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Summary Critical Habitats Report

Assessment of Proposal

This report was compiled for Environment Canterbury (ECan) to advise on cultural values of indigenous freshwater taonga species within the takiwā of six Papatipu Rūnanga in the Canterbury region. This report looks at traditional as well as current mahinga kai practices, and is based on scientific literature and information contained in lwi Management Plans. This report is being prepared and issued for the specific purpose of the Omnibus 2019 plan change and cannot be used for another projects or purposes, by ECan, without the written approval of Mahaanui Kurataiao on behalf of the Papatipu Rūnanga it represents. This report does not represent the views of Papatipu Rūnanga or any of its Kaitiaki, but is an independent professional advice piece intended to inform ECan staff and researchers.

Manawhenua, Ngāi Tahu and Taonga Species

Ngāi Tahu are tāngata whenua of the Canterbury region, and hold ancestral and contemporary relationships with Canterbury. The contemporary structure of Ngāi Tahu is officiated through the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996 (TRoNT Act), which sets the requirements for recognition of mana whenua/tangata whenua in Canterbury as per the scheduled respective rohe within the Ngāi Tahu Declaration of Membership Order 2001.

The natural resources – water (waterways, waipuna/springs, groundwater, wetlands); mahinga kai; indigenous flora and fauna; cultural landscapes and land - are taonga to manawhenua and there are concerns around activities potentially adversely affecting these taonga. These taonga are integral to the cultural identity of ngā rūnanga manawhenua and they have a kaitiaki responsibility to protect them. The policies for protection of taonga that are of high cultural significance to ngā rūnanga manawhenua are articulated in the Mahaanui lwi Management Plan (IMP).

The Ministry for the Environment (2016) notes that "... iwi, hapū and whānau interests and values are not adequately considered in planning and resource management decision-making..." and in addition states government perspectives including ensuring "... iwi and hapū are able to participate in decision-making about fresh water in their rohe..." and "... the relationship of iwi and hapū with, and values for, particular freshwater bodies is recognised..." (Ministry for the Environment/ Manatū Mō Te Taiao, 2016).

A viewpoint of the iwi chairs forum states that "... our wai (water) is an inseparable part of our whakapapa and our identity and is a fundamental part of what drives our very existence. The future health and wellbeing of our waters are a matter of utmost importance to all iwi, as well as all New Zealanders..." (Iwi chairs forum, 2017).

Taonga species are native birds, plants and animals of special cultural significance and importance to Ngāi Tahu. Taonga species are largely treasured and prized in a contemporary sense as they link to traditions and whakapapa, and are customary food sources with varying degrees, as directed by statute and relative abundance, of "harvestability". The Crown's settlement with Ngāi Tahu (Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998) included recognition of the special traditional relationship Ngāi Tahu have with taonga species (listed in schedules 97 and 98, see appendix 1 of this document).

It is important to note that within a context of environmental protection and enhancement, it would be inappropriate to require or ask mana whenua to nominate preferred native species over others. All habitats, environs and species are considered a taonga to be kept in good, or better, state to pass on to descendants. For Māori, all mahinga kai are equally important. However, priority can often be attributed to seasonality. For example, a species that is seasonally available becomes prioritized during the harvesting season, whilst another species that is commonly available all year round may not be as essential at this time. However, this in no way detracts from the importance of other species. The importance of species is highlighted by how they are incorporated in to korero. For example, whakataukī/proverbs that refer to a particular species are strongly indicative of their cultural significance. First and foremost, it is whakapapa that is the underpinning concept in Te Ao Māori.

Whakapapa is incredibly important to Māori. All things both animate and inanimate have an origin or creation story. Whakapapa explains the origins, inter-connections and relationships in the Māori world. Whakapapa accounts for the way in which the universe, earth, sky, oceans, rivers, elements, plants, animals and humans have been created. Ultimately it is whakapapa that connects people to each other, to their ancestors, to the natural world and its resources. For Ngāi Tahu it is whakapapa that links their descent from the gods of creation. Whakapapa describes ecological connectivity, the relationship between organisms and the environment. Whakataukī that refer to particular species can also be indicative of how a species is valued.

