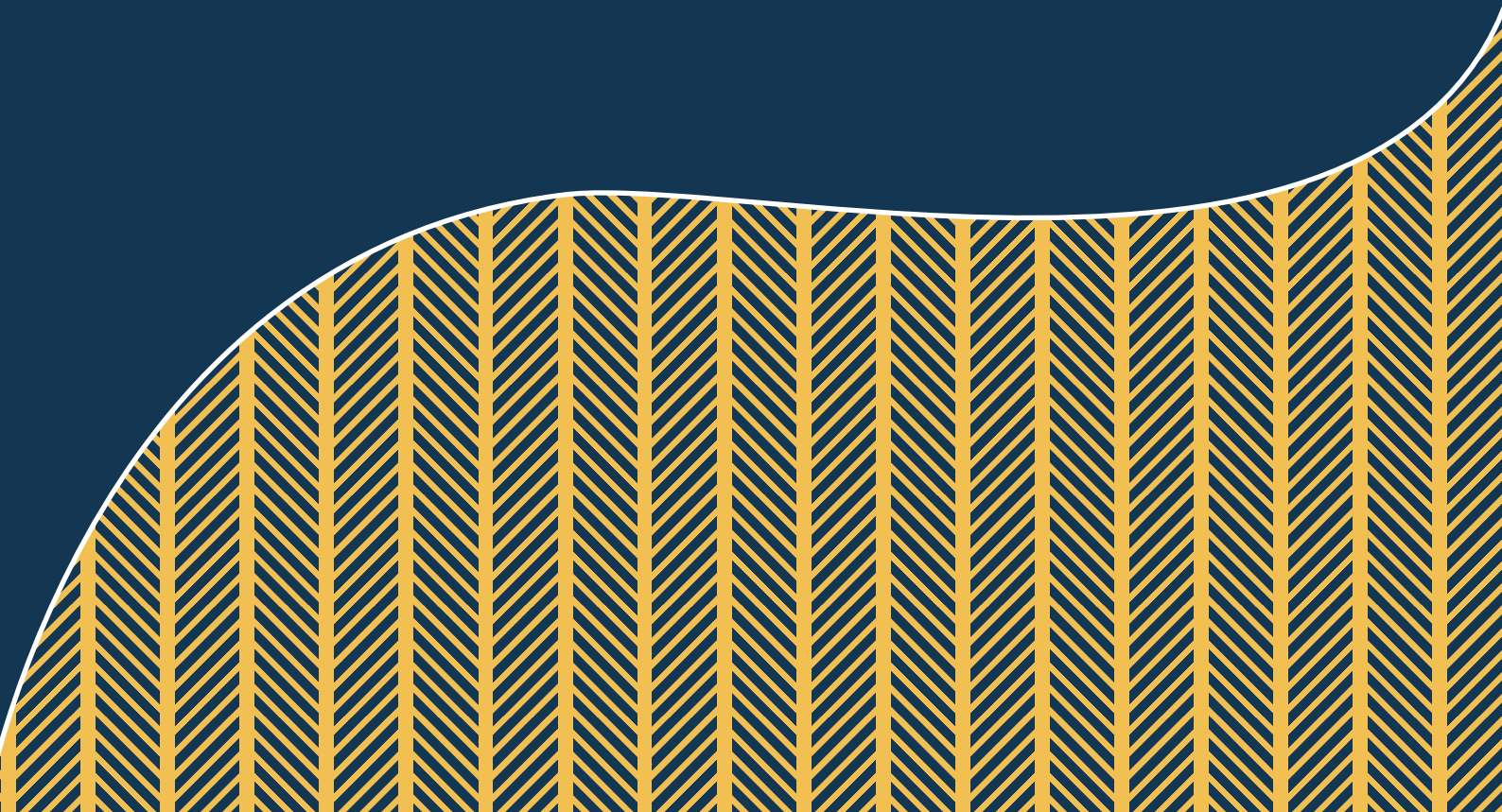




Te Wai Māori

QUARTER REPORT TWO
1 JANUARY 2019 - 31 MARCH 2019



He reo tō te wai

He reo tō te tangata

Kotahi tonu te whakapapa

Whakakotahia!



