

Aotea Conservation Workshop

Identifying shared priorities for conservation and ecosystem restoration on Aotea

18 November 2019

Summary

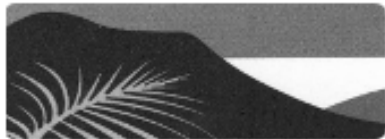


Aotea Conservation Workshop Participants

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Okiwi Community
Project



Whakatauki

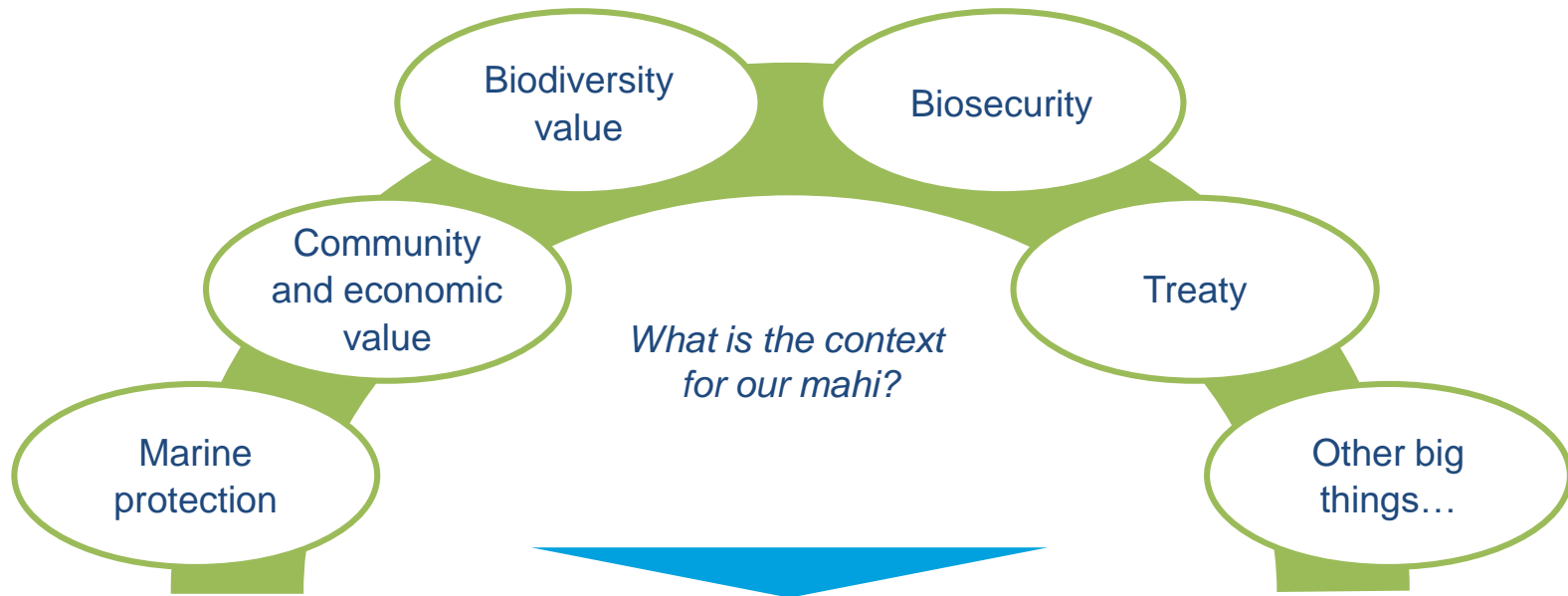
Hei tiaki i te whenua
Hei tiaki i te Moana
Hei tiaki i te whanau
Hei tiaki i nga mokopuna
He kaitiaki koe
He kaitiaki au

*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*

Session 1: What we considered...

*NOTE: See SESSION 1
CONTEXT pack for detail
and participant feedback*



Conservation and ecological restoration on Aotea



Session 2: Value

Biodiversity

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

Aotea community

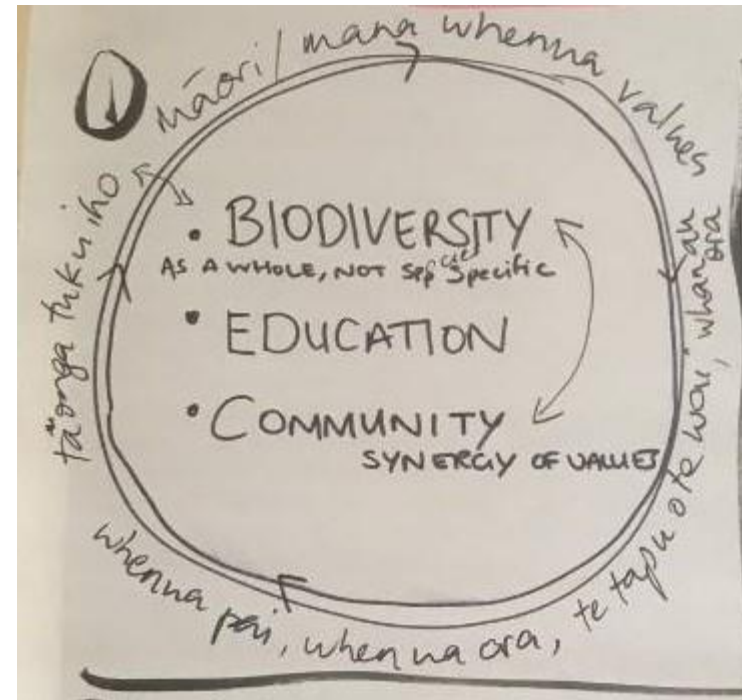
- Hei tangata
- Passion and capability
- Sense of community, values
- Connectedness with nature and each other

Education/knowledge

- Awareness of value and threats
- Capability and expertise

Māori/Mana whenua values

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



Session 2: 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

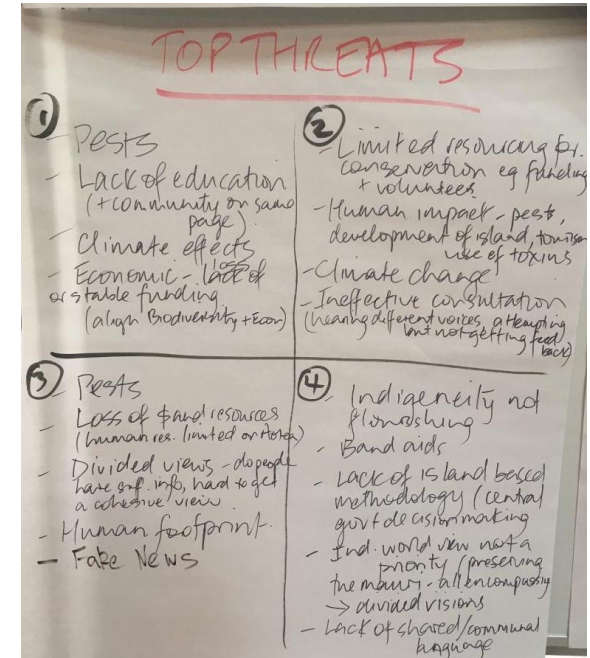
- Loss/lack of stable long term funding (ecology aligned to economy)
- Limited resources/capacity on Aotea

Communication

- Lack of good information and 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)





Session 3: 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 agreement
- 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