Mahinga kai is an important practice that offers intergeneration transfer of knowledge. Furthermore, the ability for Māori to manaaki manuhiri on the bounty of mahinga kai is not only a sign of respect, but also reflects the mana of tāngata whenua. Mahinga kai harvesting locations are not easily defined and whānau within papatipu rūnanga will have sites and locations that are known only to them. However other whānau may have mahinga kai whakapapa which connects them to these locations if their tīpuna also harvested from there. In addition, Ara whito and kāinga nohoanga trails which were used by tīpuna also allow for harvesting in areas where there are whakapapa connections. Many of these sites and locations are not publicly known and information concerning these areas is only shared within the whānau. Specific sites and locations may not be made public if sites are tapu or hold historical significance.

Various provisions within the Mahaanui lwi Management Plan seek to address mana whenua concerns around taonga species and their habitats and environs. In particular, the 'Mahinga kai', 'Indigenous Biodiversity' and 'Restoration of Biodiversity' sections within the Tane Mahuta chapter

5.5 aim to address concerns more specific to Taonga species, and are required, at minimum to be taken into account with respect to ECan's critical habitats initiatives.

The species summarised within this report are selected as it the current understanding that are not being given enough value within the proposed methodology in order to determine appropriate future protection within the context of omnibus plan changes being considered by ECan. It is important to note that mātauranga is held more vastly by many mahinga kai practitioner whanau across the Ngāi Tahu takiwā, including the Canterbury region. A more appropriate exercise would involve enabling their advocacy within this context, especially with regards to change and depletion of mahinga kai over time.

Tuna

Tuna (eels) are among the most prized of all freshwater species to be harvested by Māori. As tuna are one of the largest freshwater fishes, they therefore provided the staple of protein for many iwi. It was common for Māori to separate this species from other freshwater fishes (Best 1929) when speaking of mahinga kai, which could indicate an emphasis of their importance. For Tūāhuriri, tuna and kāhu also represent kaitiaki for the waterways and forests of the Pa; at Wairewa, the presence of pou tuna signaled the end of the eel harvesting season (Tau et al 1994).

The accounts of the origin of tuna according to Peti Hineiwetea (Peti Hine-i-wetea cited in Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori 1980), come from the creation narratives as told by tohunga. Tuna was a person from the heavens who descended to earth to escape the heat, sun, lack of water and aridness. When he arrived on earth, he resided for some time in Muriwai Owhata. One day when Hine Tūrepo (also known as Hine-te-Kaere) went to Muriwai to collect water, she was accidentally touched by the tail of Tuna. She became apprehensive and fearful and went back and told her husband and the people of her encounter. Hine-te-Kaere and the people went to the place where she first encountered Tuna. She swam to where he had been, and the people were able to see him. Because tuna had a human form but was also able to inhabit water, the people devised a plan to capture him. When Tuna was captured, he was killed and cut into portions. His head was cast to the ocean, hence the conger eel, the tail was also cast to sea, hence the lamprey and the blind eel. The central portion was cast inland, hence tuna/eels today. Another version of South Island whakapapa pertaining to eels as described by Eldson Best (2005), claims that Tuna the progenitor of eels was slain by Māui, who cut him into sundry pieces. The tail of Tuna fled into the ocean where it produced the conger eel, whereas the head became the origin of tuna (freshwater eels) when it escaped to the fresh waters and the hairs on his head became aka (climbing plants).

The importance of tuna is highlighted in korero. There are a number of stories throughout Te Ao Maori that feature tuna either as a taniwha or a kaitiaki. Additionally, they are one of the species most often incorporated into whakataukī. Whakataukī that refer to tuna include "He ika paewai anake hei tomo I roto i te hīnaki "– Only big eels enter my eel trap (Mead and Grove 2004). This whakataukī means that the person entertains people of importance, the fact that the important person is likened to the paewai (tuna/eel) shows how highly tuna were regarded. Another whakataukī, "Kua kaheko te tuna i roto i aku ringaringa" (the eel has slipped through my hands) this whakataukī indicates that something worthwhile has been lost. In reference to how valued tuna is as a food source for Ngāi Tahu the whakataukī "Te hao te kai a te aitaka a Tapuiti" (Eels are the food of the descendants of Tapuiti) – this whakataukī refers to Rakihouia's wife Tapuiti. Rakaihouia was

the son of Rākaihautū who constructed many eel weirs (Beattie 1918:142). These are just some examples of the many whakataukī that refer to eels.

