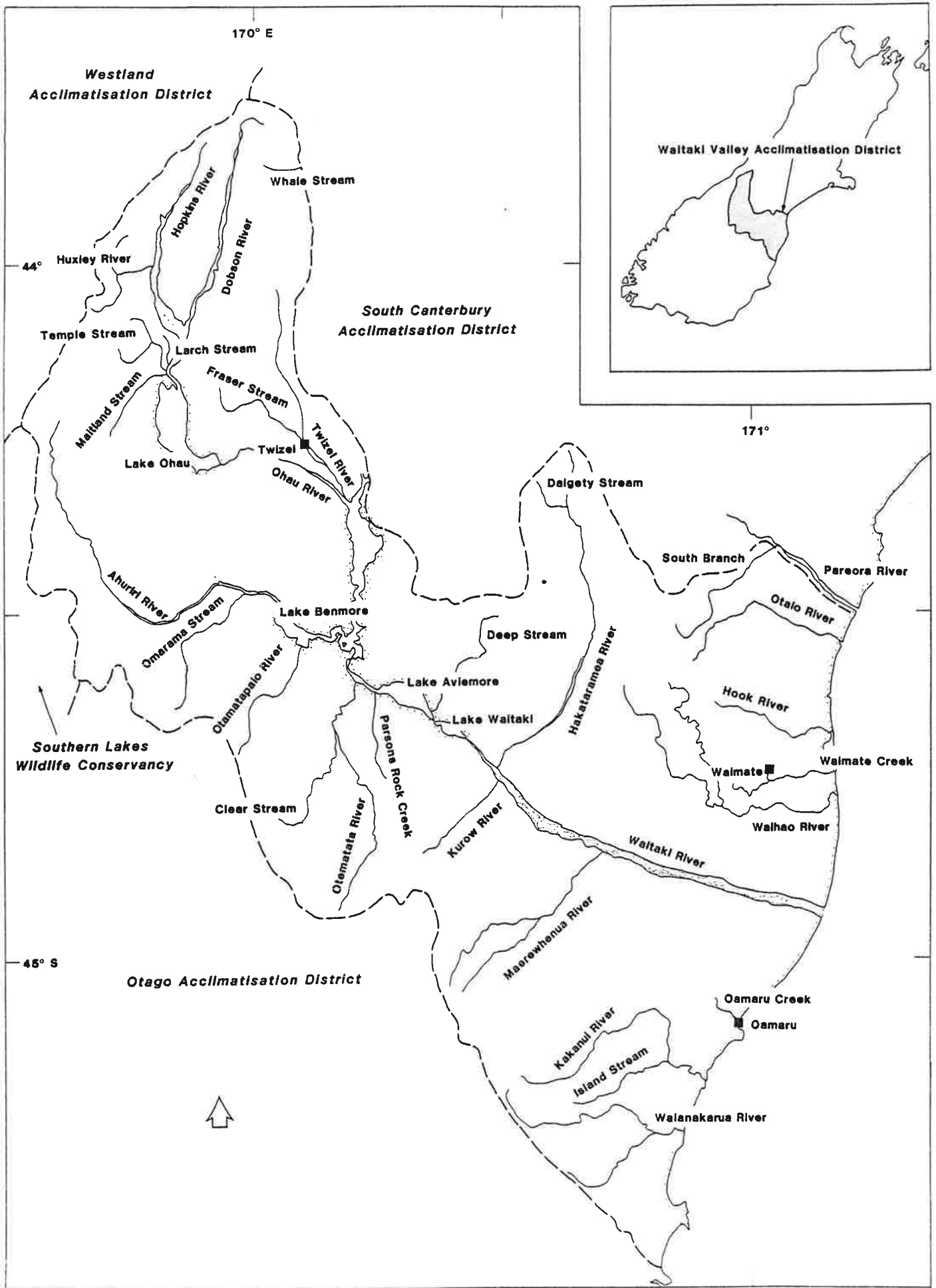
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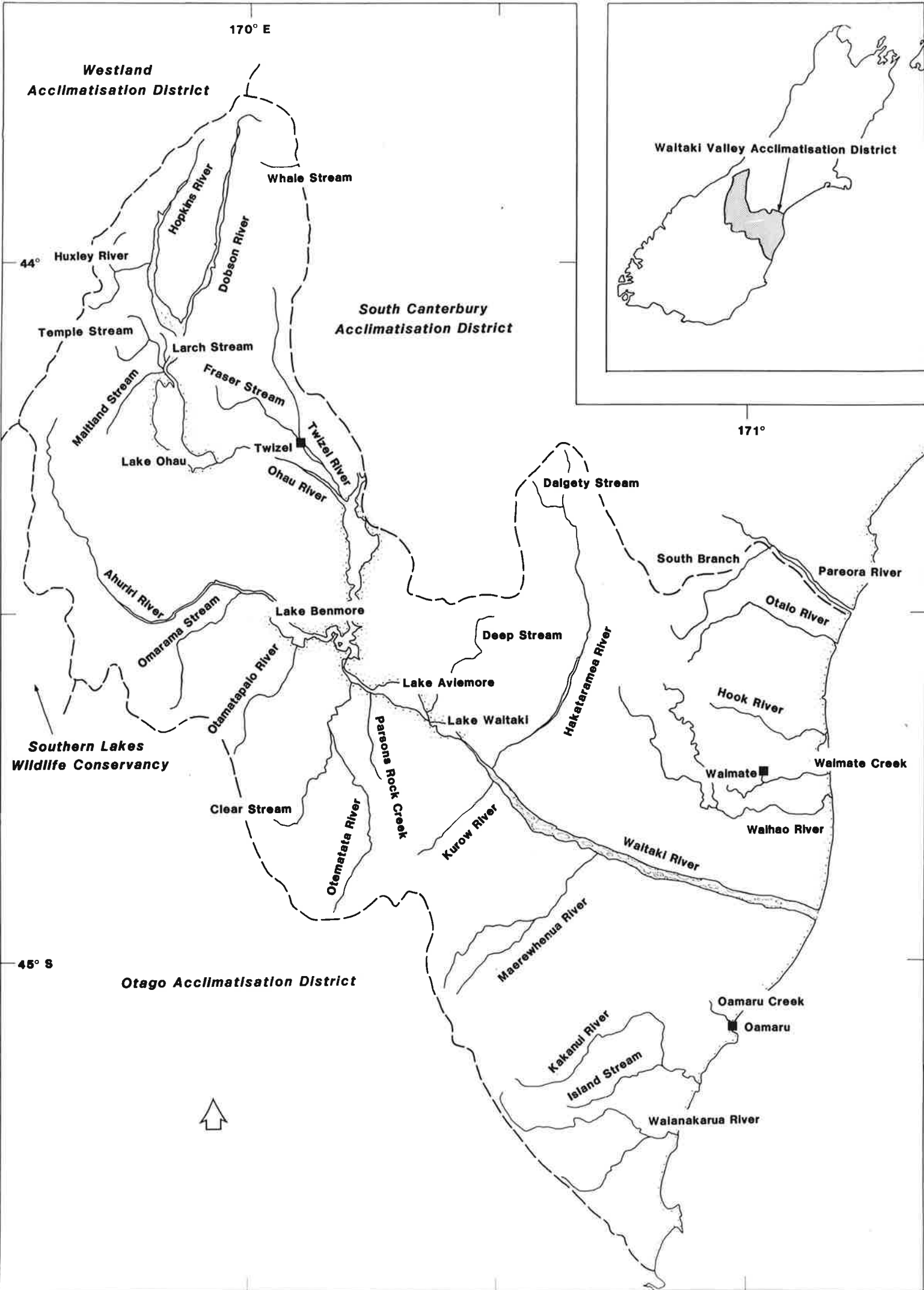
