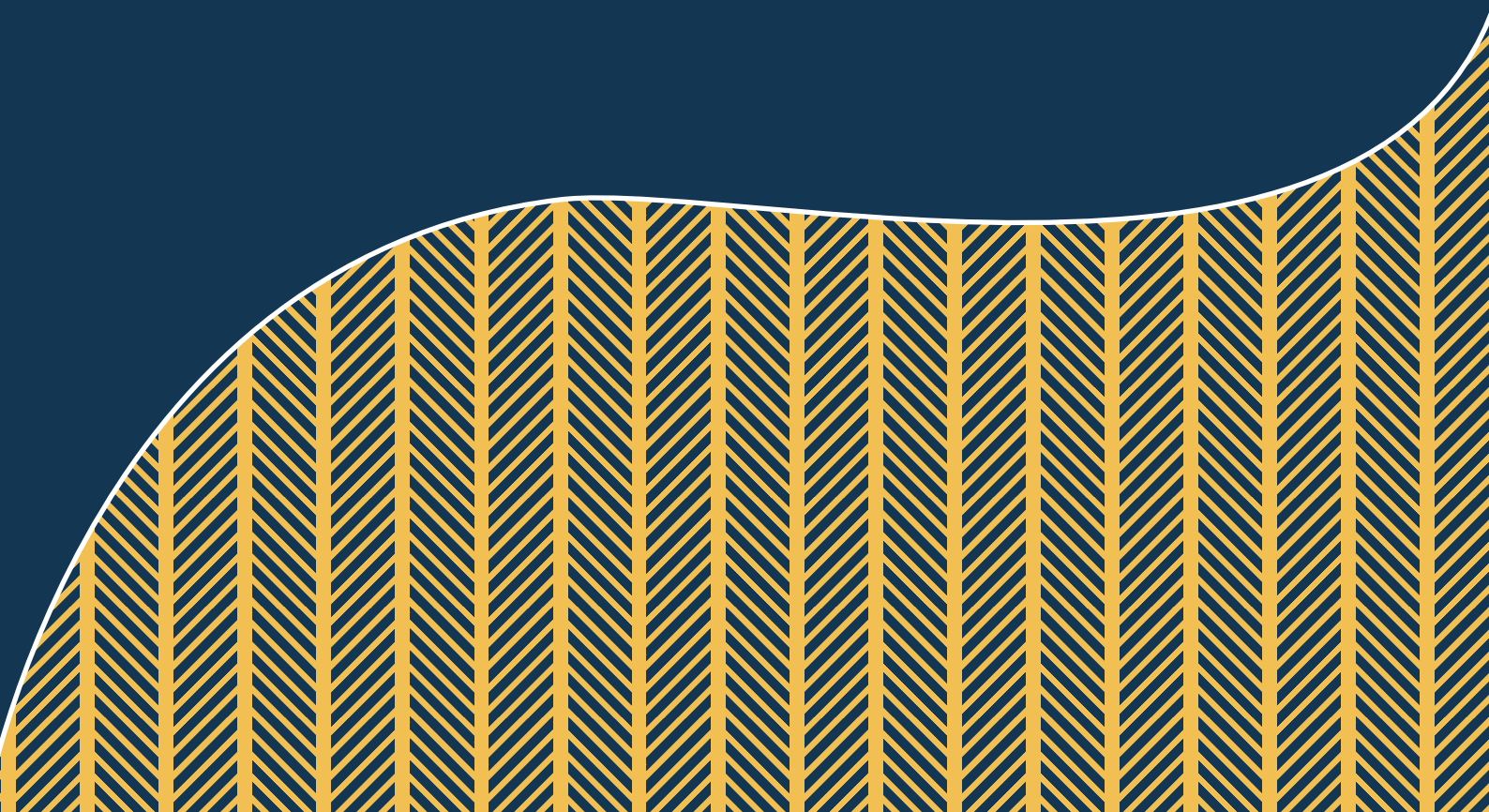




Te Wai Māori

QUARTER FOUR REPORT
1 JULY 2020 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2020



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 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.

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Karakia

Ko Rangi

Ko Papa

Ka puta ko Rongo

Ko Tāne Mahuta

Ko Tangaroa

Ko Tūmatauenga

Ko Haumia-tiketike

Ko Tāwhirimatea

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 fourth quarterly (Q4) report on the activities of Te Wai Māori against our 2019/20 Annual Plan, which covers the period 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020.