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Karakia

Ko Rangi

Ko Papa

Ka puta ko Rongo

Ko Tane Mahuta

Ko Tangaroa

Ko Tumatauenga

Ko Haumietiketike

Ko Tawhirimatea

Tokona te Rangi ki runga

Ko Papa ki raro

Ka puta te ira tangata ki te whai ao,
ki te ao marama

E Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga, Kia Tina! Tina!

Hui e, Taiki e!



Chair's Kōrero

Tēnā koutou,

I'm pleased to present the second quarterly (Q2) report on the activities of Te Wai Māori against our 2018/19 Annual plan, which covers the period 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019.

This quarterly report has been developed to give Iwi more regular insight into the work the Trust undertakes on behalf of Mandated Iwi Organisations.

The key strategic priorities for Te Wai Māori Trust for the year are:

- Protect Māori rights and interests in freshwater and freshwater fisheries;
- Advance Māori interests in freshwater fisheries; and
- Build and maintain effective strategic relationships.

For the second quarter of FY2018/19, Te Wai Māori delivered services within the budget of the 2018/19 Annual Plan at a cost of \$299,308 against a budget of \$495,369 – a \$196,061 variance.

We welcome your feedback on the structure and content of our reporting.

Ngā mihi,



Ken Mair

Chair - Te Wai Māori



Our Board



Ken Mair

Chair



Lisa te Heuheu

Deputy Chair



Miria Pomare

Director



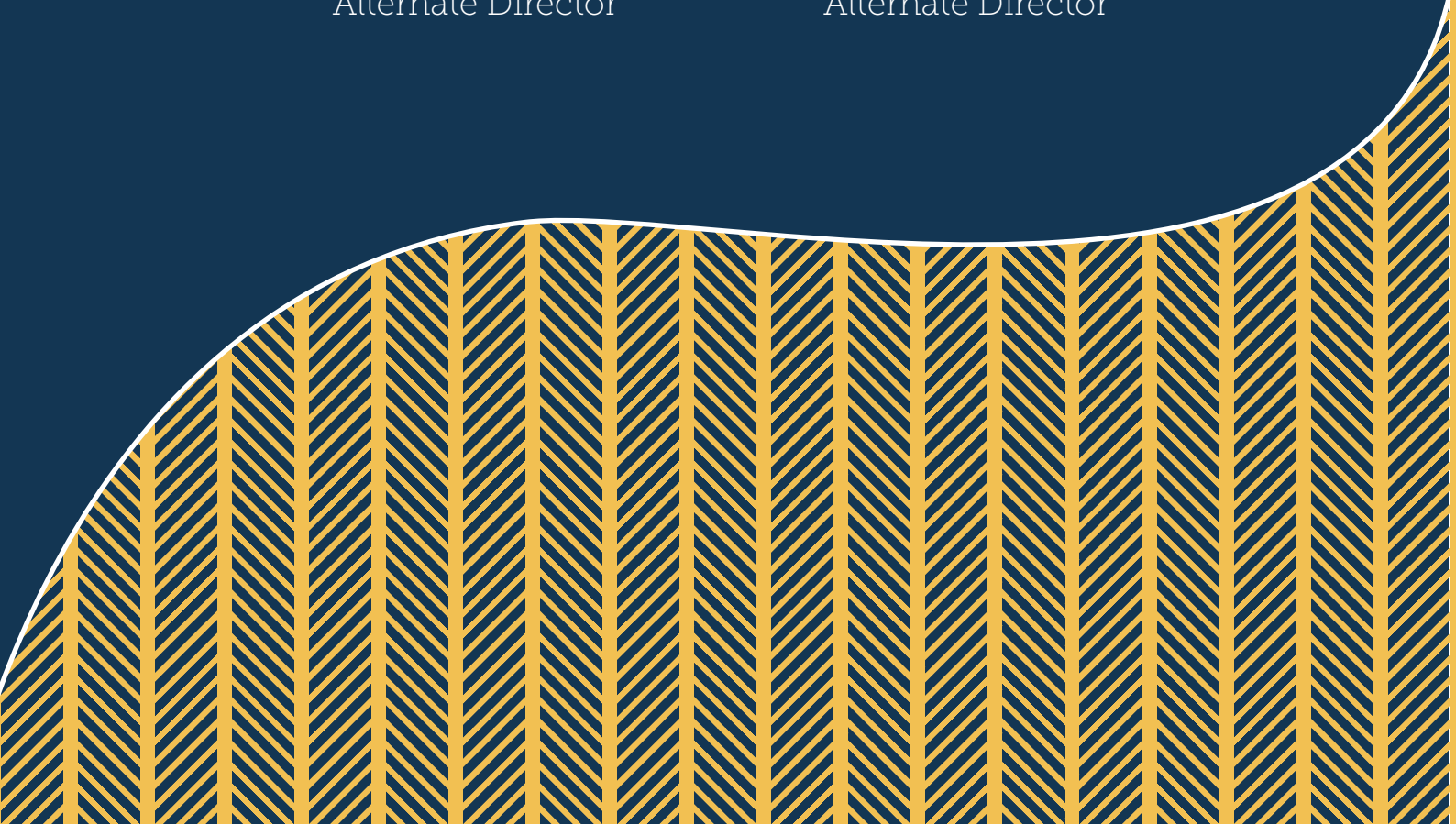
Donna Flavell

Alternate Director



Ian Ruru

Alternate Director



Financial performance against plan



Summary of Annual FY 2019	Quarter two 1 January - 31 March 2019		
Goals and Objectives			
Areas	Actual	Budget	Variance
Freshwater conference	-	2,000	2,000
Wai Ora Fund - 2018	31,046	42,565	11,519
Wai Ora Fund - 2019	912	8,499	7,587
Governance/Operations	130,958	149,808	18,850
Te Mana o Ngā Tuna	4,996	12,501	7,505
Piharau Forum	-	3,999	3,999
Tuna Documentary	-	5,000	5,000
Protect Enhance Fresh Water Fisheries	-	3,971	3,971