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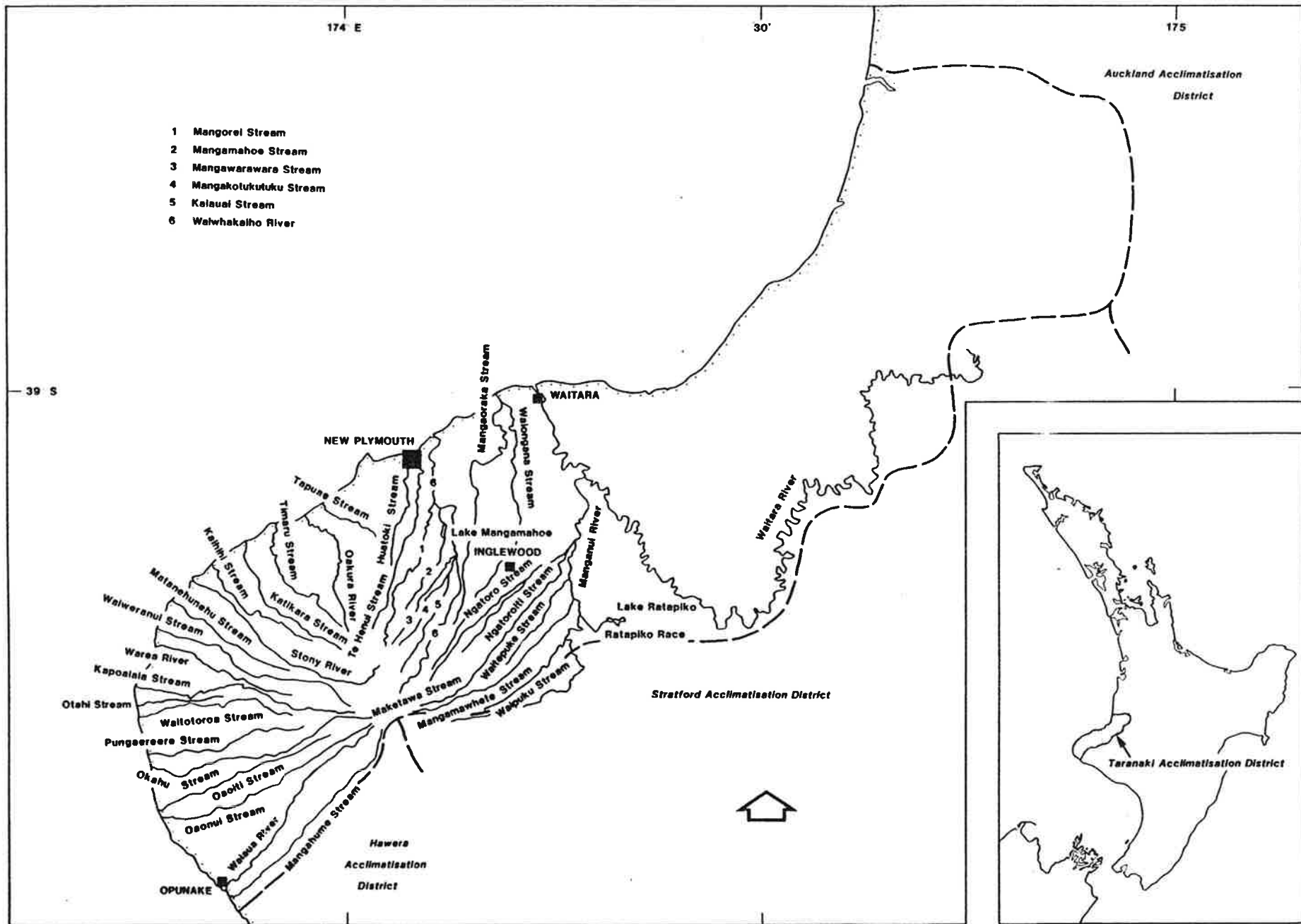
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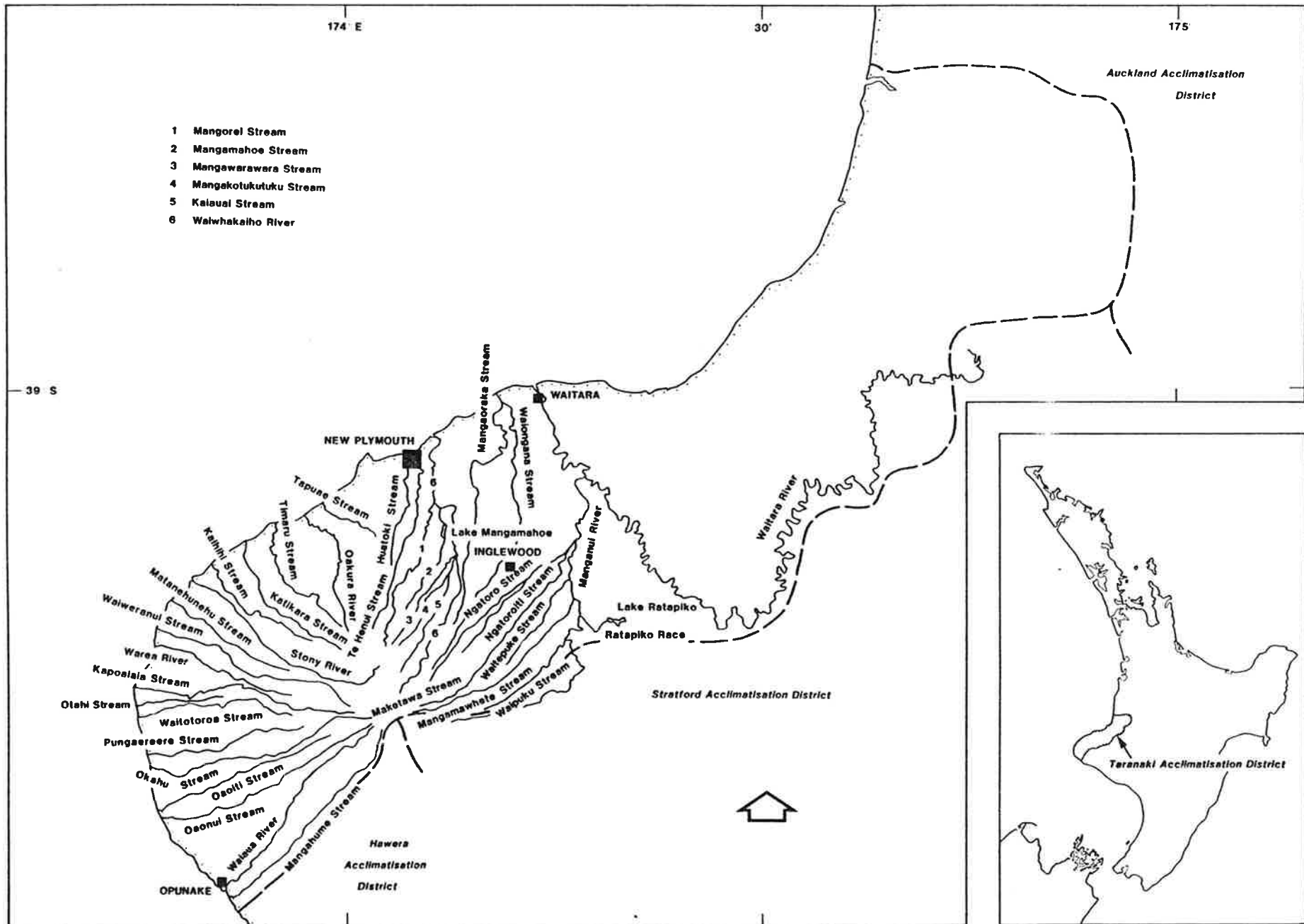
