



## Hui-te-ana-nui: Understanding Kaitiakitanga in the Marine Environment

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# Mahere: Outline

1. Aims of project Hui-te-ana-nui:  
Understanding Kaitiakitanga in the Marine Environment
2. Defining Kaitiakitanga
3. Defining Mātauranga
4. Exploring main initial findings
5. An example of engagement with mātauranga



# Hui-te-ana-nui: Kaitiakitanga in the Marine Environment

1. To examine mātauranga associated with the marine environment through archival research and examination of key texts.
2. To undertake a desktop examination of literature, reports, frameworks and legislation relating to Māori perspectives of the marine environment.



# Defining Kaitiakitanga

Kaitiakitanga refers to “guardianship, preservation, conservation, fostering, protecting, sheltering” (Marsden, 2003, p. 67).



# Defining Mātauranga

- The body of knowledge that is derived from Māori worldview
  - Pūrākau (ancestral stories)
  - Karakia (incantations)
  - Whakapapa (genealogy)
  - Mōteatea (chants)
  - Waiata (songs)
  - Whakatauki, whakatauākī (proverbial sayings)



# Method

- Discursive examination of archival material
  - University of Otago Hocken Collections - Uare Taoka o Hākena, Dunedin
  - National Library Wellington
    - Alexander Turnbull Library Collections
- Discursive examination of key texts
  - Ngā Mōteatea series by A.T. Ngata and P. Te Hurinui Jones (2006)
  - Ngā Pēpeha a Ngā Tīpuna by H.M. Mead and N. Grove (2004)



# Emergent Main Finding

Kaitiakitanga in the marine environment is based on Māori worldview guided by whakapapa and tikanga that expresses the hononga tāngaengae (sacred connection) between Māori and the marine environment.



A satellite-style map of New Zealand and the surrounding Southern Ocean. The text 'Te Mahere' and 'Kaiao o Aotearoa' is overlaid in the top left. 'New Zealand' is labeled on the South Island. A decorative Māori pattern is in the bottom left corner.

Te Mahere  
Kaiao o Aotearoa

# Challenge of utilising mātauranga in a modern context

- Archival material
- Waiata
- Pēpeha
- Tūpuna (ancestors)

# He kupu whakamutunga: Final Thoughts

Maintenance of the  
hononga tāngaengae  
now, and for  
generations to come  
between Māori and the  
marine environment