Tuna are still widely harvested by many whānau within Ngāi Tahu takiwā today. Harvesting practices are an integral component for intergenerational mātauranga and whakapapa exchange. Therefore, it is imperative that both the species and practices are preserved. This would require careful consideration of habitat requirements for all life stages of these species from glass eels to reproductive adults. To ensure that this is successful not only habitats but also aquatic corridors necessary for migration need to be maintained.

Kekewai/Wai koura

Freshwater crayfish often referred to as kōura, waikoura, kēwai or kekewai are a highly valued resource for Māori. There is much documentation of the importance of kōura as an important food source harvested from many North Island lakes (Hiroa 1929, McDowall 2011). Although there is a paucity in the literature regarding the importance of this species to Ngāi Tahu, it is commonly regarded that kekewai (among other species) were an important resource particularly along the nohoanga trails.

McDowell (2011) reports that populations of kekewai in Lake Georgina and the headwaters of the Rakaia river were a result of Pākehā translocation. He also believed that kekewai were not naturally occurring in Canterbury north of the peninsula through to the Waipara River. However, there are some anecdotal accounts of traditional gathering that precede colonization, and Chilton (1888,1898) found that kekewai were present in tributaries of the Waimakariri as well as in the Avon River. A number of tributaries from both these catchments still have populations today. However, distribution is patchy, and abundance is low (Thoms 2015). There are some whānau that still harvest this species within their papatipu rūnanga today. However, the practices have decreased significantly, mainly due to limited availability and low abundance. A significant decline in water quality and quantity, habitat degradation and predation by invasive fishes such as trout are likely to be the main contributing factors to kekewai decline (McDowall 2011, Thoms 2015). There is now increasing interest from many hapū to improve water and habitats so that kekewai can become re-established throughout the motu.

Kākahi

Not only does whakapapa describe the origin of species but can often include information on habitat needs of different species. For example, the whakapapa between mussels, seaweed, sand, gravel and rocks describes the holistic connectivity between species and environment. It is said that Hinemoana produced all forms of Wharerimu (seaweeds) and placed them among Rakahore and Tuamatua (rock and stones personified). This was done to provide her offspring (the mussel family) protection and shelter amongst the rocks and seaweed. They were also to be companions for Hinemone (sand) and Hinetū-ā-kiri (gravel) (Rainforth 2008). As Māori did not always discriminate between marine and freshwater plants, rocks, sand and gravel, the seaweeds and benthic substrates referred to in the kōrero pertain to both marine and freshwater environs. This demonstrates how whakapapa can provide information on habitat requirements of mussels and connectivity between both biotic and abiotic environmental elements. (Rainforth 2008).

Kākahi are mentioned in whakataukī more than most other shellfish with the exception of pipi (Mead and Grove 2004). Some examples include: "Ka whakangotea ki te wai o te kākahi" – It was suckled on the juice of the freshwater shellfish. This whakataukī refers to being raised and immersed in in a tribal atmosphere and being versed in Māoritanga (Buck 1921 in Mead and Grove 2004). "Ko te kākahi te whaea o te tamaiti" – The freshwater shellfish is the mother of the child. The juice of the kākahi was used to feed a motherless child when a wet nurse was not available (Buck 1921, Reed 1973 in Mead and Grove 2004). "Ngāti Te Ata, waiū o Poutūkeka – Ngāti Te Ata" – nourishment of Poutūkeka. The nourishment of Poutūkeka was said to be the freshwater bivalve kākahi. "Tāne rou kākahi, aitia te ure; tāne moe whare, kurua te takataka" – If a man dredges mussel, love him well. If he sleeps at home, bang his head. This whakataukī uses kākahi to demonstrate that the work ethic of a man should be rewarded and that Māori women should avoid lazy men.

Although not as commonly harvested today, kākahi were an important mahinga kai resource along nohoanga trails. Kākahi were also used as an indicator species, for example, it is often said that kākahi and kekewai are found together and some believe that it is kekewai that assist with kākahi recruitment. The regard for kākahi is further illustrated in the example of the Pā at Wairewa, which was named "Wai Kākahi" after the abundance of kākahi that lined the shores of the Lake. Evidence of kakahi harvest has been found in middens around lakes and waterways, an example of which is described by Burdon and McMurtrie (2009) at Kaitorete Spit.