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,



Lisa te Heuheu

Chair - Te Wai Māori



Our Board



Lisa te Heuheu

Chair



Miria Pomare

Director



Pahia Turia

Director



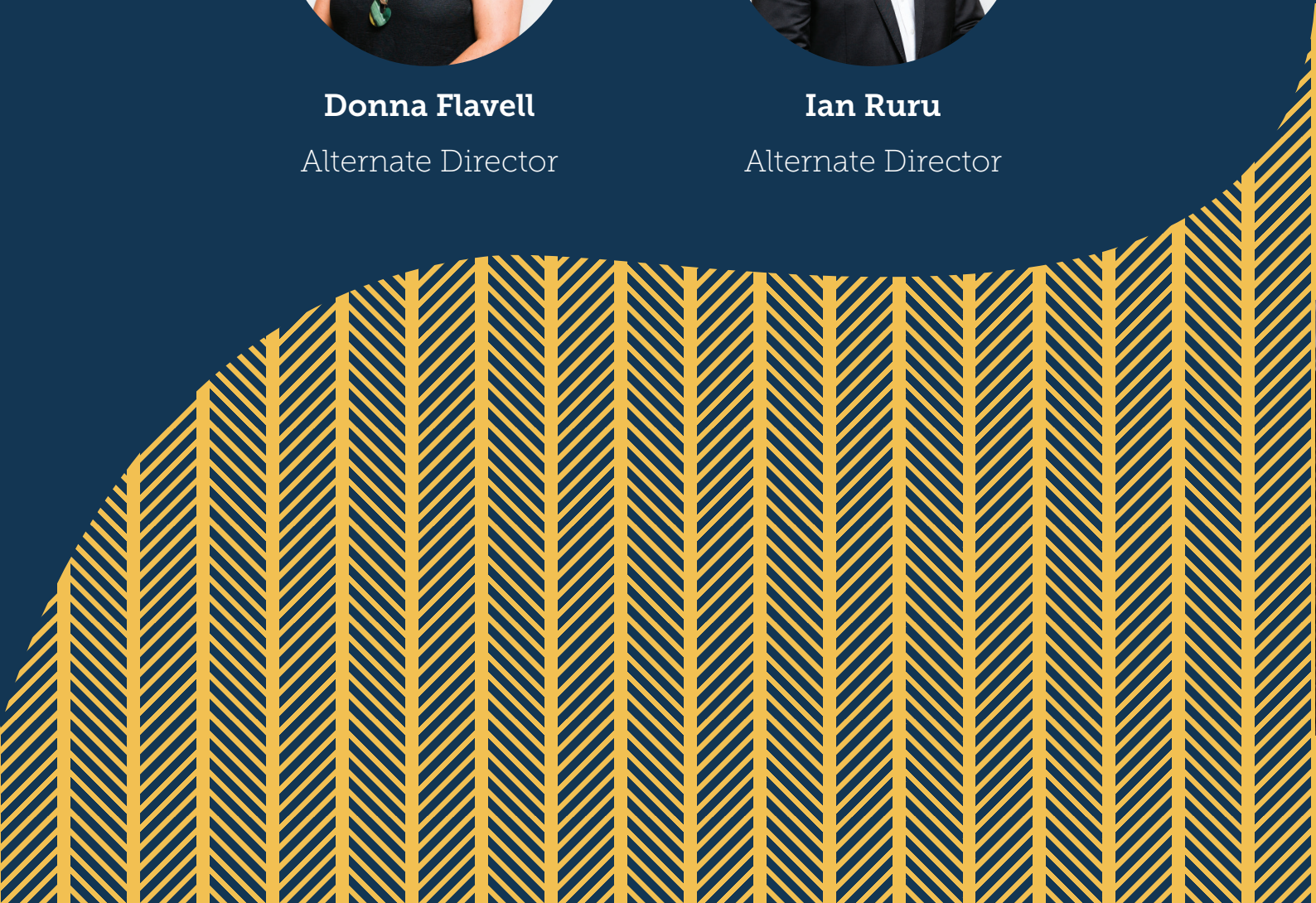
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Operational performance against annual plan 2019/20

Protect and enhance Māori rights and interests in freshwater fisheries

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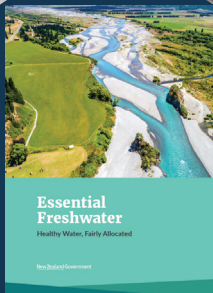
Supporting Iwi and hapū to protect and enhance their rights and interests in freshwater fisheries

Essential freshwater

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 came into force on 3 September 2020 and is of particular relevance to a number of the Trust's current work programmes.