Technical Working Group	-	3,971	3,971
Policy	-	9,400	9,400
Total	167,912	241,714	73,802

Financial performance against plan



Summary of Annual FY 2019	Year to date		
Goals and Objectives			
Areas	Actual	Budget	Variance
Freshwater conference	120	2,000	1,880
Wai Ora Fund - 2018	55,902	99,025	43,123
Wai Ora Fund - 2019	912	17,100	16,188
Governance/Operations	237,378	286,701	49,323
Te Mana o Ngā Tuna	4,996	25,000	20,004
Piharau Forum	-	7,750	7,750
Tuna Documentary	-	16,000	16,000
Protect Enhance Fresh Water Fisheries	-	18,400	18,400
Technical Working Group	-	6,543	6,543
Policy	-	16,850	16,850
Total	299,308	495,369	196,061

Financial performance against plan



Comments on Quarter two variances

- Freshwater conference is now expected to occur in the fourth quarter, originally set to occur in the 3rd quarter.
- Wai Ora Funding 2018 – milestones are slightly behind budget for some work programmes. Te Wai Māori staff are working closely with groups to ensure successful outcomes.
- Wai Ora Funding 2019 – the budget originally had meetings occurring during the year. These meetings will occur in the 4th quarter.
- Governance/Operations - Expectations that the website would be up and running in the second quarter, likely to go live in the 3rd quarter, costs are yet to come \$29k. In addition, training set aside for Directors of \$10k not yet utilised. The balance is savings in the HR and infrastructure area.
- Te Mana o Ngā Tuna – work has begun in this area and costs will come through in quarter 3 and 4.
- Piharau/Kanakana Forum- work to formulate an implementation plan has been completed, to be reviewed by the Iwi steering group.
- Tuna Documentary – work will begin in the 3rd and 4th quarters.
- Protect Enhance Fresh Water Fisheries – Te Wai Māori staff and governance have engaged with DOC and Fisheries New Zealand and will continue to monitor crown agencies on behalf iwi and hapu.
- Technical working group and policy – these initiatives have been put on hold this year due to limited resources.

