

TE MATAORA O TE KŌURA

Ko te kōura (kēwai rānei) he taonga taketake i ngā wai māori o Aotearoa. E noho ana ngā kōura ki ngā awa, ngā puna, ngā roto me ngā repo puta noa i te motu. He tino rerekē te kōura wai māori i tērā o te moana.

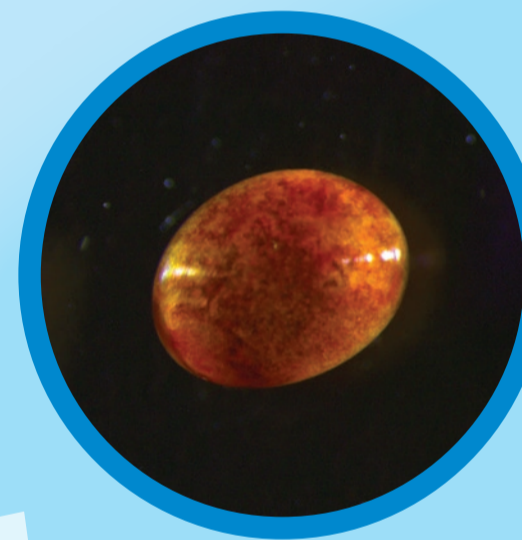


Kupu Taka

- Angaanga-ō-runga – carapace
- Angawaho – exoskeleton
- Kōhiwi – skeleton
- Konihi – predator
- Mōrearea – vulnerable
- Newanewa – to be soft (to touch), smooth
- Paneke – pass through
- Repo – wetlands
- Tatai tātea – sperm packet
- Timo – pincers
- Toa – male
- Tōhua – fertilise, fertilisation
- Uwha – female
- Whakamāunu – moult

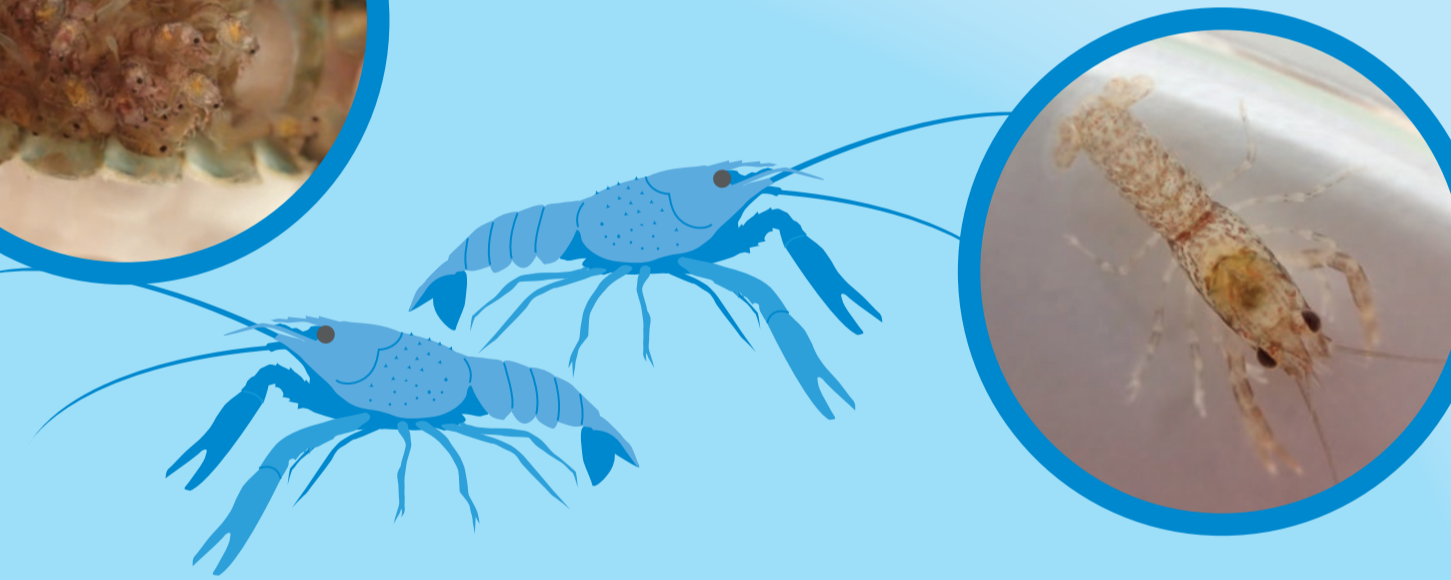
1 NGĀ HUA

Ka tāea e te kōura uwha te kawē i ngā hua e 20–320 i te wā kotahi. E piri ana ngā hua ki ngā huruhuru i raro i te hiku mō ngā mārāma e 4–15, tae noa mai ki te tipu hei pūhouhou.



2 PŪHOUHOU

Ka piri atu te pūhouhou ki te puku o tōna whaea, tae noa mai ki te wā kua tipu ake, ā, ka tāea e te pūhouhou te tiaki i a ia anō. Nō kōnei, ka noho ki tana kotahi.