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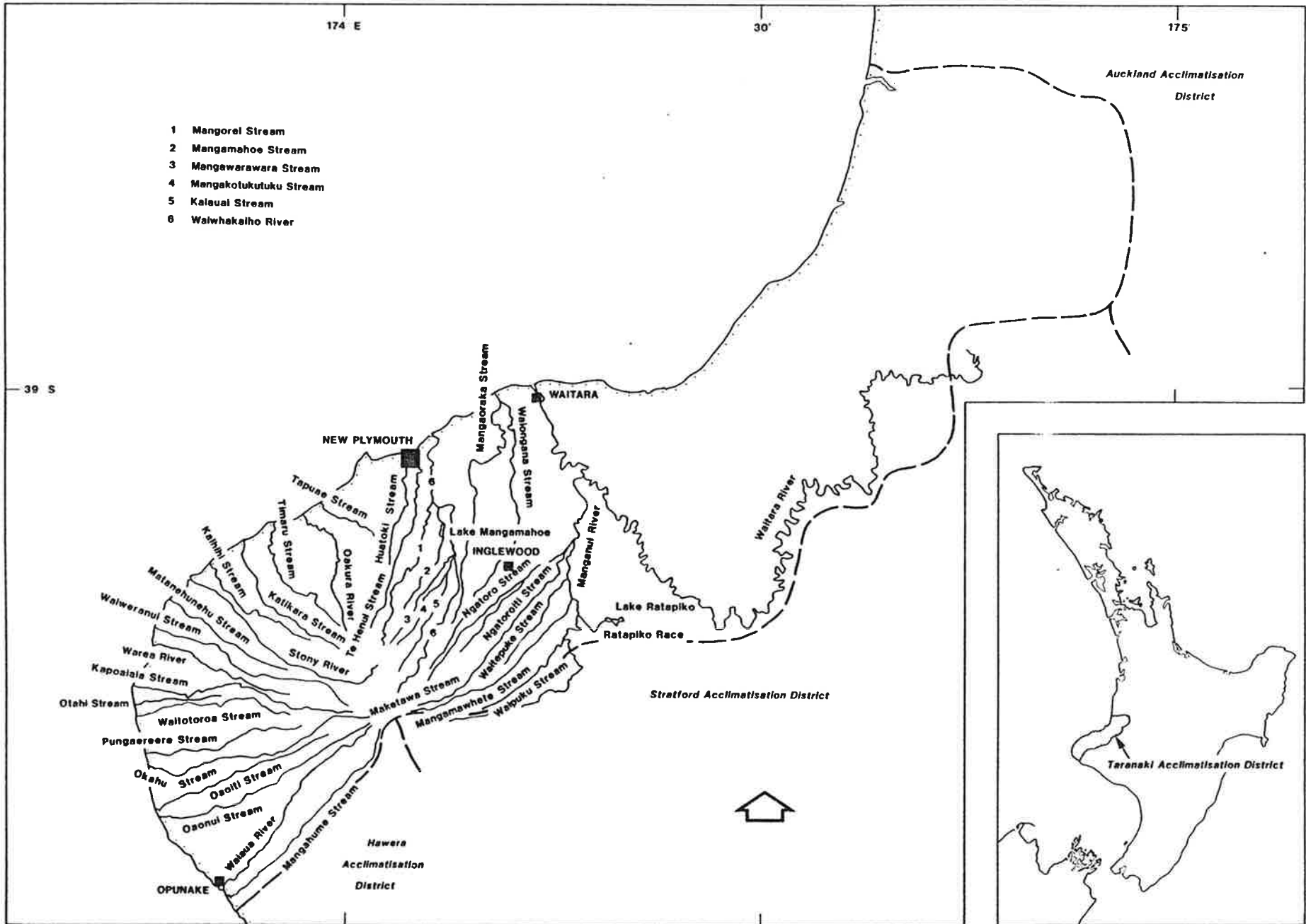
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