As outlined in the Annual Plan and Budget for 2020/2021 provision has been made for the Trust to support the work of the Iwi Leaders Group relating on Māori rights and interests in freshwater, with allocation and addressing Māori rights and interests in freshwater forming the next component of the Government's freshwater reforms. In September staff met with officials from the Ministry's Water Directorate for a high-level discussion on the next stages of the freshwater reforms.

Further, the Kohunui research project, detailed below, seeks to empower the marae group to undertake freshwater monitoring and assessment that speaks to their values. Another objective of the project is to assist the group in navigating regional planning/NPS-FM processes, including value setting with 'mahinga kai' having been elevated to a compulsory value under this legislation.



Īnanga review and wider Department of Conservation work programme

Following consultation in January, progress on the Department of Conservation's Īnanga review has been limited. DOC have made their final recommendations to the Minister of Conservation and this will be reviewed by the government after the election. Te Wai Māori will continue to assist Iwi and hapū throughout the next stages of the Īnanga review process and regularly engage with officials on concerns raised, should the review continue following the election.

Staff engaged with officials on potential research projects and opportunities to partner with Iwi and hapū, spanning the following:

- a) Protecting spawning sites
- b) Addressing activities that kill and injure fish
- c) Protecting some species of life stages of fish from non-customary fishing
- d) Identifying and addressing issues with noxious fish
- e) Fish passage
- f) Closing areas to fishing

Biodiversity

The Trust continue to monitor progress and to engage with officials to seek to influence the further development of the NPS Indigenous Biodiversity, noting that the delivery of the NPS has been delayed from mid-2020 until April 2021 as a consequence of COVID-19 and potential impact of the upcoming election.

Te Wai Māori Freshwater Fishseries Conference

Initial planning has begun for the Te Wai Māori Freshwater Fisheries Conference planning for 20-21 April 2021 in Taupō.



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

Te Mana o Ngā Tuna

The Trust continues to participate in the pre-establishment committee for the Long Fin Eel Strategy development being led by Fisheries New Zealand which aims to develop a strategy addressing all of the fishing and non-fishing pressures facing this taonga species.

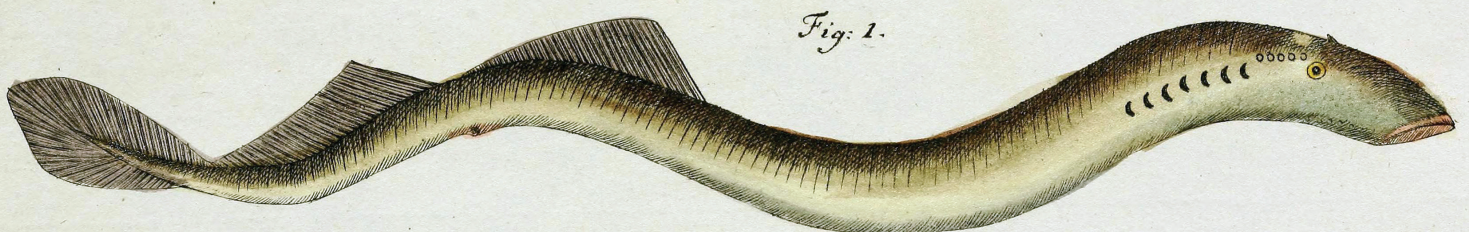
The Trust has developed a series of short documentaries highlighting the pressures facing tuna, with the first of these released in September. Further short documentaries will be released through late 2020.



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

As noted in the previous report a project has been scoped with Southland kaitiaki to support their research on Kanakana, however, as a consequence of COVID-19, commencement of the project was delayed. The Trust remains committed to supporting this research and continues to liaise with Dr Jane Kitson and the research will be undertaken in summer 20/21.



Advancing Māori rights and interests in freshwater fisheries

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

Te Wai Māori continued to work with 2019/2020 Wai Ora funding recipients to complete their project milestones and make necessary variations to contracts as a result of delays due to COVID-19. During the period, Te Whenua Tōmuri completed their Wai Ora project on water monitoring in conjunction with local kura and hapū in Taranaki.