Operational performance against annual plan 2018/19

Protect Rights and Interests in Freshwater for hapū and iwi



Support Iwi, hapū and whānau to advance their rights, interests and aspirations in freshwater and freshwater fisheries

Conservation (Indigenous Freshwater Fish) Amendment Bill

In mid-2018, DOC officials consulted with Iwi and Te Wai Māori on the Conservation (Indigenous Freshwater Fish) Amendment Bill. Te Wai Māori prepared a response to the amendments reflecting the feedback we received from Iwi, and on 21 February 2019 directors and staff presented our position to the Environment Select Committee. At the Select Committee we noted our concerns with the Department of Conservation's engagement process on the proposed amendments, drew attention to the overlap between the Fisheries Act and the Conservation Act, and outlined areas where the statutory requirement for engaging with Iwi and hapū could be strengthened.

Īnanga

In mid-2018, the Minister of Conservation announced that the department was going to review the management of whitebait. Te Wai Māori staff continue to engage regularly with DOC officials on the review of whitebait and have contributed to the content of the Issues and Options Paper (IOP) by providing an overview of Māori rights and interests relating to whitebait and offering feedback on the review's engagement process. The IOP went to the Minister in February, containing a summary of perspectives and ideas for regulatory reform. It is our understanding that the Minister is considering the contents of the report and will likely commence a second phase of the review in Q3.

At the Māori Fisheries Conference MIO workshop on 26 March, Te Wai Māori facilitated a workshop discussion on the health and abundance of whitebait. Discussions focused on perceptions of the abundance of whitebait, the relationships that Iwi and hapū have with whitebait, changes Iwi want to see with regards to the regulatory regime, and how DOC should engage with them on any future reviews. A summary of the workshop will be circulated to attendees.

Tuna

Staff continue to engage with Fisheries New Zealand (MPI) and DOC staff on issues relating to the health and wellbeing of tuna. We have proposed a multi-agency discussion to discuss issues affecting the tuna fishery (effects of fishing, habitat, water quality) which will involve Te Wai Māori, Te Ohu Kaimoana, Iwi, and Crown agencies.



02

Implement identified and agreed options to uphold Te Mana o Ngā Tuna

Te Wai Māori has developed a three-year implementation plan that seeks to enhance the status of tuna by implementing a suite of mechanisms

The plan was discussed with Iwi representatives at a hui in Wellington on 23 January. The threats facing tuna and potential actions to remedy them were workshopped in a whiteboard session before representatives from DOC and MPI attended to advise attendees what they were doing to uphold the health and wellbeing of tuna.

Following feedback from those in attendance and considering the information provided by Crown officials, staff developed a revised implementation plan and have begun work to advance individual items.

Specific actions underway include: the formation of a group to represent the interests of tuna on a national level, pursuing a research programme on the impacts of climate change on all taonga freshwater species, providing Iwi and hapū with a toolkit to aid their participation in resource management decision-making, developing recommendations for the NPS and NES on freshwater management, and participating processes to scope reforms to the resource management system. The national tuna body will coordinate a work programme that includes actions such as developing catchment plans, localised projects to overcome barriers to migration, a review of threats to tuna, and the development of fisheries plans for longfin.



03

Develop documentary to raise awareness of the pressures on tuna

Management has been in touch with Lamp Studios to arrange dates for filming these documentaries. Originally, we aimed to have these completed ahead of the Māori Fisheries Conference, but other pieces of work have been prioritised. Our priority now is to complete as many of these as possible prior to the Freshwater Fisheries Conference in September.

Freshwater fisheries development

01

Support Iwi and hapū to develop their freshwater fisheries

Contracts are now operational with eight Wai Ora fund recipients; six from the 17/18 fund, and two from the 16/17 fund. We continue to work with these groups to support their projects and ensure they comply with their milestones.

The 2018/19 Wai Ora Fund opened for applications on 1 March. Advertisements were posted on social media, through pānui, and through a press release. Applications close 5 June. The Tiaki Wai Fund opened for applications on 19 February. Advertisements were posted on social media and through pānui. This fund, dedicated to small projects that address knowledge gaps in freshwater fisheries, will remain open until it is exhausted.

An interactive database for all previous and current Wai Ora Projects is being developed and will be hosted on a new website set to launch May 2019. This database will include any projects granted Tiaki Wai funding in the future.

02

Assist Iwi and hapū to lead the national coordination of efforts to improve the management of piharau/kanakana

Staff had a teleconference with members of the Iwi Steering Group to discuss progress on projects related to the programme. Work is underway to finalise the draft national piharau/kanakana strategy developed in 2017/18.

