

Te Korowai o Kaitiakitanga

The **Kaitiakitanga**, or guardian, ensures the oceans and waterways of Aotearoa are safe, secure, clean and sustainable. A visible representation of our guardianship is the **Manaia**.

A key element of Te Korowai is our **taniko** – a method of decorative weaving. On our **taniko** is a **poutama**, which symbolises a climb made by Tane-nui-a-rangi who climbed to the heavens to receive 3 baskets of knowledge and 2 stones of whatukura (mana).

The steps resemble the progress and ongoing advancement in our leadership journey as an organisation and investment in the emergence of **rangatira** (our leaders of the future).



In the middle of the poutama is a V meeting another V. This represents the ancestral meeting house (**Wharenui**) and the gathering or bringing together of all whānau, iwi and cultures. We can only deliver our guardianship role by working collaboratively with our partners.

Each of the feathers in Te Korowai is not strong by itself. But, woven together they reflect beauty and strength.

Our individual groups will not be strong if we do not weave together our teams and capabilities into an effective and connected regulator.

*Ehara taku Toa I te toa takitahi
Ko taku toa he toa takitini
My success is not mine alone,
it is that of the collective.*