Invertebrate mega fauna such as kekewai and kākahi are highly valued by Ngāi Tahu as a mahinga kai resource. Not only were they an important species around kāinga but were also a resource along ngā ara tawhito (mahinga kai trails) for whānau opu who were traveling and seasonally migrating. Additionally, the presence of these species signified that other taonga species such as fish and in particular tuna (eel) would be present. Therefore, not only were they regarded as a mahinga kai species in their own right, but it could also be argued that they were considered to be an indicator species. The culmination of kōrero describing the habitat and ecological function of kākahi further demonstrates how important and highly regarded this species is to Māori.

Kanakana

Kanakana (lamprey) share the same origin story and whakapapa as tuna. Kanakana are considered a delicacy, and they were traditionally highly regarded and sought after. It was not uncommon for deaths to occur as a result of over indulgence and kanakana were also sometimes used to test the mana of a Rangatira (chief). There are many sites and rivers within Canterbury that kanakana harvesting occurred these ranged from larger rivers such as Kaiapoi, Puharakekenui and Ōpāwaho to smaller waterways where local Māori would practice mahinga kai. Along the larger waterways Māori built pā kanakana (weirs) to capture kanakana during migration. They also employed many other methods for harvesting, including the use of traps, spearing or corralling and hand harvesting.

Kanakana were a very important food source for Ngāi Tahu and highly valued. Kanakana were more commonly harvested by Southern Māori than North Island Māori. Historically, they were widespread and abundant throughout the South Island (McDowell 2011). Traditionally when kanakana were harvested, many were preserved. Today however kanakana is mostly eaten fresh either roasted, grilled or cooked in a hāngī. The traditional practice of preservation is no longer used as kanakana are not as abundant as they were historically. This is unfortunate, and it is feared that

the mātauranga around the preservation process is lost for many whanau which leads to a gap in intergenerational transference of Traditional Environmental Knowledge (TEK).

Māori were well aware that kanakana only selected certain waterways and shunned others. They also knew that kanakana could climb waterfalls. Kanakana were abundant. It was reported that a column of kanakana more than a mile long was recorded in Gore. The shoal was dense, and the mass maintained a circular shape. It was at first it was thought to be a giant eel more than a mile long (McDowall 2011). There is significant variation in seasonal harvesting (particularly throughout the Ngāi Tahu rohe), potentially due to latitudinal variation in migration patterns. Harvesting of kanakana at certain pa sites (usually where kanakana was prolific) was a heredity right for some hapū, those not belonging to the particular hapū were not allowed to fish there (Beattie, 1954).

"He manawa piharau" - "A lamprey's heart, as lamprey were considered to have great strength and endurance, this was used as a metaphor to describe sustained strength (Williams 1927 in Mead and Grove 2004, McDowell 2011). This whakataukī used to describe endurance is an interesting one, as kanakana take approximately 18 months to reach sexual maturity and spawn once they leave the sea. As kanakana do not eat when they enter freshwater, this life stage could be seen as having great endurance (McDowell 2011).

Inanga

The whakapapa origin story of inanga places this species as forest dwellers. It is said that they are one of the descendants of the Rehua alongside the koko or tui. One of the korero of inanga states that the inanga asked Rehua what their duties were, to which Rehua replied "When you see a certain gleaming redness appear in the heavens, know that it is a sign for you to proceed to your ancestress Wainui [personified form of the ocean] and there give birth to her grandchildren, after which all will return to the waters of land" (Best, 1929). This story as told to Best (1929) is shared by many iwi including Ngāi Tahu. Māori were also aware that after spawning, adults returned to their own habitats and left the ocean to care for and nurture their young. "Old fish" were harvested when they returned to their homes. This whakapapa illustrates that Māori were aware of the lifecycle of migratory galaxiid species.

Īnanga is often used as a collective term for whitebait species and the Ngāi Tahu term for the earliest īnanga to enter rivers is pūkōareare. Īnanga are made up of six different fishes, five of which are galaxiids with the sixth species being Paraki/Pōrohe (common smelt – *Retropinna retropinna*). What is commonly referred to as adult īnanga (*Galaxias maculatus*), was known by many other names in te reo Māori including kāraraha (fullgrown whitebait that have spawned and are in poor condition). Other species for which the juveniles are collectively referred to as īnanga include maeha/kōaro (koaro – G. *brevipinnis*), kōkopu (banded kokopu – *G. fasciatus*, giant kōkopu – *G. argenteus* and shortjaw kōkopu – *G. postvectis*). There are very few juvenile giant kōkopu in most inanga catches, this could be due to the fact that they are late to run in the white baiting season but could also be indicative of their rate of decline. This is concerning as adult giant kōkopu were once highly regarded as a mahinga kai resource. Giant kōkopu were once prolific throughout Canterbury and have been known to historically inhabit waterways in and around Tutaepatu (Greg Brynes, pers. Comms 2017).

