



TE RŪNANGA O
TOA RANGATIRA



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Introducing the Ngāti Toa
Rangatira Iwi Environmental
Management Plan
and Poutiaki Plan

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Our vision

Kia tu ai a Ngāti Toa Rangatira; Hei iwi Toa, hei iwi Rangatira

Ngāti Toa Rangatira is a strong, vibrant and influential iwi, firmly grounded in our cultural identity and leading change to enable whānau wellbeing and prosperity.

Our mission

Empowering our whanau, reclaiming our iwi self-determination, revitalising our environment through leadership, innovation, connectedness and exercising our rangatiratanga.



To enable leading for
Te Taiao, our objective is

Te Ao Tūroa: Nurturing a resilient environment to sustain future generations

- Reclaimed connections and mātauranga relevant to our natural resources
- Empowered kaitiaki who are leaders and co-managers of our natural environment
- Our commitment to environmental sustainability
- Our ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change

These objectives trigger a lot of questions:

- How will we protect significant sites from sea level rise?
- How can we ensure our rivers and lakes are clean and protected from water pollution?
- How should we manage our properties that have high heritage significance?
- How can we stop the development on our wāhi tapu?
- When will the whanga be restored so we can gather kaimoana again?
- How will we access our islands when the seas are rough and unpredictable?
- How can we gain access to landlocked land?
- What resource consents are happening in our rohe?

To address these and many other issues, we look to building resilience from our ancestors - **Me Huri Whakamuri ka Kitiro Whakamua.**

Our plan for the future is built on the footprints of the past. This means:

- Reconnecting with the ancestral landscape – the original activities, traditions, tikanga, values associated with places.
- Confronting errors of the past – addressing harmful historical activities that have compromised te taiao.
- Planning for the future to enable the reconnect with the ancestral landscape and confront challenges such as climate change.



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IEMP

What is an Iwi Environmental Management Plan?

IEMP

An Iwi Environmental Management Plan (IEMP) is an environmental plan for Ngāti Toa Rangatira (Ngāti Toa). It is the place for our moemoeā and hopes for te taiao as an expression of mana motuhake and kaitiakitanga.

The IEMP expresses the environmental values of Ngāti Toa. The IEMP is prepared by the iwi for the iwi.

Under the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), an IEMP must be 'taken into account' following adoption by Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira and lodgement with the relevant council.

Poutiaki Plan

The IEMP project includes the preparation of a Poutiaki Plan under the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act 2014 for Raukawa Moana (Cook Strait), Te Awarua o Porirua (Porirua Harbour), Te Whanganui (Port Underwood) and Te Hoiere (Pelorus Sound).

The Poutiaki Plan is a type of IEMP for the marine environment. It provides a unique legislative opportunity to articulate the values and principles of Ngāti Toa for our moana. It will provide a platform for the iwi to respond to maritime environmental issues of concern.

Climate Change & Environmental Sustainability

As part of our mahi in the taiao space, we will look to develop a Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Action Plan. This will include understanding our response to climate change and also look to support our commitment to environmental sustainability, including educational programmes and actions to minimise waste.

Other matters

The IEMP can also guide and influence:

- Fisheries.
- Conservation.
- Legislative reform as it relates to our taiao. For example, changes to the RMA and water reform.
- Influencing management of archaeological sites and significant heritage places under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.





IEMP

What will the IEMP 'actually look like'?



Our IEMP will be a place-based management tool to support active kaitiaki of our significant sites: awa, whenua, whanga, roto, maunga and motu. It will support our guardianship of our rohe from our smallest streams to our expansive moana.

The intention is that iwi can connect with the IEMP in an accessible and user-friendly way. We want to avoid writing a 'big report' that 'gathers dust' and becomes irrelevant.

Instead, our IEMP will be a living digital document. For this purpose, we are currently developing an ArcGIS map that details our sites of significance and the principles and values associated with these sites.

Iwi members may also want to provide stories about their relationships with certain places. However, it is important that the information contained in our IEMP is captured, safeguarded and accessed appropriately. As a repository for iwi mātauranga, access protocols are an important aspect of this mahi. We would therefore like your feedback on this particular issue.

The IEMP will be designed to inform engagement with central and local government on environmental matters. In particular, the IEMP will be a spatial plan and establish new environmental objectives and attributes for Te Awarua o Poirirua and other significant awa under the Government's National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM) and the associated Freshwater Planning Process.

At a high-level, the IEMP framework will include:

- An historical overview of Ngāti Toa.
- Key significant sites and associated principles and values.
- Information contained within our Treaty Settlement.
- Primary environmental issues of concern to Ngāti Toa.
- Kaitiakitanga statements which outline the aspirations of Ngāti Toa in relation to specific sites.
- Kaitiaki action plans which outline how we are going to achieve our aspirations with measurable deliverables/goals.
- Evaluation processes for how the iwi is going to track progress.



Our Taiao

How will we monitor our Taiao?

It is critical to monitor te oranga me te mauri o te taiao to ensure we are enhancing te taiao.

Kaitiaki monitoring empowers iwi members to measure the mauri of te taiao. It aims to reestablish our presence on the ground.

Kaitiaki monitoring also supports establishment of environmental planning standards in our IEMP, ensures resource consent conditions are met at monitoring sites and provides a way to collect and analyse data from site visits in an integrated manner.

The kaitiaki toolbox for iwi monitors includes historical context (Whenua Project), Mana Whenua lens, Maramataka mo Te Taiao, Tūtohu Taiao (onsite tool) and Tuakana-Teina Model.

