# Building resilience in marae in the face of climate change challenges

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## What does resilience look like?







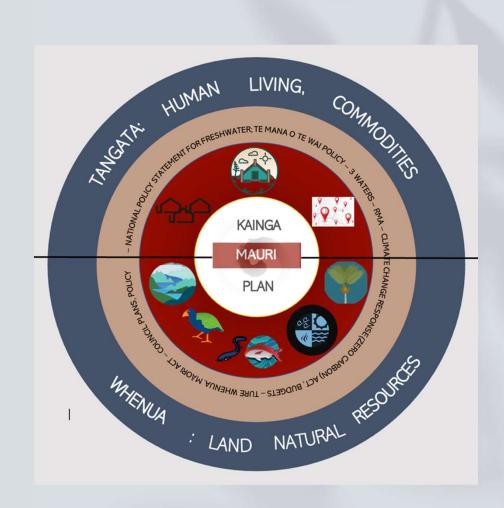


**ENVIRONMENTAL** 

CULTURAL
ORANGA: GOOD HEALTH ACROSS ALL SPHERES
THIS IS THE GOAL.

**SOCIAL** 

What is a kāinga resilience framework?



## It means getting the basics right:

Policy & People National & Local

#### Starting point: Te Tiriti o Waitangi

#### From

"Principles", "Partnership" etc. (Crown approach)

To

"Double Trusteeship"; "Rangatiratanga" (Kāinga approach)

## Rangatiratanga (article 2)

Kāinga (marae)

Whenua

Taonga

### What does that mean?

#### Kāinga

Understanding the social and economic dynamics of a community of descendants: hau kāinga and those away

#### **Whenua**

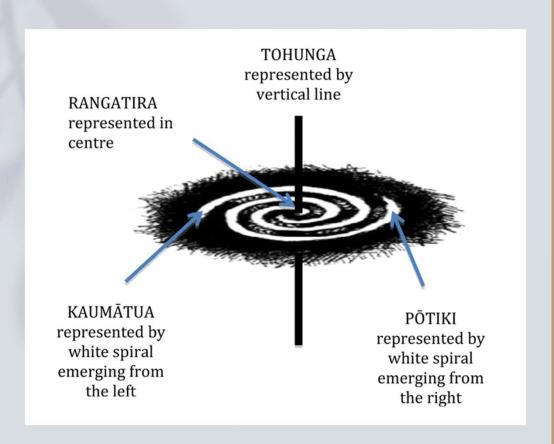
Understanding the history of tenure, loss, current lands and resource base

#### **Taonga**

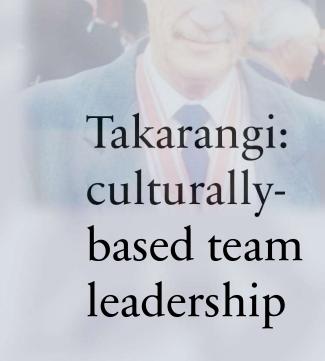
Understanding tangible and intangible resources/ancestral belongings/treasures including knowledge systems that remain

## Rangatiratanga means

- Resources: Identifying the resources (people, land, treasures) of a community
- Risks: Identifying the risks in real terms of climate change (dejargonising complex reports: role of local and central government)
- Outcomes: Supporting communities to achieve equitable outcomes
- Leadership: Supporting community leadership to achieve goals & aspirations



## Leadership: takarangi model



Rangatiratanga: esteemed leadership; long-term sustainability vision for community; risk aware and risk strategists, alert to new opportunities

Tohungatanga: skilled, professional experts; tacticians; risk alert

Kaumātuatanga: keepers of wisdom, mātauranga; maintainers of continuity; risk managers

**Pōtikitanga**: boundary-pushing innovators; opportunity-seekers; disruptive (to status quo); risk takers



## Leadership: What the kāinga are saying

- Strengthen connections with diaspora
- Our land: walk the land, know the land
- People skills, strong listening, good communication



Bring

Raranga-tira: bring people together to act.

Find

Find: balance between innovation and conservation: all solutions based on bringing back stasis, or equilibrium in mauri.

Move

Move: from dependency (on govt) to self-determining solutions.

Act

Act: on kaitiakitanga as the practice.



## Urgency to act. What our taiohi are saying

"The second-best time to act is now. The best time was yesterday."



## Rangatiratanga in practice: what does it do?

Builds resilience in marae in the face of climate change challenges.



We are now in overshoot; we have surpassed natural limits through colonization, capitalism, over-consumption etc.

Kaitiakitanga as the practical expression of rangatiratanga will help us get back to natural limits, sustainable lives and oranga of:

kāinga, whenua, taonga.

## Tēnā koutou!

Thank you for listening.