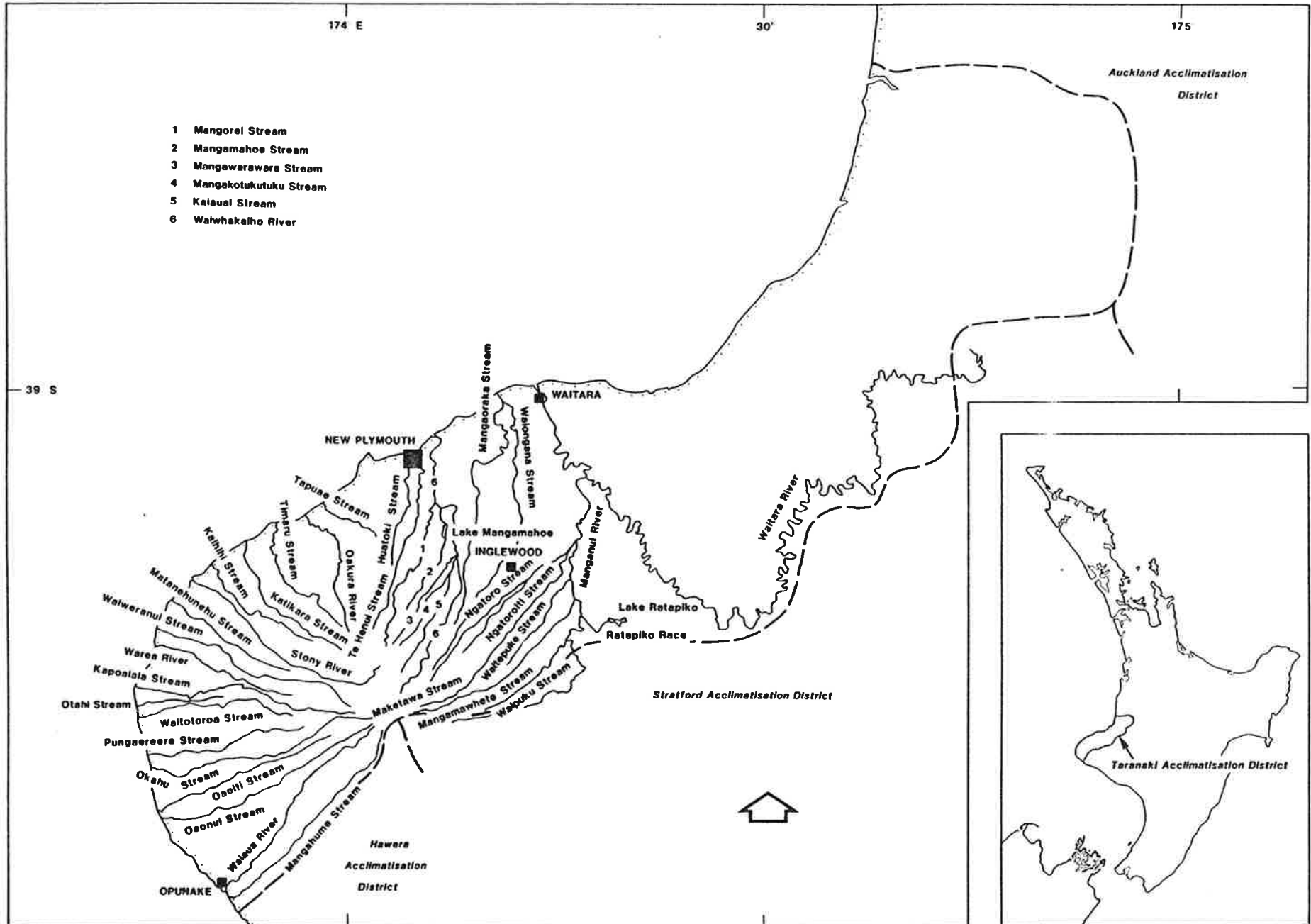
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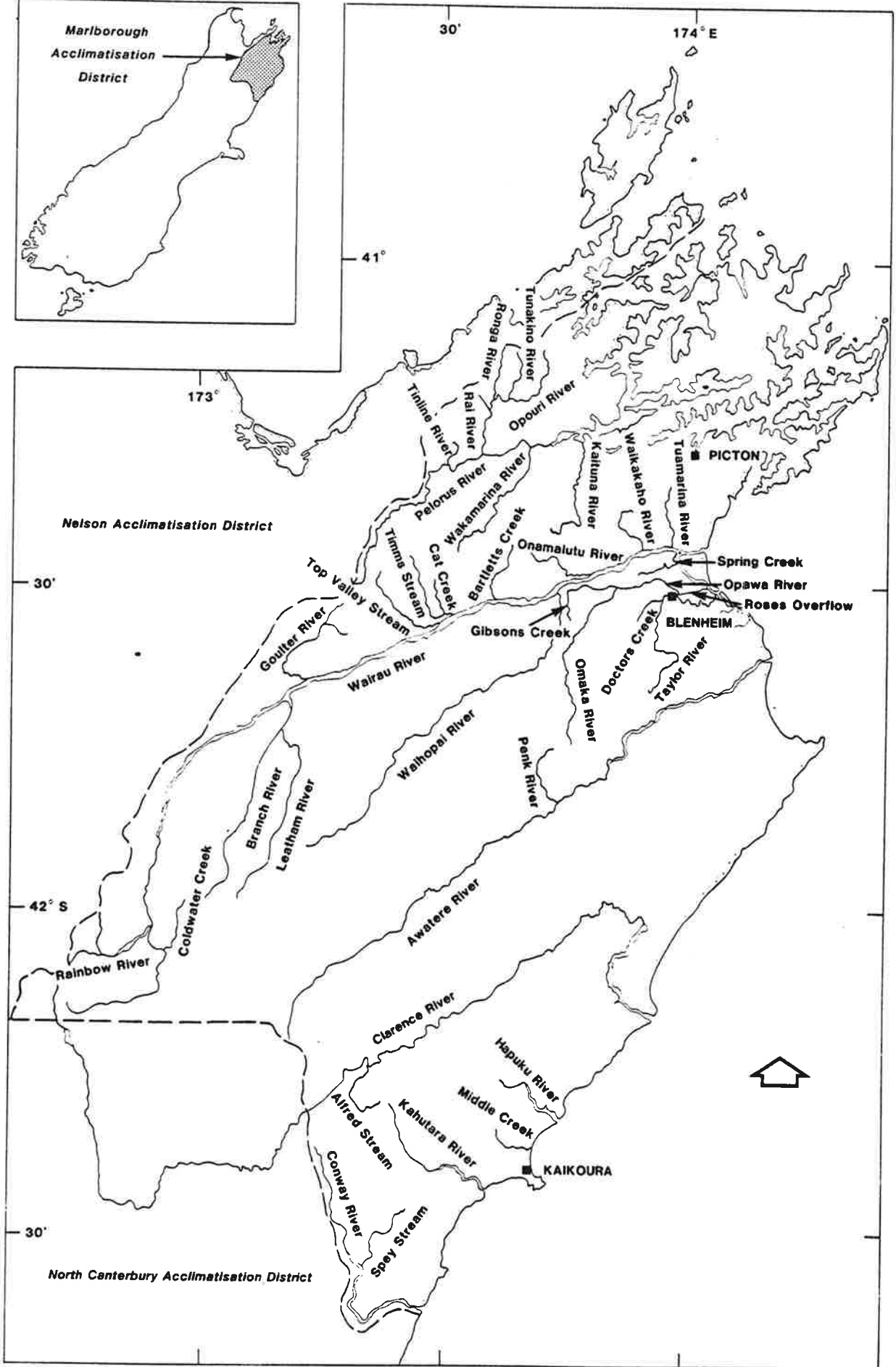