Please contact the Treaty and Strategic Relationships Team if you want to be involved in iwi monitoring or to know more about the kaitiaki monitoring framework.



Striving for wellbeing

How will we measure success?

When our people are physically and spiritually well and culturally thriving, we will know that the mauri of Te Taiao is restored. Our IEMP is one way of striving towards wellbeing.

To measure progress, we have set out eight measures in an Intergenerational Prosperity Matrix (see table below). This matrix will connect with Te Whare Tapa Whā which focuses on physical wellbeing, whanau connection, spiritual wellbeing and mental wellbeing).

Intergenerational prosperity matrix

Tikanga	Ngāti Toa are able to observe their tikanga in relation to Te Taiao and this is widely recognised. Tikanga approach are also sought as mainstream management tools (e.g. rahui).
Whakapapa	The relationship between Ngāti Toa and Te Taiao is recognised, valued and respected and that connection is visible in day-to-day interaction with Te Taiao.
Rangatiratanga	Ngāti Toa are able to exercise their Rangatiratanga across their role in relation to Te Taiao and their rights and interests in freshwater are recognised and provided for.
Mātauranga	The support and application of mātauranga Māori is strong, particularly regarding monitoring.
Kawa	Ngāti Toa are able to exercise cultural responsibilities and obligations and carry out customary practices within Te Taiao.
Wāhi tapu	Sites of significance to Ngāti Toa in and around Te Taiao are respected and protected.
Tohu	Tohu are observed and understood in the management of natural resources.
Mahinga kai	Ngāti Toa is able to gather a variety of kai which is plentiful.



Deliverables

What are the deliverables & timeframe?

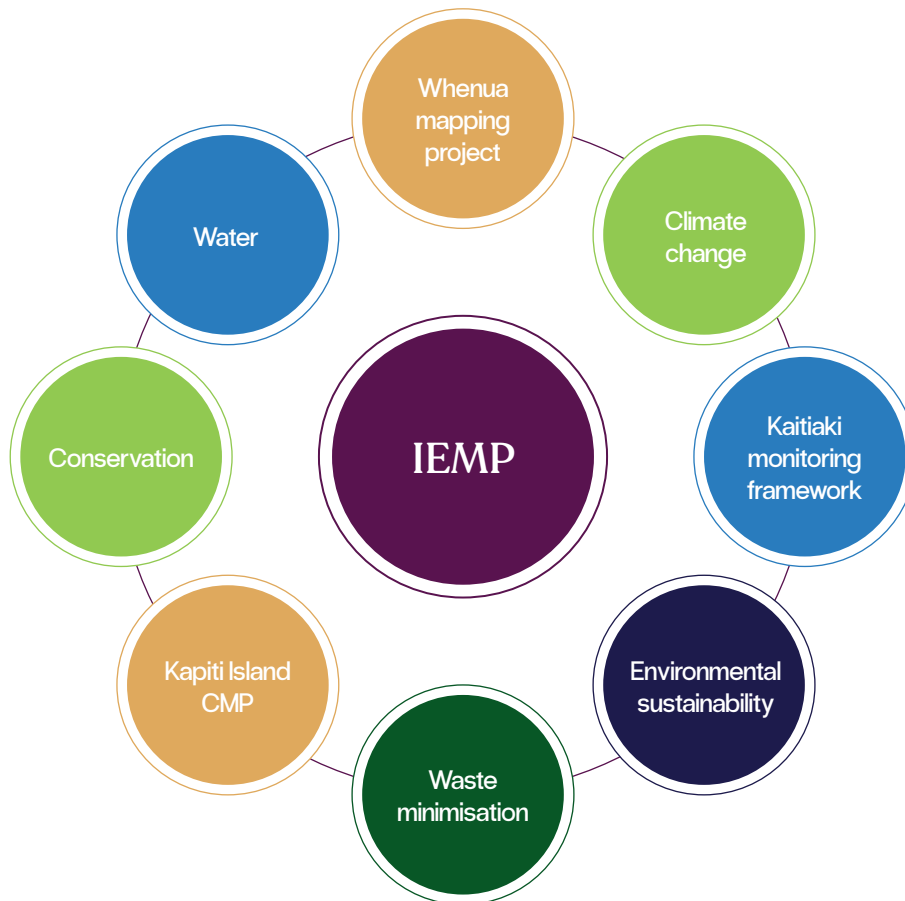
Up to June 2022, we will be scoping the IEMP and undertaking initial conversations with whānau about its development.

Specific work in relation to Te Awarua-o-Porirua and the Poutiaki Plan is also underway alongside other key projects undertaken by the TSR Team such as:

- Whenua mapping GIS mapping of sites of significance.
- Kaitiaki monitoring framework.
- Development of a conservation management plan for Kapiti Island.
- Responding to climate change.
- Environmental sustainability and waste minimisation strategy.

By mid-2022, we will aim to publish the draft Poutiaki Plan and the draft IEMP framework for feedback.

Following consultation with whānau, we will confirm the structure of the IEMP framework and work towards developing kaitiaki action plans for all our significant sites.



Get involved

How can you be involved?

It is important that the IEMP captures the dream and vision of Ngāti Toa for the future. There will be many opportunities for the iwi to get involved in the IEMP process.

You can contact the TSR team directly (see contact details below). The TSR team is also available to meet with your whanau to discuss the IEMP.

We are interested in hearing from anyone about iwi who have skills or knowledge about te taiao. For example, knowledge of fishing grounds or rongoa. If you would like to share your knowledge, please talk to the TSR team.





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