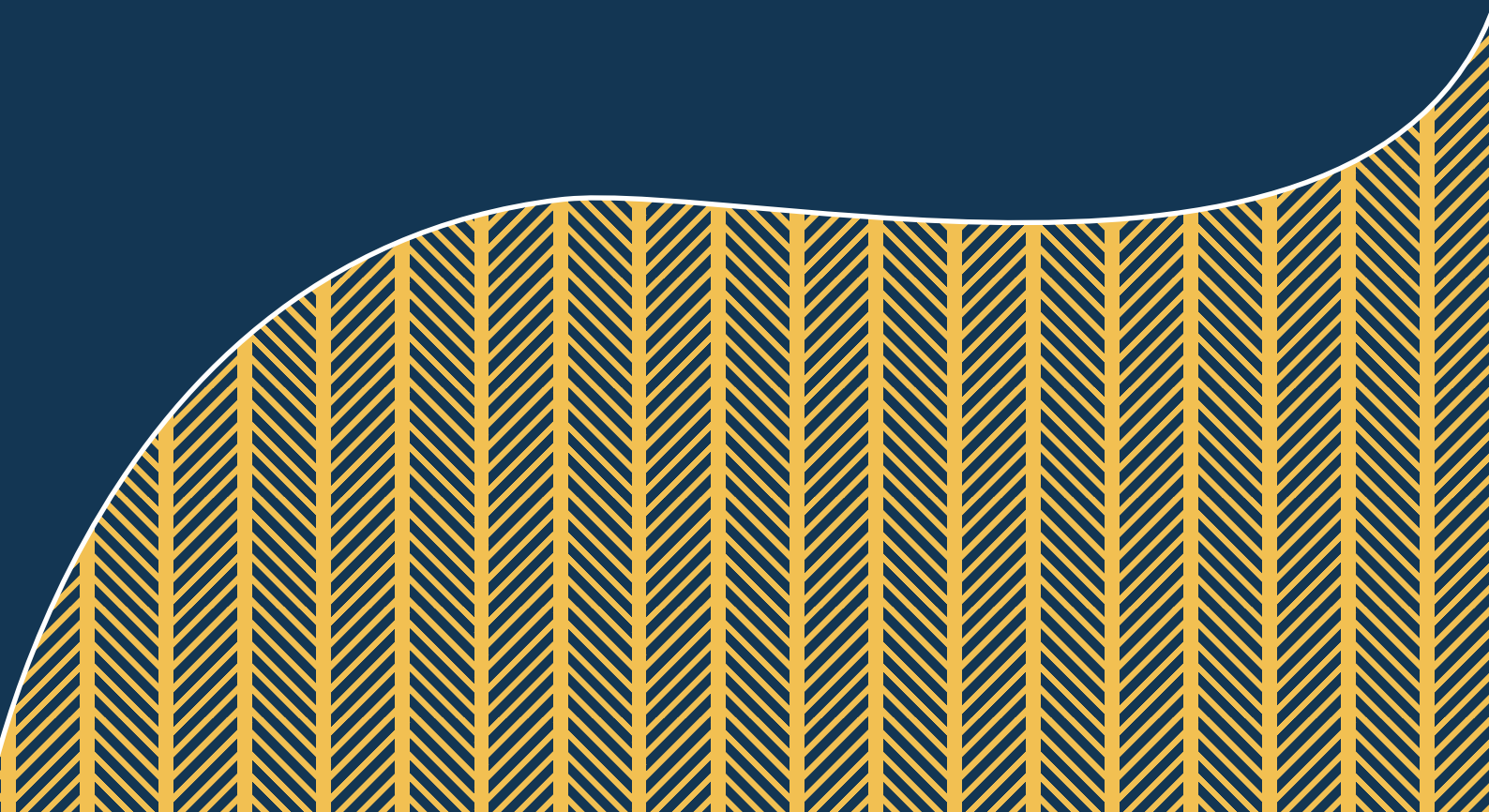




Te Wai Māori

QUARTER REPORT ONE

1 OCTOBER 2019 - 31 DECEMBER 2019



He reo tō te wai

He reo tō te tangata

Kotahi tonu te whakapapa

Whakakotahia!