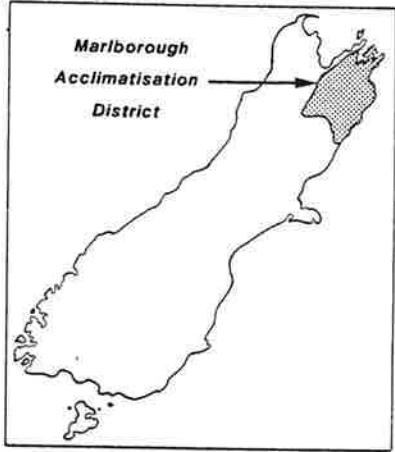


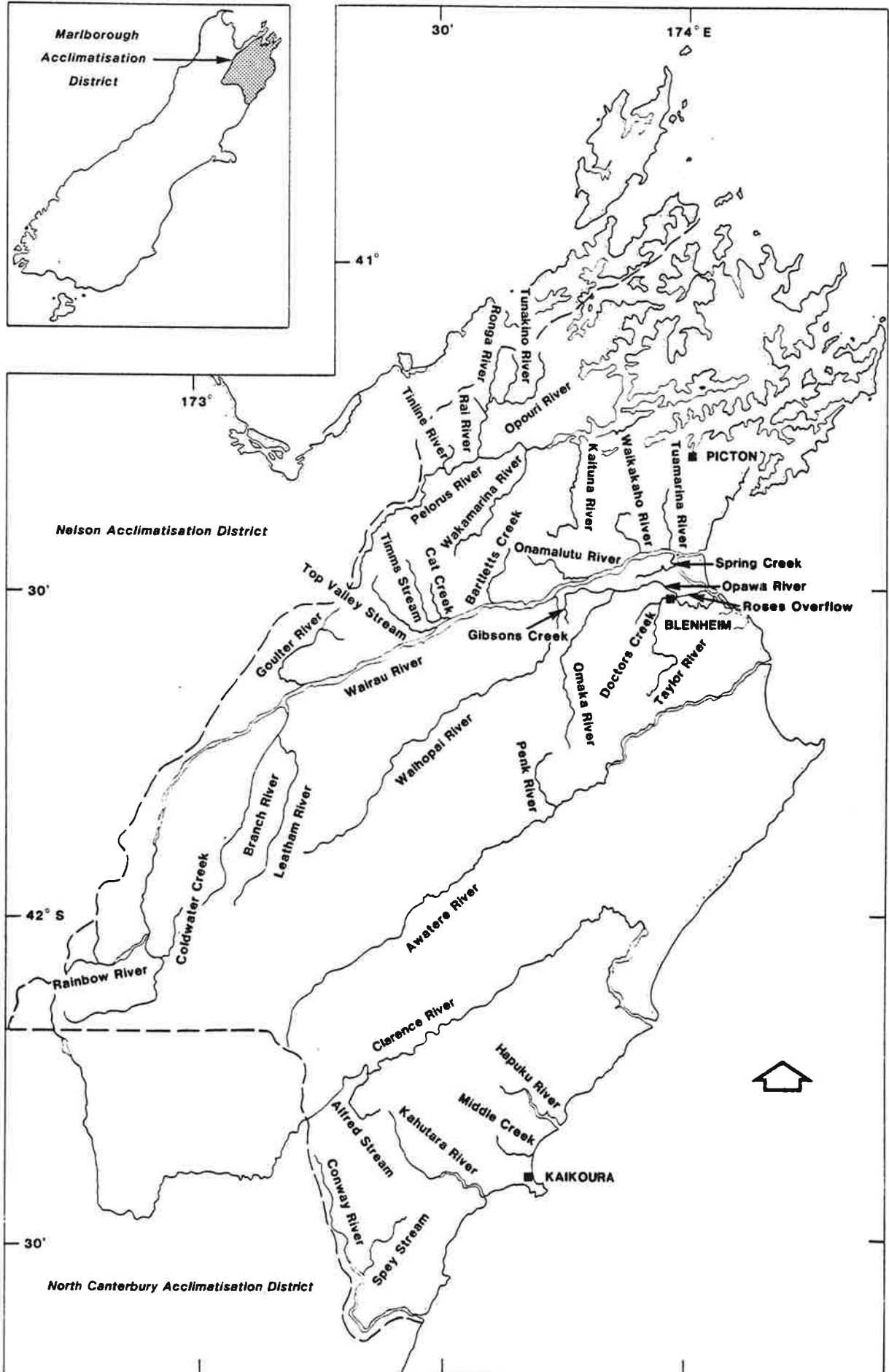
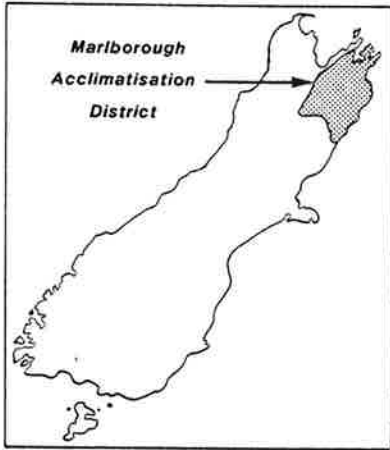