The Trust has approved two new applications for funding through the Tiaki Wai Fund during Q4 which takes the total to four projects for the financial year. During the period, Tūwharetoa Fisheries Charitable Trust completed their Tiaki Wai project which was a desktop study to document which species are native to the Tūwharetoa rohe and what kōrero exists for those species that are of particular importance to Tūwharetoa.

02

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

As noted in the last report, Te Wai Māori engaged the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) to develop assessments on the vulnerability of our taonga freshwater species to a series of climate change scenarios.

NIWA were to undertake Climate Change Vulnerability Assessments (CCVA) for 17 taonga freshwater fish species, however, technical assessments were only able to be undertaken for 10 of those species, owing to a lack of information on certain species. The reports describe the assessment process, the numerous factors that influence a species vulnerability (environmental, physiological considerations, etc), and describe how at risk some of our taonga species are.

This research was launched via webinar on Facebook live on 9 September and is available on the Trust's website with hardcopies provided on request.





Relationship building and reporting

Te Wai Māori has established a pilot study using a kaupapa Māori approach to freshwater assessment with a Wairarapa marae group. As part of the project researcher and Te Wānanga o Raukawa lecturer (Māori and Environmental Management) Caleb Royal (Ngāti Raukawa ki te Tonga) has been engaged to facilitate two two-day workshops that will focus on the development of a training programme for the monitoring of mahinga kai. The exercise will be centred around the collection and processing of tuna and a pest fish monitoring exercise.

The Trust has also met with Greater Wellington Regional Council as part of the pilot and are exploring ways to work alongside the council in the wider freshwater monitoring programme already underway in the area.

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

The Trust's third quarter report against the 2019/20 Annual Plan was sent to Iwi in July. This report can be found on our website in our publications sections, under reporting – or by clicking [here](#).

The Trust is working with our communications team on our first contribution to the Kāhui's upcoming e-magazine, 'Te Korowai o Tangaroa'. The magazine will be published quarterly and will present the Trust and its work alongside the rest of the kāhui to a broader audience.

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

Concerned about the effects of a changing climate on taonga freshwater species, the Trust commissioned NIWA to undertake a jointly funded assessment of the vulnerability of key taonga species to the expected effects of climate change. The research was published in September and copies sent to iwi around the motu (please get in contact if you'd like a copy). As part of the launch we hosted a webinar with the report's authors, NIWA scientists Eimear Egan, Dr Erica Williams and Petra Pearce, to present the key findings from the research. We have also been accepted to present the findings at this year's New Zealand Freshwater Sciences Society conference in December in Invercargill.

As part of Te Mana o ngā Tuna workstream, we produced mini-documentary series 'He Reo Whakamana' that shines a light on the pressures facing tuna and their habitat. Due to COVID, we were unable to plan an event a-tinana, which were instead released online. Part one, He reo tō te tuna, premiered on Facebook in September and part two, He reo tō te manga, will premiere in October. We also developed resources for whanau and kura to accompany the documentaries. They provide our tamariki with an opportunity to perform a stream health assessment and report their findings to their local and regional decision makers. The documentaries and resources can be accessed on our website [here](#).



The Trust sent five pānui to Iwi during the fourth quarter. They included a survey of iwi views to support the Trust's annual planning process, an invitation to attend the launch webinar for the research on taonga species sensitivity to climate change, and the third quarter report. The Trust has published seven stories on its website in the fourth quarter. These covered the webinar launch for the climate change research, our new mini documentary series, third quarter report, a response to the Randerson Panel's review of the RMA, media appearances and a scholarship opportunity for tauira studying wai māori related kaupapa.

Grow the awareness and influence of Te Wai Māori

The Trust has again showed significant growth in its interactions with posts on social media by over 158% against the third quarter and increased our reach by 163%. This was largely due to a sponsored posts for the webinar launch and He Reo Whakamana mini documentaries. Te Wai Māori has reached the milestone of over 1,000 Facebook followers.

Our website had a 12.5% increase in the number of users in the third quarter, which builds on the 12.5% increase in the third, and a 41.85% increase in pageviews on the site.

The Trust published two media releases over the course of the quarter. The first was a joint release with NIWA for the launch of the climate change research, which resulted in interview on Māori TV's Te Ao. The second release was about the launch of the He Reo Whakamana mini documentary series.