Inanga were harvested and eaten fresh or were dried for preservation. Historically, they were a staple for many papatipu rūnanga and remain an important food source today. Accounts from many papatipu rūnanga agree that inanga were once plentiful, however, the decline in abundance has been identified as a major concern throughout the motu.

Kowhitiwhiti

Kowhitiwhiti (watercress) is a mahinga kai species that is regularly harvested by many whānau. Mana whenua concerns for this species are not so much about available quantity, but declining quality. Many whānau have expressed fears that this species may be subject to contaminants specifically potential harmful bacterium such as *Escherichia coli* that is often associated with intensification and poor land management practices. Most places where whānau gather kōwhitiwhiti tend to be in and around the kāinga, although many of these are first to third order waterways there is still potential for contamination from surrounding land use.

Conclusion

For Māori, all mahinga kai is considered taonga and the decline of many of our taonga species is seen as an impactful and furthered denigration of Tino Rangatiratanga as guaranteed under article two of the Treaty of Waitangi. It is understood that Mana Whenua of the Papatipu Rūnanga would like to see both water quality and habitats for taonga species improved to ensure that sustainable harvesting and the associated practices of intergenerational mātauranga can be preserved for future generations. The Ngāi Tahu whakataukī "Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei" – "For us, and for our children after us" essentially encapsulates Te Ao Māori view of how the environment and resources that it holds should be respected to ensure species preservation and sustainability.

In general, and as has been previously espoused in multiple contexts, Mana whenua and Kaitiaki of Canterbury-based Ngāi Tahu, expect that any, and all activities and associated initiatives going forward will not further denigrate Tino Rangatiratanga and recognise and provide for Mana Whenua values, including kaitiakitanga, rangatiratanga and mahinga kai, and will address the protection and restoration of the land, freshwater systems and habitats, and sites of cultural significance to mana whenua.

Mana whenua are concerned about (treaty) rights being impacted on and the recognition and protection of values relating to:

- o the mauri and health of waterways including rivers and streams;
- the restoration of aquatic and terrestrial habitat, and in particular for Taonga species;
- o the protection and enhancement of riparian margins;
- o the maintenance and enhancement of wetlands;
- maintenance of the integrity of the cultural landscape; and
- o appropriate protection of wahi tapu and wahi taonga.

In achieving the above, Mana whenua continue to seek meaningful partnership and engagement that accords with the Principles of the Treaty. ECan, under the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, are duty-bound to protect the rangatiratanga of Papatipu Rūnanga within their takiwā, actively protect species and their environs, and remedy past breaches by protecting and restoring the biodiversity of species and their environs. The relative planning ordinances being sought through

the 2019 Land and Water Regional Plan Omnibus Plan Change will need to include mechanism triggers to alert Ngā Papatipu Rūnanga to any proposals that would have an adverse effect on riverine and other freshwater-ways, especially those in the vicinity of critical habitats. And protect critical habitats of taonga species.

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Appendix 1: Ngāi 7 and 98	Tahu Claims Set	tlement Act 1998	8 – Taonga Spec	ies Schedule 97

Schedule 97 Taonga species

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Birds

Name in Māori	Name in English	Scientific name
Hoiho	Yellow-eyed penguin	Megadyptes antipodes
Kāhu	Australasian harrier	Circus approximans
Kākā	South Island kākā	Nestor meridionalis meridionalis
Kākāpō	Kākāpō	Strigops habroptilus
Kākāriki	New Zealand parakeet	Cyanoramphus spp
Kakaruai	South Island robin	Petroica australis australis
Kakī	Black stilt	Himantopus novaezelandiae
Kāmana	Crested grebe	Podiceps cristatus
Kārearea	New Zealand falcon	Falco novaeseelandiae
Karoro	Black-backed gull	Larus dominicanus
Kea	Kea	Nestor notabilis
Kōau	Black shag	Phalacrocorax carbo
	Pied shag	Phalacrocorax varius varius
	Little shag	Phalacrocorax melanoleucos brevirostris
Koekoeā	Long-tailed cuckoo	Eudynamys taitensis
Kōparapara or Korimako	Bellbird	Anthornis melanura melanura
Kororā	Blue penguin	Eudyptula minor
Kōtare	Kingfisher	Halcyon sancta
Kōtuku	White heron	Egretta alba
Kōwhiowhio	Blue duck	Hymenolaimus malacorhynchos
Kūaka	Bar-tailed godwit	Limosa lapponica
Kūkupa/Kererū	New Zealand wood pigeon	Hemiphaga novaeseelandiae
Kuruwhengu/Kuruwhengi	New Zealand shoveller	Anas rhynchotis
Mātā	Fernbird	Bowdleria punctata punctata and Bowdleria punctata stewartiana and Bowdleria