Te Wai Māori has developed a draft implementation plan for the piharau/kanakana strategy that has been reviewed by the members of the Iwi steering group. Further hui are planned for Q3 to finalise this implementation plan and commence targeted joint projects.



Relationship building and reporting

In 2014 and 2017, Te Wai Māori held a national Tuna Symposium and National Tuna Conference, which is an opportunity for Iwi and hapū to share knowledge and experiences regarding tuna. This year, the conference will be expanded to cover all taonga freshwater species. Preparations are now underway for the 2019 Freshwater Fisheries Conference to take place on 3-4 September. It will feature a series of speakers and panel discussions over 1.5 days and will be held at the Northland Events Centre (formerly Toll Stadium) in Whangārei.

Te Wai Māori has held an initial meeting of Iwi representatives to discuss mechanisms to enhance the status of tuna. We will also establish a national body to represent the interests of tuna, designed to coordinate a work programme to improve the health and wellbeing of tuna.

At the 11 February board meeting, directors approved the Quarter 1 report. Staff are packaging this report to be included with the Quarter 2 report. This combined 6-month report will be sent to Iwi and stakeholders once approved by the Board. The Board will consider the Quarter 2 report at the 14 May Board meeting.

In February, Te Wai Māori was invited to review the IUCN threat assessment of longfin tuna. We contributed our knowledge of this taonga species to the assessment and offered insights within the context of the relationship between tuna and Māori.

Provide governance, oversight and resources to enable the Trust to operate effectively



The risk management framework discussed at the 4 December Board meeting has become a regular feature of Te Wai Māori board meetings, being regularly reviewed and updated as required.

A board evaluation was undertaken in late 2018 facilitated by the Institute of Directors. This was completed in Q4 of FY17/18, and the results of the evaluation were discussed with directors at the 11 February board meeting.

Management and Directors receive regular reports on the performance of Te Wai Māori funds managed by Portfolio Management Services Limited and Cambridge Associates.

Ian Ruru has been appointed as an Alternate Director for Te Wai Māori Trust.

Te Wai Māori welcomes Ian Ruru as an Alternate Director



Te Wai Māori are proud to announce the appointment of Ian Ruru (Te Aitanga a Mahaki, Ngāti Porou, Ngāi Tai and Te Whaktōhea) as an alternate director on the Board of Te Wai Māori Trust.

“Ian brings a unique level of knowledge to Te Wai Māori from his decades of experience in fisheries and science. He’s worn many different hats throughout that time, as a director on multiple Iwi Asset Holding Companies, he’s been a customary fishing kaitiaki for over 10 years, holds a Masters of Science and was a co-developer of the Mauri Compass assessment tool.” – Ken Mair, Chair of Te Wai Māori.

Ian is currently on the board of the Iwi Collective Partnership, where his knowledge on tuna (eel) management has assisted with the organisation’s commitment to kaitiakitanga. He also serves on the boards of Ngāti Porou Seafood Limited, Te Kumukumu Limited (Ngāi Tai Iwi Authority Fisheries Company) and Te Aitanga a Mahaki Trust Asset Holding Company Limited (Fishing Company).

“Ian has a great way with people, a humble nature and we look forward to the unique amount of mātauranga he is able to bring with him to Te Wai Māori.” – Ken Mair.

Communications



Te Wai Māori staff have been working our with IT contractors on the creation of a new website for Te Wai Māori. The site is nearly complete but is awaiting the population of our past Wai Ord Fund projects. We expect to launch the new site in May 2019.

Te Wai Māori contracted Te Kani Price from Huia to complete a brand refresh and brand guidelines. These have since been completed are being used to design three new professional document templates for Te Wai Māori's responses to government, as well as quarterly reports and annual plans/reports to Iwi. This project is expected to be completed in May.

Te Wai Māori advertised number of topics in the second quarter including the previously available alternate director position (now filled by Ian Ruru) and a media release regarding the protection of tuna (eels). This release resulted in an appearance by Chair Ken Mair on Te Karere with Eru Rerekura.