Summary

This briefing for Iwi provides an overview of Te Wai Māori's work against the 2019/20 Annual Plan and covers the period 1 October 2019 to 31 December 2019.

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Karakia

Ko Rangi

Ko Papa

Ka puta ko Rongo

Ko Tāne Mahuta

Ko Tangaroa

Ko Tūmataunga

Ko Haumia-tiketike

Ko Tāwhirimātea

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!

Haumi e! Hui e, Taiki e!



Chair's Kōrero

Tēnā koutou,

I'm pleased to present the first quarterly (Q1) report on the activities of Te Wai Māori against our 2019/20 Annual Plan, which covers the period 1 October 2019 to 31 December 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.

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

Ngā mihi,



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Mair'.

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

Operational performance against annual plan 2019/20

Protect and enhance Māori rights and interests in freshwater fisheries



Supporting Iwi and hapū to protect and enhance their rights and interests in freshwater fisheries

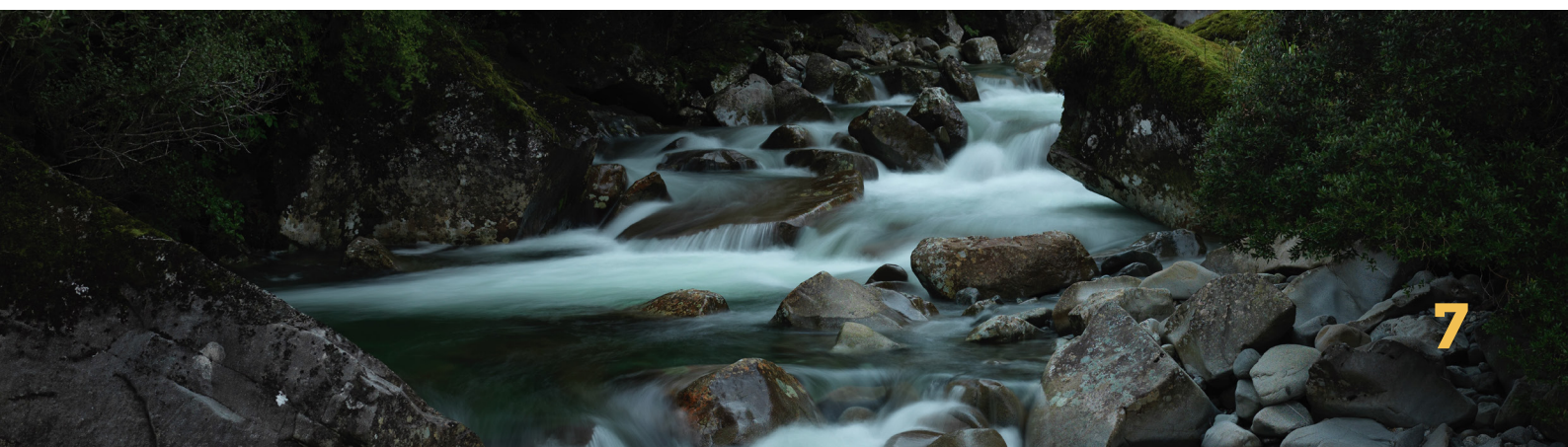
Īnanga review

In late 2018/early 2019, the Minister of Conservation announced that the Department would be consulting with the public to understand the issues facing the six species of fish collectively and commonly known as whitebait.

Following public engagement, the Department released a summary of feedback received from Māori and the public, but were slow to act on the next phase of the work which we understood to include public engagement on a series of options for regulatory reform in response to the issues raised in Phase 1 of DOC's consultation. In June 2019, officials noted the Department's intention is to co-develop reform options with Iwi, with a discussion document released to the wider public for consultation in mid-late August, however no progress was made on co-development or further public discussion.

