A photograph of a waterfall cascading down mossy rocks in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls into a pool at the bottom. The surrounding rocks are covered in vibrant green moss and ferns. The scene is lush and natural.

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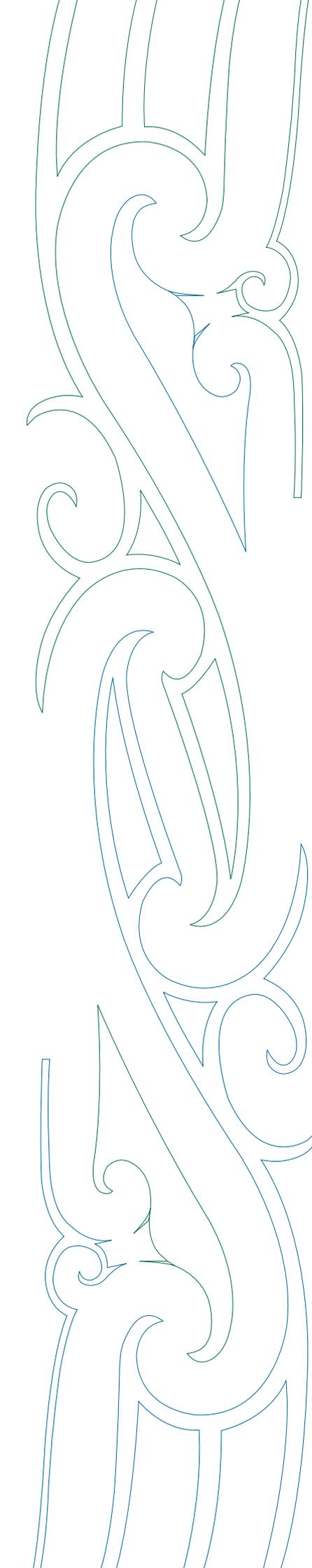
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A view of the pounamu reef at Te Raukura o Papatūānuku in the Upper Cascade region. This spectacular example of naturally occurring pounamu has a rāhui on it (see section 4.4).



Karakia

Whakatuwherataka

Uea waerea

Ka hura rā te takata ki tai, te takata ki uta

Ki te wāhi ake o te Pounamu tapu

Ki te Tai o Poutini e

Koia tēnei te wāhi kakapa ai te manawa

Te pōhatu o Takaroa

Te toka aiō e takoto nei

Te tihi kahuraki o Aoraki

Mai Hokitika awa ki Piopiotahi

Ko tōu manawa, ko tōku manawa

Tārewa tū ki te raki kia eke,

eke panuku, eke Takaroa.

Whano whano haramai te toki

Haumi ē! Hui ē! Taiki ē!

This kōwhaiwhai pattern was created by Fayne Robinson (Kāti Māhaki). The centre is done in a pūhoro form, which represents the swift and agile waters where pounamu is found. It is a rhythmic design, representing two stylised heads with outstretched hands, which form the kaitiaki of our awa.



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Te Papa Tongawera (0L00116).**

A pre-European example of a ceremonial adze blade made from South Westland nephrite. Toki poutakata are a lavish symbol of wealth and authority.

Foreword

He Mihi

He pounamu he takata, he takata he pounamu.

The pounamu and the people are one.

Ki ō tātau mate kua haere ki tua atu o Heretaniwha, moe mai rā i te moeka roa. Haere ki te tini me te mano i haere i mua i a koutou. Āpiti hono, tātau hono, rātau te huka mate ki a rātau. Āpiti hono, tātai hono, tātau te huka e pai nei – tihei mauri ora!

The hapū of Te Tai o Poutini ki te Toka, Kāti Māhaki, has a spiritual, genealogical, cultural and working relationship with pounamu that spans 800 years. Pounamu is a highly prized taoka (treasure) with a powerful lifeforce and mana. Pounamu has been used to make tools, weapons and adornments by generations of Kāti Māhaki.

With the passing of the Ngāi Tahu (Pounamu Vesting) Act 1997 and the Ngāi Tahu Management Plan 2002, our kaitiaki relationship to this taoka within our takiwā has been affirmed. While the legal ownership of pounamu was returned to Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, the tribe has recognised that local rūnaka with pounamu sources in their areas have ancestral kaitiaki (guardianship) rights to maintain, protect and exercise. The extent of those kaitiaki rights and the role of rūnaka kaitiaki are outlined on page three of Section 1.

Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio represents the hapū of Kāti Māhaki and our exclusive boundaries are from the south bank of the Pouerua River to Piopiotahi (Milford Sound) and across to the Main Divide.

It has taken seven years since the approval of the tribal plan to complete the Makaawhio plan. During this period, we have had to fight internal and external attacks from those who have been motivated by greed for this taoka and we have weathered the storms. Kei te tūkaha kā uri o Kāti Māhaki ki Te Tai o Poutini ki te Toka.

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Nāku noa nei, nā



Tui Cadigan

Chairperson, Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio (11 April 2009)

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A toki from the Tahutahi (Cascade) River region dating back to pre-1500s. The whitish coating on the adze, caused by oxidation, is a clue to its antiquity.



**Protect the treasured greenstone
for us and future generations**

Tiakina te pounamu
mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā
muri ake nei