We also advertised the newly created Tiaki Wai Fund, and the Wai Ora Fund through both traditional media (Radio Waatea), and social media, reaching over 31,000 people. Our newly created Facebook page has also gained over 200 followers.

We have refreshed and increased our social media presence on various freshwater fisheries matters.

On 27 March, we sponsored the annual Māori Fisheries Conference at the Novotel in Auckland. Our Chair, Ken Mair spoke as well as Wai Ora Fund recipients Nicole Hodgson and Maria Nepia, and Eimear Egan from NIWA.

Staff are in the process of organising the freshwater fisheries conference for September 2019.



Wai Ora Fund Projects

Ngā Hapū o Tūtaekuri (Waitangi Estuary, Hawkes Bay) – 2017/18



The Waitangi Wai Mauri project aims to create a large wetland on an area owned by Hawkes Bay Regional Council at Waitangi Estuary, where the Tūtaekuri, Ngaruroro and Clive Rivers converge.

The project involves extensive earthworks to create bunding and islands, and extensive planting of native vegetation. This project builds on the same concept as the horseshoe wetland immediately adjacent to the project site, which has been an overwhelming success for bird and native fish species.

Te Whenua Tōmuri Trust (Taranaki) – 2017/18



This project aims to assist hapū and marae by resourcing, training and mentoring them in environmental monitoring and sustainable management.

The funding will support the trust to hold four wananga with schools, the community and experts on issues such as freshwater and sustainable land management, waste minimisation, maara kai, permaculture, rongoa etc. The project will also bring in experts to assist hapū to draft catchment or land management plans.

Wai Ora Fund Projects

Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board (Lake Taupō) – 2017/18



The purpose of the project is to better understand kōura and kōura habitats in Lake Taupō in order to enhance the customary harvest of kōura in the Ngāti Tūwharetoa rohe.

The Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board want to identify healthy kōura populations in the lake by understanding size and abundance, eating quality/safety, kōura disease, reproductive stages, and identifying habitat that kōura could potentially translocate stock to.

Te Kotahitanga o Te Ātiawa Trust (New Plymouth, Taranaki) – 2017/18



The project is aimed at restoring and revitalising the habitats of taonga species along the Waiwhakaiho river catchment. The project is part of a much larger project by Te Ātiawa to understand the changes that have happened in the Waiwhakaiho catchment, and the effects those changes have had on mahinga kai.

It involves a collation of historical information on land use change, habitat modification, fisheries management and mātauranga Māori.

Wai Ora Fund Projects

Whangawehi Catchment Management Group (Te Mahia, East Coast) – 2017/18



The Whangawehi Catchment Management Group is a community initiative based in Mahia.

The purpose of this project is to enhance a 40ha network of wetlands on private land, which plays a key role in improving water quality in the Whangawehi stream. Enhancement of water quality and habitat in the catchment is a key objective for the Kaiuku Marae Trustees.

Te Arawa Lakes Trust/Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust (Lake Okataina, Bay of Plenty) – 2017/18



The Lake Okataina Taonga Fisheries Project is a joint collaboration between Te Arawa Lakes Trust (lake bed owners) and Ngāti Tarāwhai Iwi Trust (local hapū) to undertake a Cultural Health Assessment using Te Arawa tikanga and lake-specific cultural indicators.

The project identifies kōura as a key indicator species to assess the health of the lake. The baseline kōura assessment uses traditional Tau Kōura methods on Lake Okataina.

Wai Ora Fund Projects

Te Kaahui o Rauru – Te Wai Koiora (Taranaki) – 2016/17



The purpose of Te Wai Koiora is to restore key waterways within the rohe of Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi to a potable standard.

Te Wai Koiora uses the Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi: Puutaiao Management Plan to guide and direct the work undertaken in the environmental space and involves planting of native vegetation at Ototoka Stream.

Hokotehi Moriori Trust (Chatham Islands) – 2016/17



The Trust is developing a freshwater plan and customaries fisheries plan for Rēkohu (Chatham Island), based on monitoring work in the island's freshwater systems (streams, and Whānga Lagoon).

The project seeks to gather more accurate data on the state of the waterways, and relative abundance of flora and fauna. As well as developing the freshwater plan and the customary fisheries plan for imi Moriori, they also seek to create a rehabilitation plan for future fencing and riparian planting.

