

The background image is a landscape photograph with a strong blue color cast. It depicts a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sun is positioned just above a range of dark mountains, creating a bright glow and a reflection on the water's surface. The sky is filled with scattered clouds, some of which are illuminated from below by the sun. The overall mood is serene and natural.

# Ngati Awa Customary, Coastal and Kaimoana Management



# Ngati Awa

- A settled iwi in the Bay of Plenty
- The governance entity elected to represent 22 hapu
- Organized, established since 1988
- Making informed decisions about our rohe, resources and their management

# Memberships

- BOP Iwi Fisheries Forum (MoF)
- Regional Coastal Environment Forum (Environment Bay of Plenty)
- Mataatua Assembly (Convenor)
- Kaitiaki

# Objective

Informed decision-making and action in:

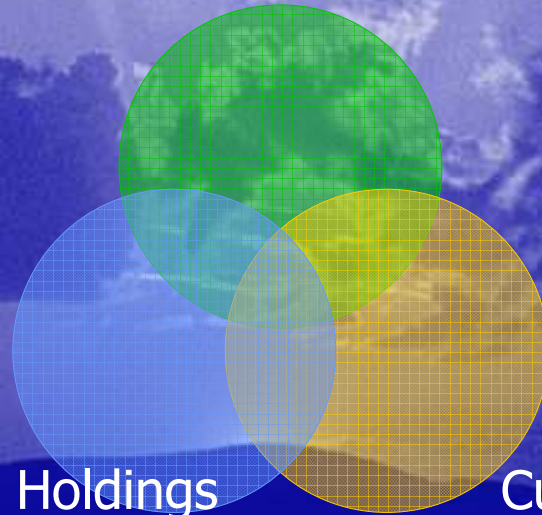
- Kaimoana Management
- Habitat mapping
- Resource assessment
- Resource enhancement
- Relationship management

# Approach

- Fisheries portfolios assigned to responsible units
- 'Ngati Awa Team' Approach to decision-making – hui involving kaumatua, pukenga, elected representatives, uri, and Runanga staff
- Practice and promote pan-tribal kaitiakitanga
- Recognise that scientific research supports our management decisions
- Build and maintain relationships
- Manageable pace, clear objectives

# Fisheries Portfolios

Coastal Environment : ENA



Commercial : NA Asset Holdings

Customary : NAFA

# Instruments

- Ngati Awa Rohe Moana gazetted 2006
- Tangata kaitiaki appointed
- Draft Ngati Awa Natural Resources Management Strategy and plans prepared and administered
- EBOP AMA Constraints mapping data available in the Ngati Awa GIS Database
- Relationships with specified areas statutorily acknowledged
- Protocols with MoF, HPA and Environment Court
- Systems, networks and participation

# Ohiwa Harbour





# Three Iwi and a Hapu

- Ngati Awa
- Tuhoë
- Whakatohea

And

- Upokorehe Hapu of Whakatohea

# Ohiwa Update

- Ohiwa Harbour Strategy Hearing
- Process for adoption of 'Providing for Kaitiakitanga' planned in 2007/2008
- Iwi/hapu reps meet on-site, share drafts
- Pan-tribal rahui continues
- s186A was lifted temporarily but re-closed (Upokorehe Survey 2005 contributed)
- New 186A closure imposed – due to re-open June 2008
- Ngati Awa Mussel and Bed Survey underway June 2007

# Rahui and s186A closure

- Initiated by Upokorehe, supported by Ngati Awa, Tuhoe, Whakatohea, statutory agencies and the community
- Established for two years Dec 2003 – Dec 2005
- Upokorehe Mussel Survey demonstrated need for extension of closure
- 186A closure lifted briefly
- New s186A closure imposed 2006, due to be lifted in June 2008

# Ngāti Awa Mussel & Bed Survey 2007

- Survey mussel population, state of habitat to inform Ngāti Awa decisions about extending or lifting the rahui and second s186A closure in June 2008
- GPS bed and scope 3 potential bed locations
- Findings contribute to decision-making about mahinga mataitai status for Ohiwa Harbour
  - An ENA project 2007/08
  - Action in the Ohiwa Strategy and draft iwi plan

# Preparation for Survey

- Fund
- Find and contract researcher and equipment
- Identify kaumatua and pukenga
- Notify community, iwi and statutory organisations
- Seek advice and assistance

# Surveyors and their waka



Kura Paul-Burke & Joe Burke and their boat MUSA

# Survey Methodology

- Kaumatua identified traditional mussel beds and 3 other 'possibles' (GPS)
- Drift dive main bed, photograph, establish 50m transects – provides snapshot
- Record population, size, state of habitat
- Report to Ngati Awa
- All data shared with other iwi
- Available to statutory agencies on request

# Issues relevant to Mussel Survey

- Statutory funding criteria could not be met
- Monitoring mussel population and habitat subject to 186A closure not a part of MoF function
- Difficult to recommend opening beds

# Generic Issues

- Difficult to establish and maintain long distance relationships with multiple agencies
- Key agencies slow to engage in localised integrated management planning
- Self funded surveys can not be sustained by iwi
- The value of iwi/hapu support for research is underestimated

# Ngati Awa next steps in Ohiwa

- Complete mussel & bed survey and share information
- Process OHS decision
- Review 'Providing for Kaitiakitanga' plan
- Invite comment, amend and adopt
- Promote process of adoption with neighbour iwi
- Continue to integrate administration of plan
- Scope mahinga mataitai status for Ohiwa
- Plan Actions and implement

# Ngati Awa Next 'Fisheries' Steps

Clarify objectives, consult, seek support for research projects for:

- Re-establishing and enhancing species and habitats (mussels, pipi, cockles, scallops, crayfish, fish, kina, paua, fish, freshwater species)
- Determining when action is necessary
- Determining and managing sustainable harvest levels and methods