The Trust continues to regularly engage with officials, however we are aware that the scope for the review is not as broad as the issues covered in the initial public discussion, and we have been told that the response will involve reform to the whitebait fishing regulations around fishing method, season and establishing catch limits. We have expressed our disappointment with the missed opportunity to undertake a wider review of the species, including around the habitat necessary to support it in its juvenile and breeding stages. Te Wai Māori will assist Iwi and hapū with technical advice throughout the review process.

Based on feedback from officials, we expect that the next engagement by the Department will be changes to the West Coast and 'rest of New Zealand' whitebait fishing regulations, and we expect these will be released to the public in early 2020.



Essential freshwater

The Trust provided a very brief response to the Government's Essential Freshwater programme. In this response, we noted that the Trust supports many of the proposals but that the Crown must ensure that it works with Iwi and hapū as partners in the development of the proposals further.



Develop and implement mechanisms that provide better recognition and status for tuna

Te Mana o Ngā Tuna

The Trust continues to engage with Fisheries New Zealand (FNZ) and DOC officials on issues relating to tuna. In mid-2019 Te Wai Māori proposed to those agencies a multi-agency review of the pressures and issues affecting the tuna fishery (effects of fishing, habitat, water quality). It was our aspiration that the review would be led by Te Wai Māori Trust, and involve Iwi, Te Ohu Kaimoana, and those Crown agencies with responsibilities for the health and wellbeing of tuna.

Te Wai Māori continues to support the establishment and initial work of the National Tuna Body, which was a group of Māori brought together to represent the interests of tuna from a kaupapa Māori perspective. The group is made up of Ben Potaka, Charlie Bluett, Erena Watene-Rawiri, Maru Samuels, Taroi Rawiri, Brendan Flack, Tony Magner, and Ian Ruru, met again in November 2019 to progress their Terms of Reference, and refine the priorities for the work programme around tuna. The group are clear that the health and wellbeing of tuna is the utmost priority; all other considerations are secondary. While members participating in the Group will have different backgrounds, appreciations and alliances, the focus is Tuna and its habitat.

During this period, we have engaged with officials from the Department of Conservation and Fisheries New Zealand relating to a national review of Tuna and projects to enhance tuna generally. The Trust was also invited to participate on the New Zealand Fish Passage Advisory Group as they are seeking Iwi representation. We will work with Iwi to find a suitable representative.



Ben Potaka



Charlie Bluett



Brendan Flack



Erena Watene-Rawiri



Tony Magner



Taroi Rawiri



Maru Samuels



Ian Ruru

The Trust is also progressing our work to create a series of mini documentaries to highlight the pressures on tuna, including water quality and quantity, habitat destruction, and barriers to migration. In November the Trust travelled to Gisborne to discuss environmental issues with tamariki from Te Karaka Area School and filmed the work they are doing to monitor the health and wellbeing of tuna and its habitat in the Waipaoa River. These documentaries will be launched at the Māori Fisheries Conference in March 2020.



Assist Iwi and hapū to develop and implement initiatives to enhance the status of piharau/kanakana

The Trust continues to work with the piharau/kanakana iwi steering group to enhance the status of this ancient species. In late 2019 the group approved the final piharau/kanakana Strategy which will direct the Trust's future work in this area.

We have begun scoping a project with Southland kaitiaki to support their research on piharau/kanakana. The Trust has also begun developing a communications strategy to grow awareness of piharau/kanakana.

