## Maori methods and indicators for marine protection



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### **GLOSSARY OF MAORI WORDS**

awa/river, channel mataitai/reserved sea area for

marae use hapu/sub-tribe

matauranga/knowledge hapuka/groper

moana/sea harekeke/flax

mokopuna/grandchildren hui/meeting

Pakeha/non-Maori ika/fish pakeke/customs iwi/tribe parengo/seaweed kai/feed, food pupu/periwinkle Kai Pupuri Mana/holders of authority

rahui/embargo kaimoana/seafood rangatahi/modern youth

kaipupuri mana/holders of rohe moana/coastal area

authority

taiapure/locally managed sea kaitiaki/caretaker, trustee area

kaitiakitanga/sharing tamariki/children

guardianship responsibility Tangaroa/guardian of the sea karakia/prayer

tangata kaitiaki/caretakers of a

kaumatua/elder, wise man given area

kina/sea egg, sea urchin tangata whenua/local people

kohanga/nursery tikanga/custom

koura/crayfish tino rangatiratanga/autonomy

kuia/old (wise) woman tio/oyster

mahi/work, employment tohu/signs, indicators

makawe parengo/black, sweet tohunga/priest

seaweed

waananga/learning mana/pride, strength, reputation

wawataa/aspirations manaaki/embracing each other,

support

wharekai/eating house, dining mango pare/hammerhead shark

whanau/family

manuhiri/visitors

whenua/land

marae/meeting house

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'Kua kai tatau i nga kai o te mara, i tiria e o tatau tipuna. Me tiri ano hoki tatau, kia whai hua ai etahi oranga mo nga whakatipuranga e heke mai nei.'

'We have partaken of the food garden, sown by our ancestors. It is time for us to re-sow, to ensure sustenance for the generations to come.'

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#### **HE MIHI**

Ko te awa putahi te maunga Ko taurekaitai te awa Ko rongomaraeroa te marae Ko ngati kere te hapu Ko potiririkore te rohe Ko ngati kahungunu te iwi Ko takitimu te waka

Our coastline was the place where Kahungunu, the man, came to rest and re-nourish after battles. Since then, it has been used for hundreds of years as a pantry for kaimoana/ seafood. When James Cook anchored the Endeavour in 1769, an estimated 6000 Maori lived in this area. We were known as food gatherers, cultivators, makers of nets and specialised fishermen. We uphold our mana/reputation through the prestige of being able to provide kaimoana for visitors to the hapu/subtribe. The abundance of kaimoana is therefore very important to Ngati Kere.

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