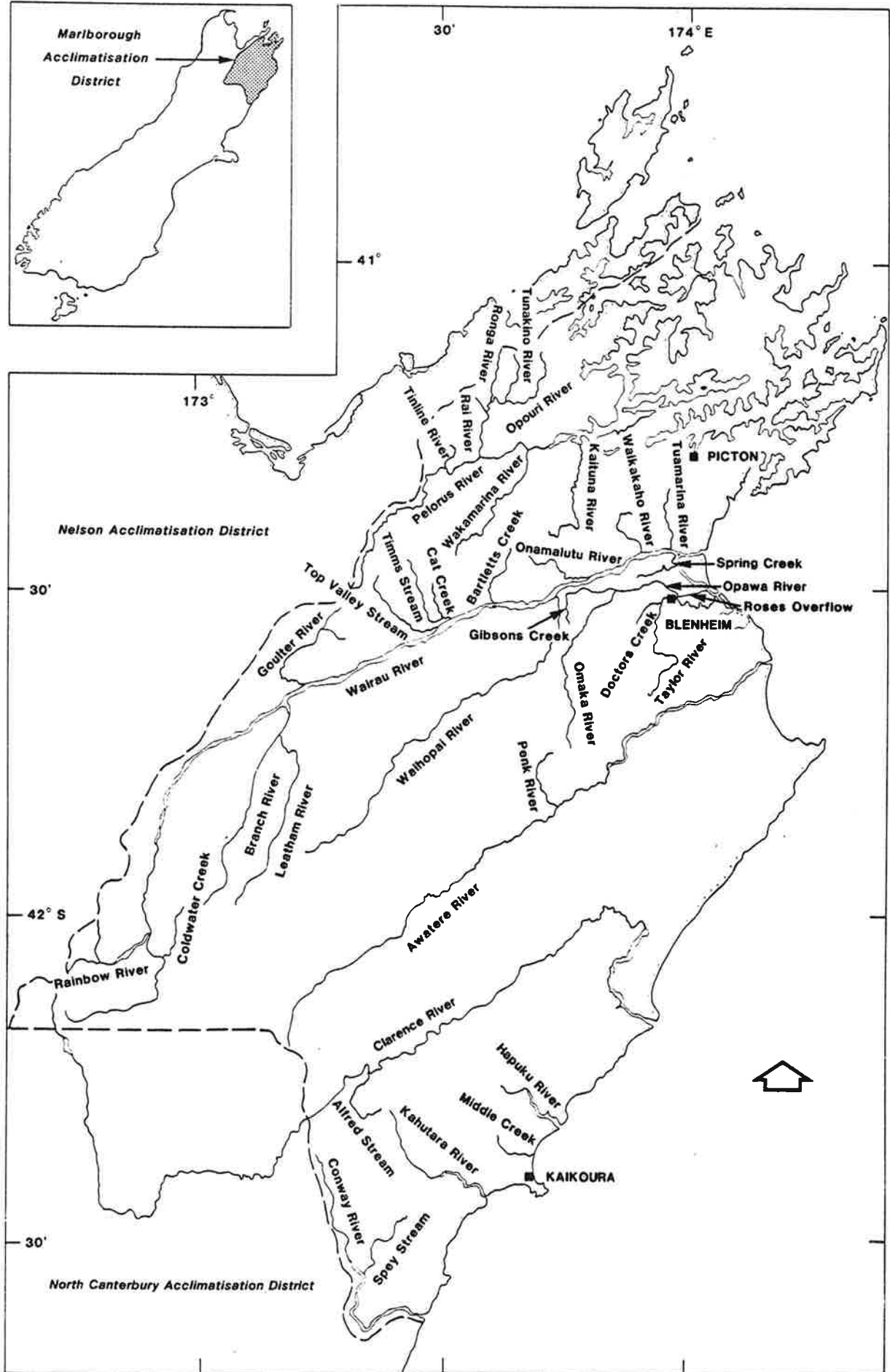
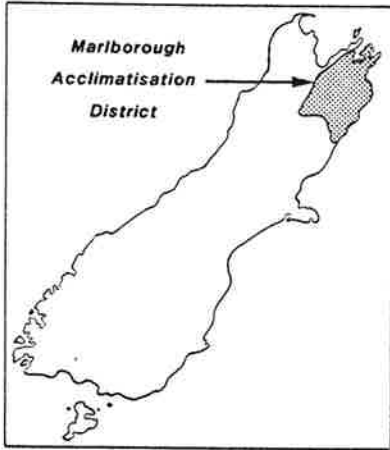


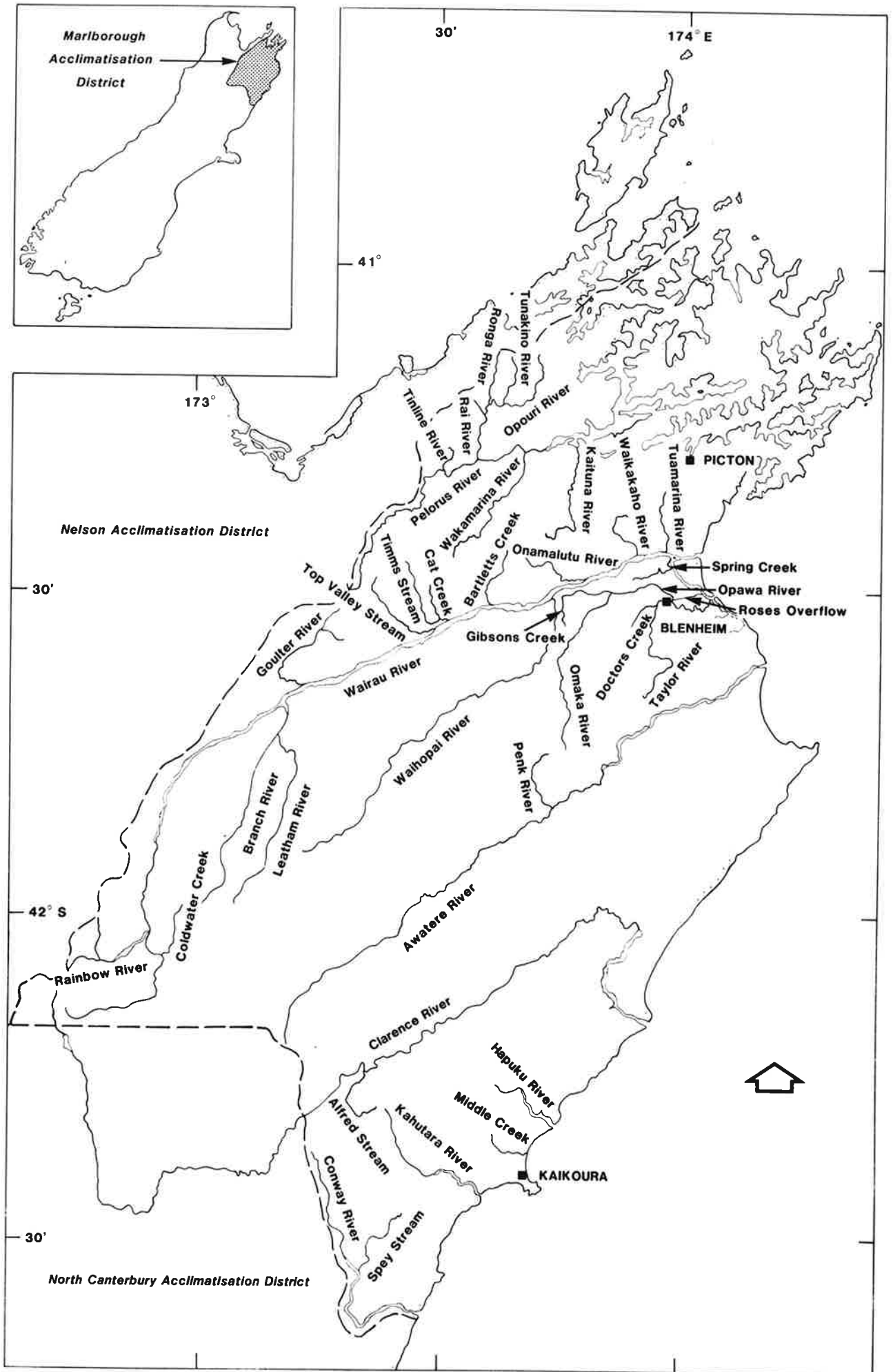
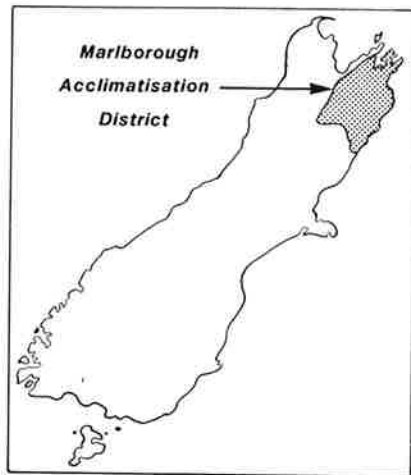