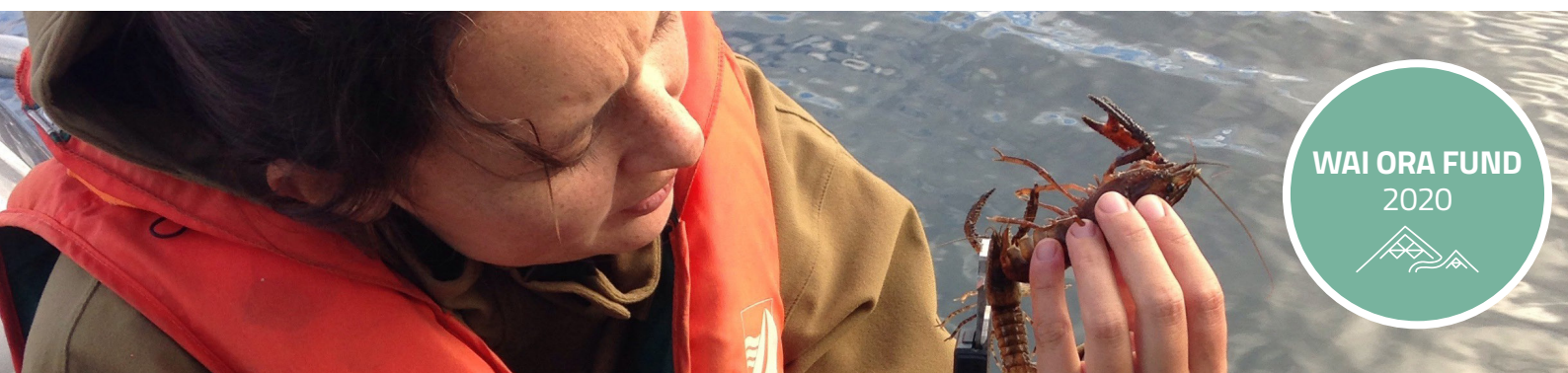
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Building and supporting Iwi and hapū capability and capacity in freshwater fisheries

Te Wai Māori continued to work with 2018/2019 Wai Ora funding recipients to complete their project milestones. During FY18/19 Te Wai Māori supported six projects through the Wai Ora Fund.

At their meeting in November 2019, the board approved funding for the FY19/20 Wai Ora recipients. This year the Trust will be supporting (in some cases part funding) 10 projects throughout Aotearoa.

The Trust received one application for funding from the Tiaki Wai Fund, which will be considered by the board at their first meeting in 2020.



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Increasing the quality and range of information available to Iwi and hapū on freshwater fisheries and habitat

In 2019, Te Wai Māori engaged the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) to develop a literature review of all published research on the effects of a changing climate to freshwater fish species, then to develop assessments on the vulnerability of our taonga freshwater species to a series of climate change scenarios. This will take in examples from Aotearoa and international research.

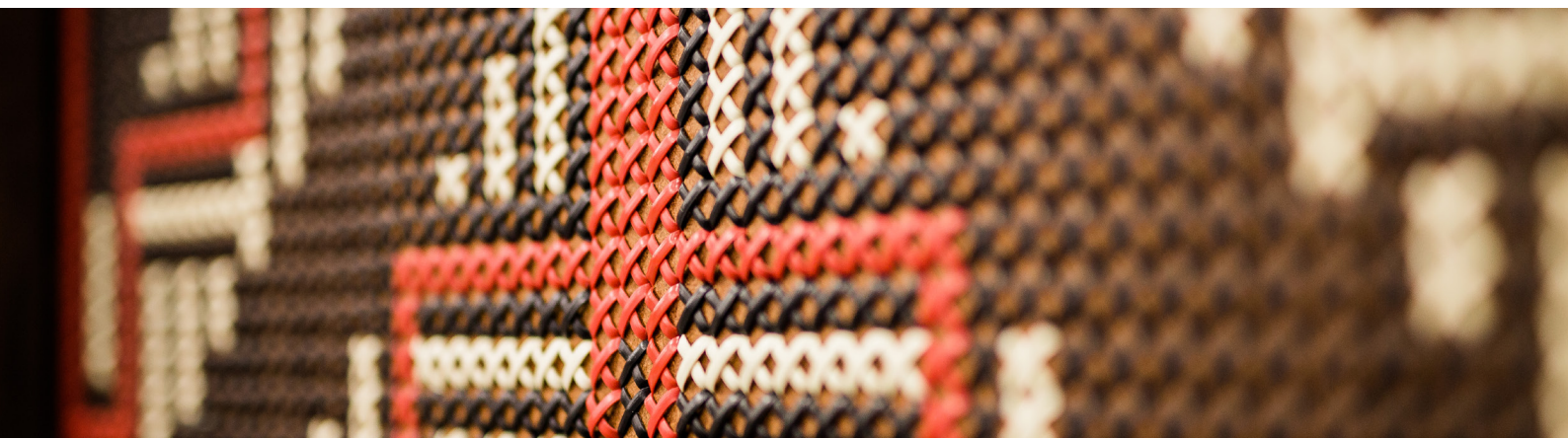
This work is due to be complete in early 2020, and the research will be compiled and launched to the Māori Fisheries Conference in March 2020.