Name in Māori	Name in English	Scientific name
		punctata wilsoni and Bowdleria punctata candata
Matuku moana	Reef heron	Egretta sacra
Miromiro	South Island tomtit	Petroica macrocephala macrocephala
Miromiro	Snares Island tomtit	Petroica macrocephala dannefaerdi
Mohua	Yellowhead	Mohoua ochrocephala
Pākura/Pūkeko	Swamp hen/Pūkeko	Porphyrio porphyrio
Pārera	Grey duck	Anas superciliosa
Pateke	Brown teal	Anas aucklandica
Pihoihoi	New Zealand pipit	Anthus novaeseelandiae
Pīpīwharauroa	Shining cuckoo	Chrysococcyx lucidus
Pīwakawaka	South Island fantail	Rhipidura fuliginosa fuliginosa
Poaka	Pied stilt	Himantopus himantopus
Pokotiwha	Snares crested penguin	Eudyptes robustus
Pūtakitaki	Paradise shelduck	Tadorna variegata
Riroriro	Grey warbler	Gerygone igata
Roroa	Great spotted kiwi	Apteryx haastii
Rowi	Ōkārito brown kiwi	Apteryx mantelli
Ruru koukou	Morepork	Ninox novaeseelandiae
Takahē	Takahē	Porphyrio mantelli
Tara	Terns	Sterna spp
Tawaki	Fiordland crested penguin	Eudyptes pachyrhynchus
Tete	Grey teal	Anas gracilis
Tīeke	South Island saddleback	Philesturnus carunculatus carunculatus
Tītī	Sooty shearwater/Muttonbird/ Hutton's shearwater Common diving petrel South Georgian diving petrel Westland petrel Fairy prion Broad-billed prion White-faced storm petrel Cook's petrel	Puffinus griseus and Puffinus huttoni and Pelecanoides urinatrix and Pelecanoides georgicus and Procellaria westlandica and Pachyptila turtur and Pachyptila vittata and Pelagodroma marina and Pterodroma cookii and Pterodroma inexpectata

Name in Mãori	Name in English Mottled petrel	Scientific name
Tītitipounamu	South Island rifleman	Acanthisitta chloris chloris
Tokoeka	South Island brown kiwi	Apteryx australis
Toroa	Albatrosses and Mollymawks	Diomedea spp
Toutouwai	Stewart Island robin	Petroica australis rakiura
Tūī	Tūī	Prosthemadera novaeseelandiae
Tutukiwi	Snares Island snipe	Coenocorypha aucklandica huegeli
Weka	Western weka	Gallirallus australis australis
Weka	Stewart Island weka	Gallirallus australis scotti
Weka	Buff weka	Gallirallus australis hectori
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Plants

Name in Māori	Name in English	Scientific name
Akatorotoro	White rata	Metrosideros perforata
Aruhe	Fernroot (bracken)	Pteridium aquilinum var esculentum
Harakeke	Flax	Phormium tenax
Horoeka	Lancewood	Pseudopanax crassifolius
Houhi	Mountain ribbonwood	Hoheria lyalli and H. glabata
Kahikatea	Kahikatea/White pine	Dacrycarpus dacrydioides
Kāmahi	Kāmahi	Weinmannia racemosa
Kānuka	Kānuka	Kunzia ericoides
Kāpuka	Broadleaf	Griselinia littoralis
Karaeopirita	Supplejack	Ripogonum scandens
Karaka	New Zealand laurel/Karaka	Corynocarpus laevigata
Karamū	Coprosma	Coprosma robusta, coprosma lucida, coprosma foetidissima
Kātote	Tree fern	Cyathea smithii
Kiekie	Kiekie	Freycinetia baueriana subsp banksii
Kōhia	NZ Passionfruit	Passiflora tetranda
Korokio	Korokio Wire-netting bush	Corokia cotoneaster