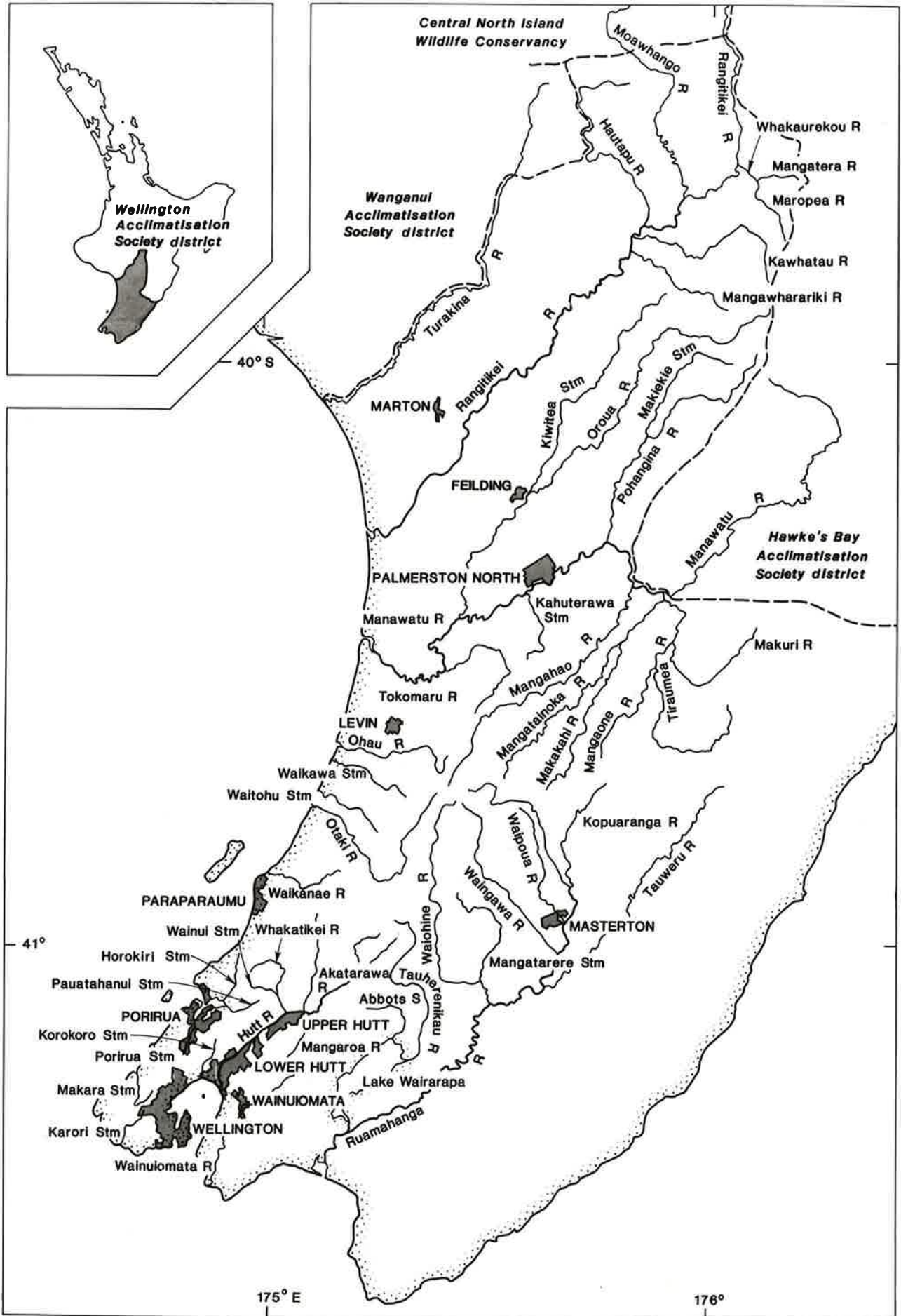


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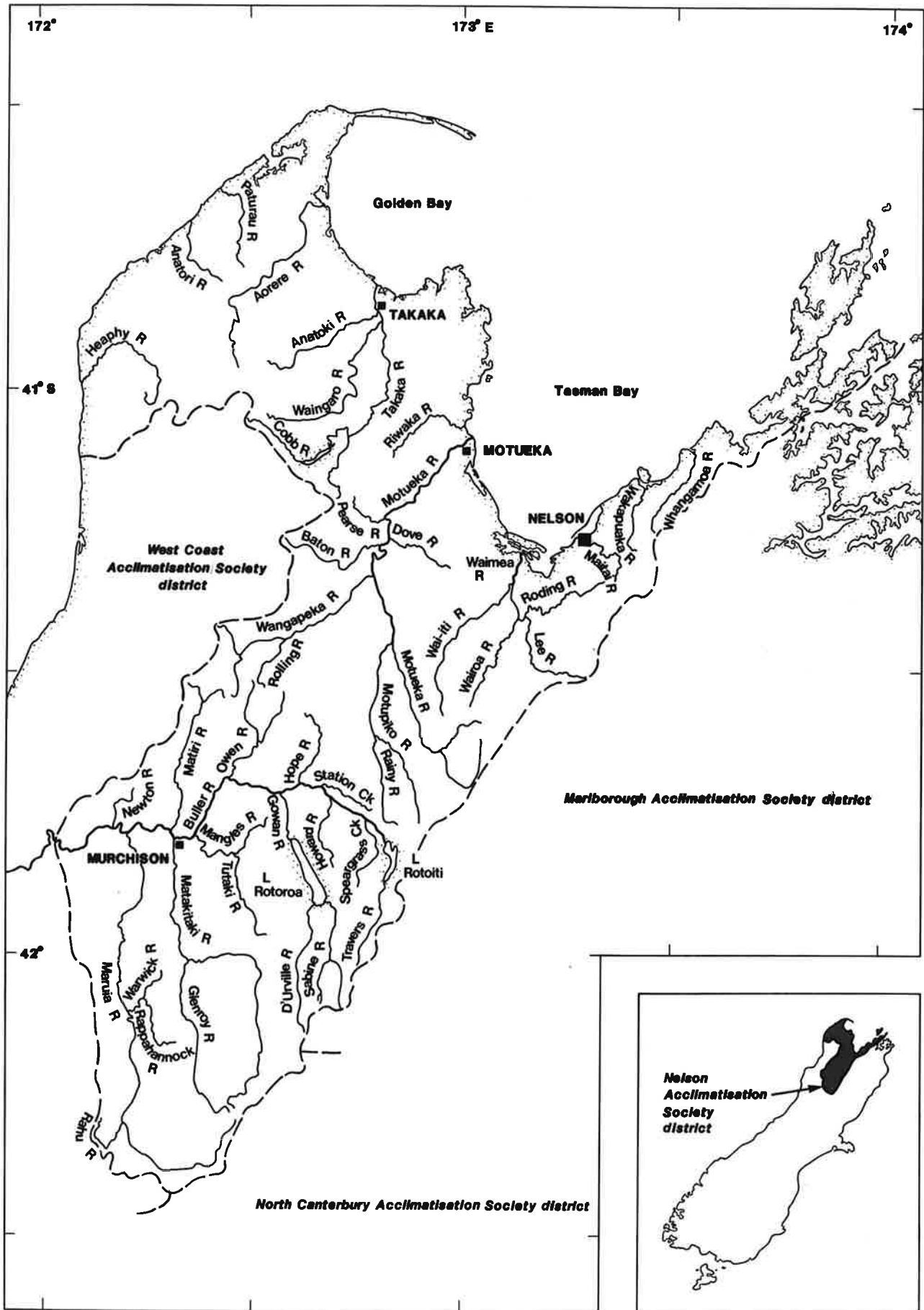