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Relationship building and reporting

In September 2019, the Trust held the third Freshwater Fisheries Conference in Whangārei. The theme for this year's event was 'the vulnerability of our taonga freshwater species to a changing climate'. One of the outcomes from the conference was the need for a toolkit for Iwi and hapū to help them respond to local effects of a changing climate, and this will be part of the 2019/2020 work programme.

We continue to maintain working relationships with Iwi, key government agencies, and other stakeholders.



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



The Te Wai Māori board maintain and regularly review a register of strategic and operational risks.

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

Communications

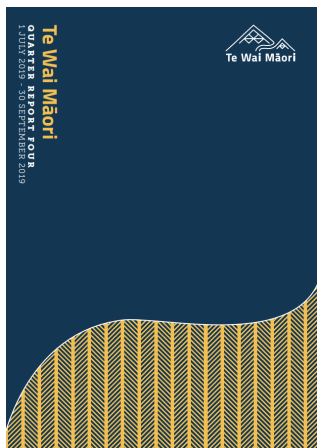


Provide regular quarterly updates to Iwi and other stakeholders on the work of Te Wai Māori Trust

Our fourth and final quarter report for the 2018/19 financial year was sent to iwi in November and can be viewed by clicking the document below or by visiting our website: waimaori.maori.nz/publications/reporting

Our annual plan for the 2019/20 financial year was provided to iwi in November 2019. A copy of our plan can be viewed here or by visiting our website: waimaori.maori.nz/publications/

Te Wai Māori's section (page 50) of the Te Ohu Kaimoana annual report was completed and sent to Iwi via email in January of this year. Physical copies will be sent to Iwi on the week of 3 February. To view the annual report, click [here](http://teohu.maori.nz/governance-reporting/) or visit teohu.maori.nz/governance-reporting/.



Te Wai Māori Q4 Report



Annual Plan & Budget



Annual Report

Promote Te Wai Māori as a source of expert advice and information

The Trust attended Te Paepae o Tangaroa in Gisborne during October; a symposium on issues facing fresh and saltwater in Aotearoa and the wider Pacific. Ian Ruru presented on the challenges facing freshwater from both a Western and traditional mātauranga perspective.

We sent three pānui to Iwi regarding vacancies at Te Wai Māori, our fourth quarter report and annual plan and our end of year update. Our first documentary on Tuna has been edited and is ready for release, subject to Board approval. The filming of our second documentary will take place in Taranaki in early to mid-February. The shooting of the third documentary will take place in Southland.

We published two stories during the first quarter on our website regarding awareness of the pressures on tuna, and an end of year update.

Grow the awareness and influence of Te Wai Māori

During the first quarter we reached approximately 6,000 people, had 627 engagements with users and gained 50 more followers on our social media accounts. We had 596 users visit our website 767 times during November and December.

