# **Aotea Collaborative Conservation Workshop**

Identifying shared priorities for conservation and ecosystem restoration on Aotea - summary of November 2019 workshop

## Value

### Biodiversity

- As a whole ecology (islands, seas)
- Variety of species and ecosystems
- Flourishing (relative to elsewhere)

#### Aotea community

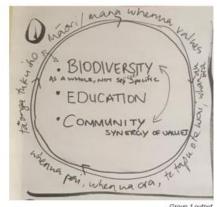
- He tangata
- Passion and capability
- Sense of community, values
- Connectedness with nature and eachother

#### Education/knowledge

- Awareness of value and threats
- Capability and expertise

### Māori/Mana whenua values

- All encompassing (see visual)
- Matauranga Māori, korero passed down from continuous occupation



Group 1 output

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## **Threats**

#### More damage to ecology

- Pests, existing and potential new pests
- Human impact on ecology from more visitors. residents, pets, waste, carbon footprint
- Climate change effects on ecology

#### Not enough funds/people to act

- Loss/lack of stable long term funding (ecology aligned to economy)
- Limited resources/capacity on Aotea

- Lack of good information an education on value and the biosecurity/pest reality (community, visitors)
- Divided views persisting
- Lack of shared language

#### Decision making

- Lack of island-based methods and decision making
- Not prioritising mana whenua world view
- Ineffective consultation increasing divisions/leading to poor solutions
- Band aid solutions (avoiding the real problems)





# Shared priorities

#### Communication and education

- On pests the reality
- Including tookits
- "Marketing" the problems
- Visits to pest free islands

#### Community engagement

- eg via Ecology Vision Support new groups
- Commit to effective consultation (iwi, youth, community)
- Management tools

#### Visitor impact

- Strategy and plan needed
- Education of visitors on how to behave on Aotea

### More suppression of rats

Because "rats are specific to the issue"

#### Biosecurity

- No new pests
- Conversation needed about domestic cats and dogs

#### Progress marine protection

- Take action on this iwi lead. community driven
- Sea Change and Motiti decision = opportunity
- Marine dumping

#### More and better monitoring

Freshwater, marine and land

#### Set freshwater goals

A gap

#### Greater Mana Whenua role

- Progress DOC and NRNWKA
- Fund mana whenua capacity to engage with groups/projects

#### Organisations collaborating

- More workshops like this
- Partnership with mana whenua
- Between organisations eg DOC/Auckland Council

#### Funding and resourcing certainty

- More than 12 months
- Necessary for ecology projects do this for infrastructure

#### Carbon and ecological footprint

Assess and respond



Hei tiaki i te whenua
Hei tiaki i te moana
Hei tiaki i te whanau
Hei tiaki i nga mokopuna
He kaitiaki koe
He kaitiaki au

Look after the land
Look after the seas
Look after the family
Look after the future generations
You are a guardian
I am a guardian

Ngāti Rehua - Ngātiwai ki Aotea 2013 Nicola MacDonald