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Koromiko/Kōkōmuka	Koromiko	Hebe salicfolia
Kōtukutuku	Tree fuchsia	Fuchsia excorticata
Kōwahi Kōhai	Kōwhai	Sophora microphylla
Mamaku	Tree fern	Cyathea medullaris
Mānia	Sedge	Carex flagellifera
Mānuka Kahikātoa	Tea-tree	Leptospermum scoparium
Māpou	Red matipo	Myrsine australis
Mataī	Mataī/Black pine	Prumnopitys taxifolia
Miro	Miro/Brown pine	Podocarpus ferrugineus
Ngaio	Ngaio	Myoporum laetum
Nīkau	New Zealand palm	Rhopalostylis sapida
Pānako	(Species of fem)	Asplenium obtusatum
Pānako	(Species of fem)	Botrychium australe and B biforme
Pātōtara	Dwarf mingimingi	Leucopogon fraseri
Pīngao	Pīngao	Desmoschoenus spiralis
Pōkākā	Pōkākā	Elaeocarpus hookerianus
Ponga/Poka	Tree fern	Cyathea dealbata
Rātā	Southern rātā	Metrosideros umbellata
Raupō	Bulrush	Typha angustifolia
Rautāwhiri/Kōhūhū	Black matipo/Māpou	Pittosporum tenuifolium
Rimu	Rimu/Red pine	Dacrydium cypressinum
Rimurapa	Bull kelp	Durvillaea antarctica
Taramea	Speargrass, spaniard	Aciphylla spp
Tarata	Lemonwood	Pittosporum eugenioides
Tawai	Beech	Nothofagus spp
Tētēaweka	Muttonbird scrub	Olearia angustifolia
Tī rākau/Tī Kōuka	Cabbage tree	Cordyline australis
Tīkumu	Mountain daisy	Celmisia spectabilis and C semicordata
Tītoki	New Zealand ash	Alectryon excelsus
Toatoa	Mountain Toatoa, Celery	Phyllocladus alpinus

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Toetoe	Toetoe	Cortaderia richardii
Tōtara	Tōtara	Podocarpus totara
Tutu	Tutu	Coriaria spp
Wharariki	Mountain flax	Phormium cookianum
Whīnau	Hīnau	Elaeocarpus dentatus
Wī	Silver tussock	Poa cita
Wīwī	Rushes	Juncus all indigenous Juncus spp and J. maritimus

Marine mammals

Name in Māori	Name in English	Scientific name
Ihupuku	Southern elephant seal	Mirounga leonina
Kekeno	New Zealand fur seals	Arctocephalus forsteri
Paikea	Humpback whales	Megaptera novaeangliae
Parāoa	Sperm whale	Physeter macrocephalus
Rāpoka/Whakahao	New Zealand sea lion/ Hooker's sea lion	Phocarctos hookeri
Tohorā	Southern right whale	Balaena australis

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Part A Taonga fish species

Name in Māori	Name in English	Scientific name
Kāeo	Sea tulip	Pyura pachydermatum
Koeke	Common shrimp	Palaemon affinis
Kōkopu/Hawai	Giant bully	Gobiomorphus gobioides
Kōwaro	Canterbury mudfish	Neochanna burrowsius
Paraki/Ngaiore	Common smelt	Retropinna retropinna
Piripiripōhatu	Torrentfish	Cheimarrichthys fosteri
Taiwharu	Giant kökopu	Galaxias argenteus

Part B Shellfish Species

Name in Māori	Name in English	Scientific name
Pipi/Kākahi	Pipi	Paphies australe
Tuaki	Cockle	Austrovenus stutchburgi
Tuaki/Hākiari, Kuhakuha/ Pūrimu	Surfclam	Dosinia anus, Paphies donacina, Mactra discor, Mactra murchsoni, Spisula aequilateralis, Basina yatei, or Dosinia subrosa
Tuatua	Tuatua	Paphies subtriangulata, Paphies donacina
Waikaka/Pūpū	Mudsnail	Amphibola crenata, Turbo smaragdus, Zedilom spp