

Progress on plan mana whenua methods:

M2: Method M2: Kaitiaki information and monitoring strategy Wellington Regional Council will work with mana whenua kaitiaki to develop and implement, by December 2017, an information and monitoring strategy that is consistent with Mātauranga Māori and achieves the following: (a) identifies tohu and provides resources that enable the measurement of huanga for mahinga kai and Māori customary use, and Ngā Taonga Nui a Kiwa, and (b) identifies tikanga needed to monitor tohu, and (c) provides a reporting structure that enables kaitiaki information to contribute to the region's State of the Environment reporting, and (d) ensures information is accessible and relevant to Māori.

The Kaitiaki Monitoring and Information Strategy (Method 2) has provided the basis for the initial structure of a regional framework to manage GWRC's cultural monitoring requirements. We are currently designing and moving towards conducting a pilot study with an iwi partner (Te Āti Awa Ki Whakarongotai) to produce an Āti Awa specific monitoring and information strategy, this is scheduled to be completed by December 2017. Other iwi in the region are leveraging off other projects and opportunities to develop their own specific strategies (such as a marine cultural health indicators project and whaitua process). At present five out of six mana whenua partners have started work that will produce a strategy either directly or indirectly.

The Kaitiaki monitoring and information strategies have been an invaluable tool to increase the partnership between mana whenua and Greater Wellington Regional Council and moving towards operationalising the plan.

Method M26: Encouraging the involvement of kaitiaki Wellington Regional Council will encourage the involvement of mana whenua kaitiaki in resource consent processes when their relationship with air, land and water or their values is adversely affected, particularly for sites with significant mana whenua values and within Ngā Taonga Nui a Kiwa.

- EReg and iwi started a project with the goal of achieving effective Mana Whenua input into non-notified resource consents. The aim of the project is to achieve
  - Robust non-notified resource consent decisions which are made in accordance with sections 6, 7 and 8 of the RMA and the objectives and policies of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for Maori relationships, mahinga kai and Maori customary use.
  - Informed by meaningful input from iwi
  - Through streamlined processes that enable timely responses and minimises the engagement burden
- The project started with a full day workshop with representatives from all the iwi authorities in the region. We had an independent facilitator who took us through various group exercises and discussions on what the ideal process and outcomes would be in terms of mana whenua input into non-notified resource consents. We assumed there were no constraints.
- Following the workshop GW pulled together all the thoughts and ideas from the workshop into a document. The intent is to populate the document with a description of the task/project and how it would be achieved, who would lead it, the priority and the timeframe. Each idea/task would then need to be drawn up in a project plan and implemented.
- The table was presenting at Poutiriao (regional kaitiaki collective) and everyone agreed that it should be send around and populated then we would meet again to confirm the first 3

- priorities for implementation. This is our next step (we are currently waiting for the contracts with each iwi to be finalised).

M25: Method M25: Understanding and providing for mana whenua values and relationships  
Wellington Regional Council will work with mana whenua to assist communities in understanding and providing for mana whenua values and, in particular, their relationships with air, land and water within Ngā Taonga Nui a Kiwa.

Not started.