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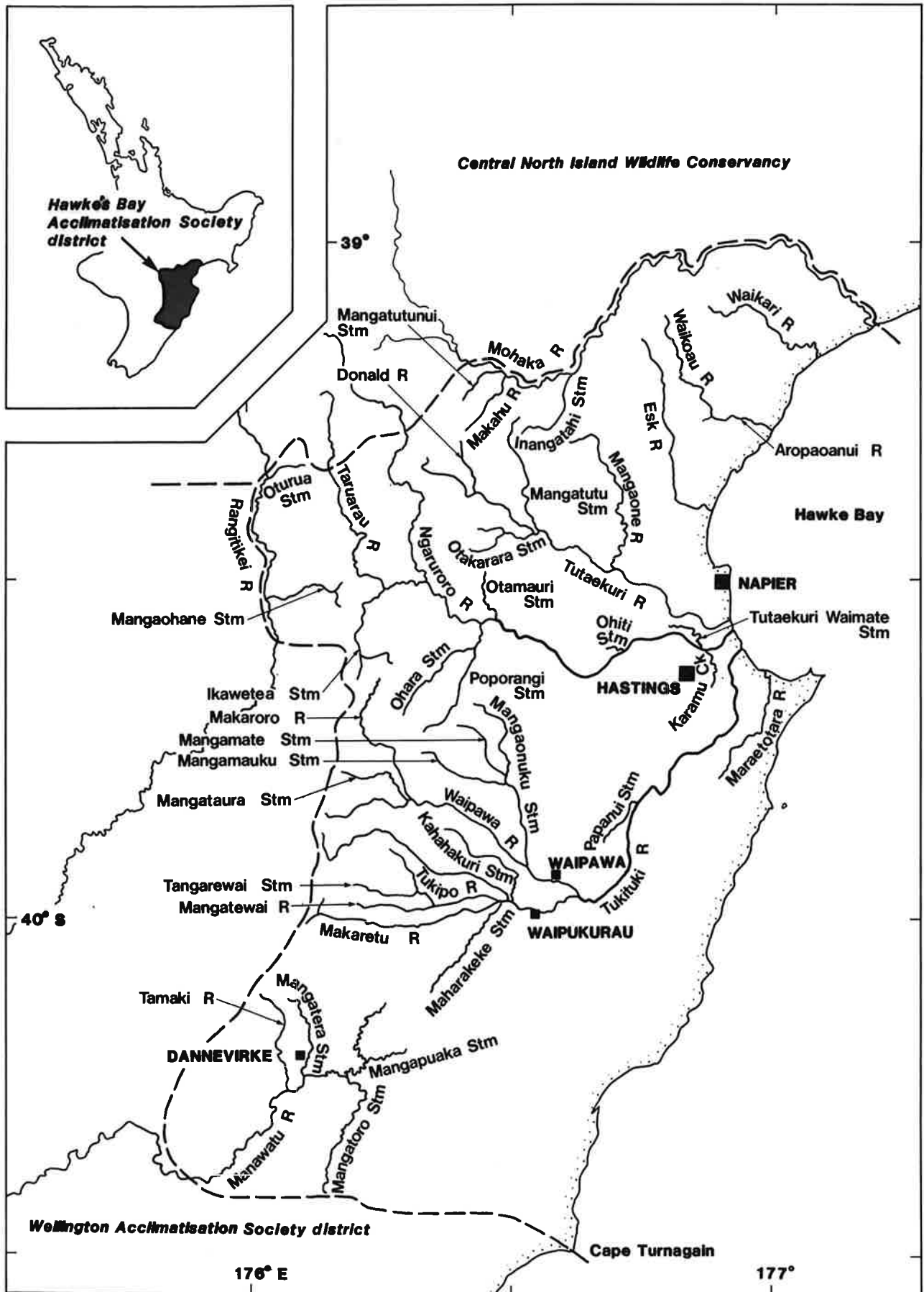


FIGURE 1. The Hawke's Bay Acclimatisation Society district.