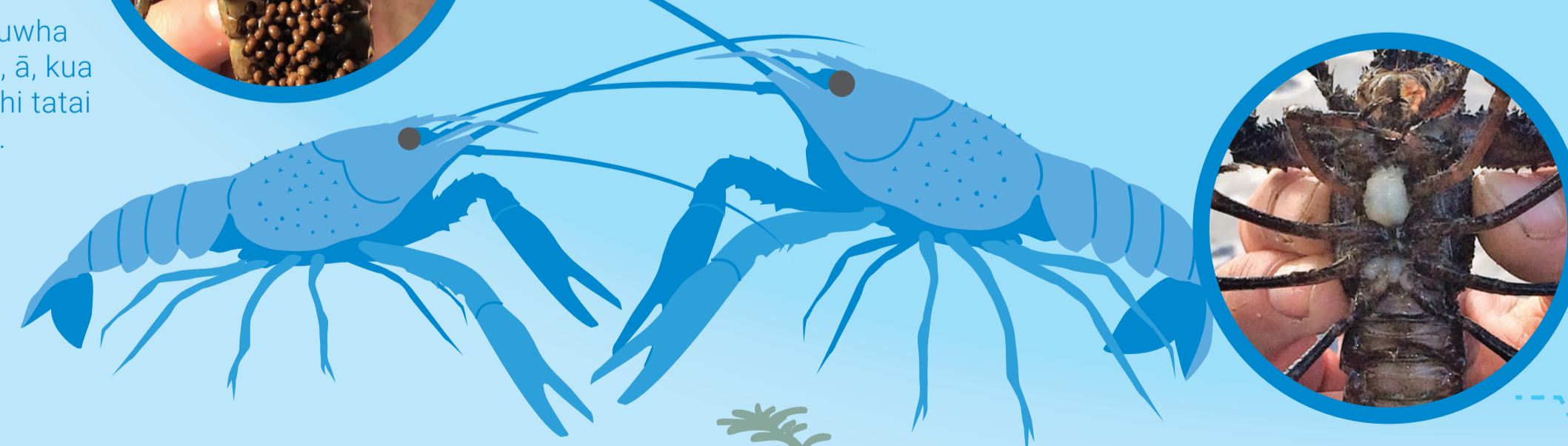


4 WHAKAPUTA URI

E rua ngā kaupeka whakaputa uri ā ngā kōura e noho ana ki rō roto – ko tētahi hei te mutunga o te wā ngahuru, me tētahi hei te wā raumati. Ka tūhono te kōura toa i tana tatai tātea ki raro iho i te kōura uwha. Ka whakaputa hua te uwha, ā, ka paneke aua hua i te tatai tātea kia tōhua ai.



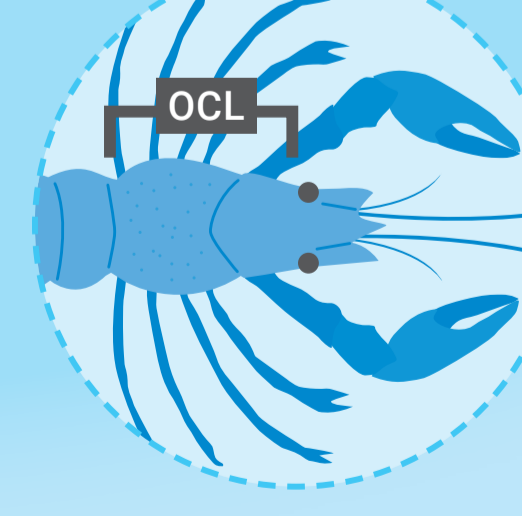
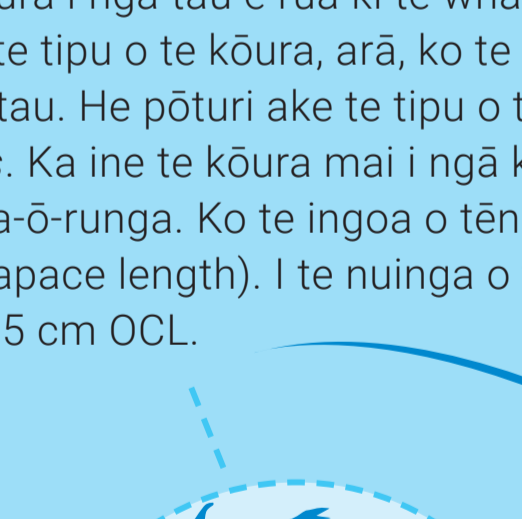
He kōura uwha me ana hua, ā, kua tūhono tētahi tatai tātea.



He kōura toa me tana tatai tātea

3 NGĀ PAKEKE

Ka pakeke te kōura i ngā tau e rua ki te whā. E rua nga āhuatanga e whakataua ana i te tipu o te kōura, arā, ko te paemahana o te wai me te kaupeka o te tau. He pōturi ake te tipu o te *P. zealandicus* i tērā o te *P. planifrons*. Ka ine te kōura mai i ngā karu ki te mutunga o tana angaanga-ō-runga. Ko te ingoa o tēnei momo ine ko te OCL (orbital carapace length). I te nuinga o te wā, ka tipu te kōura ki te 12–15 cm OCL.



E RUA NGĀ MOMO KŌURA I AOTEAROA



Paranephrops planifrons

He āhua iti ake te tinana o tēnei momo kōura i tērā atu. He iti noa iho ngā huruhuru o ngā timo. E kitea ana tēnei momo puta noa i Te Ika-a-Māui me te hauāuru-mā-raki o Te Wai Pounamu.



Paranephrops zealandicus

I te nuinga o te wā, he rahi ake te tinana o tēnei momo kōura i tērā atu. He maha ngā huruhuru kei ngā timo. E kitea ana tēnei momo ki te taha rāwhiti o Te Wai Pounamu, ki Rakiura anō hoki.



He angawaho tō te kōura arā, kei waho tonu te kōhiwi i te tinana. Ka whakamāunu i tōna angawaho huri noa i tōna orange. He wā mōrearea tēnei i te korenga o te angawaho māro hei ārai i te tinana o te kōura.



Ka oho te kōura i te pō, ā, ka huna mai i te konihi me ērā atu kōura i te rā.

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