



Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura

Kaikoura Coastal Marine Guardians

Who Are Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura?

We are a group of people standing for local leadership about the use and protection of our marine environment. We have come together to develop a management strategy for our coast. The strategy is a korowai (cloak) for Te Tai o Marokura and we are weaving that korowai.

Our vision is a future where the moana (sea) of Kaikōura is richer and healthier. We want it to be used sustainably, providing for the needs of present and future generations. In this vision, people will interact with the sea in ways that care for its mauri (life force). People's activity will be managed to respect the natural connections between living and physical elements and sustain the sea's dynamic ecological balance.

We operate as an incorporated society with the assistance of an independent facilitator. All policy decisions are made by local Kaikōura residents, advised by professional agency support and advisory members.

Te Korowai o Te Tai o Marokura literally means the cloak of Te Tai o Marokura. Culturally it means to lay the cloak or mantle of Ngāti Kuri over Te Tai o Marokura, caring for the seas around Kaikōura.

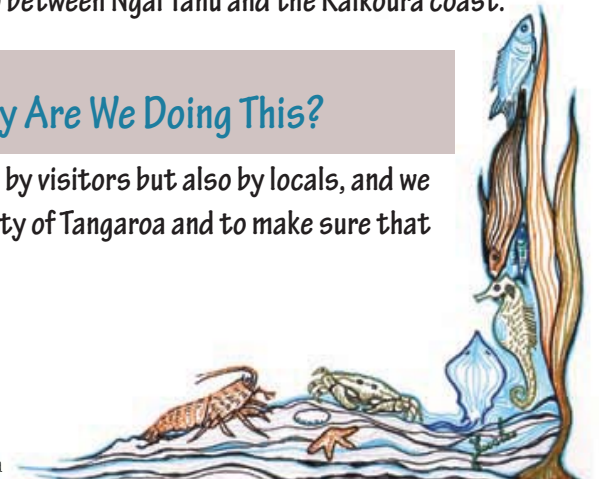
What is Te Tai o Marokura?

Te Tai o Marokura is the realm of Tangaroa, god of the sea. Tangaroa was the first husband of Papatuanuku (the Earth Mother) before she wed Rangiui (the Sky Father). The fishing harbours and sheltered coastal areas of the eastern coastline of Te Waipounamu were created by Tuterakiwhanoa. He was sent by his grandfather Rangiui to enable human occupation of the lands of Te Waka o Aoraki. These are the lands of Te Waipounamu that formed when the waka navigated by Rangiui's sons ran aground on a hidden reef and turned to stone and earth.

Te Tai o Marokura is an integral part of Ngāti Kuri history and cultural identity. The immense importance of the area historically, culturally and spiritually is as dynamic as its geography and its life forms that depend on it. This is acknowledged in the law as a recorded statement of the relationship between Ngāi Tahu and the Kaikōura coast.

Why Are We Doing This?

We have watched our coast being abused and uncared for, not just by visitors but also by locals, and we got sick of it. We want our community to be able to enjoy the bounty of Tangaroa and to make sure that bounty is still there for us and our children who come after us.



What We Are Currently Doing?

In August 2009, it was decided to form two working groups from the larger Te Korowai group, each taking up the challenge of dealing with different aspects of the work that needs to be done to produce the strategy document. One team will focus on the consultation process while the other team begins work on drafting the strategy.

These groups are not working in isolation, but are dependent on information flows between the two groups and will continue to meet regularly. Decisions on the final strategy will be agreed by the wider Te Korowai group.

Over the next few months, the consultation group will be involved in a range of processes to find out what the people who use the coastline of Kaikōura really value and to capture their ideas for the future management of this area.

These ideas will then be taken back to the strategy development team who will in turn, present a range of options for consideration. All the responses and preferred options will then be collated to produce a draft management strategy, which the community will have the opportunity to comment on, before being presented to government and the community for support.

The strategy team is working through issues and will be presenting a number of issues documents over the next few months. We intend to make these available to the wider community to find out your ideas and suggestions.

We look forward to hearing your views so that together we can work to achieve our vision. We would like to know if you would like to stay in contact with the process, so please let us know. If you would like more details of Te Korowai o Te Tai ō Marokura or want a presentation, please contact us.



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