

Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust #CC23406



The Northland-based Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust was established in 2002, as a charitable umbrella and support organisation for the Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) marine education and Whitebait Connection (WBC) freshwater education programmes. These are both leading models in education for sustainability in New Zealand and available nationally. In 2017 we launched a marine reserve tool kit www.howtokit.org.nz

Trust vision

Our goal is to empower and support communities to achieve marine and freshwater conservation through science based experiential programmes, resources, projects and community engagement.

*Whakamana te maunga
Whakamana te wai
He mauri o nga tangata
Nga mea katoa he pai*

*If we look after the water from the mountains
to sea, it will look after us.
It is our life force.*



55 people attend our annual 'Mountains to Sea' Wananga at Omaha marae, Auckland.

Experiencing Marine Reserves- EMR

www.emr.org.nz - www.facebook.com/emr.mtsct
Te Kura Moana 'School of the Ocean'

Since 2002, EMR has expanded to eight regions, with a team of up to 28 coordinators, EMR has guided snorkel experiences for **30943** (42685 including accompanying whanau and teachers) students in NZ marine reserves and over 15647 people have been engaged in EMR organised marine conservation events. The total number of kiwi's that have engaged in EMR is now **62592**

Summary of achievements in 2017

Expansion and continuation of the EMR programme in 8 different regions including: Gisborne, Northland, Wellington, Coromandel, Nelson, Auckland, Taranaki and Otago.

Facebook 'likes' now at 2552

33 Community Guided Snorkel and Kayak days throughout NZ, involving 2942 participants.

Continued exposure in the media nationwide, such as this one about action projects

<http://www.theinformer.co.nz/feature/tairua-school-students-win-best-community-action-project>

The annual national EMR Poor Knights Competition trip has engaged a total of 245 schools and 376 students to date.

Around the country we had 359 action projects to address marine issues! A highlight of the year was our first night snorkel event at Kai Iwi Lakes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohb7vTAL9JQ>

Special thanks to our funders:

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Whitebait Connection – WBC

www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz

Since 2002, WBC has expanded to be sustainable and active in **5 regions**, with a team of **17 coordinators**, WBC has guided over **70,000 New Zealanders** on journeys of discovery and conservation action in their local freshwater environments and catchments, helped to plant over **60,000 native plants** next to waterways and restore over **26 kilometres of riparian habitat**. **45 whitebait spawning habitats** have been identified and adopted. The wider community has been reached via over **120 printed media articles** and over **70,000 volunteer hours** have been contributed!

Summary of achievements in 2017

- Continuation and expansion of the WBC programme in five different regions including: Northland, Auckland, Gisborne, Wellington and Canterbury.
- Developing and implementing our National Inanga Spawning Programme (NISP) in English, Te Reo and Te Whariki in five regions of NZ!
- Inspiring action for the environment - many diverse action projects have been reported from regional coordinators this year including inanga spawning site adoption, riparian planting, whitebait spawning habitat restoration, stream clean ups, presentations to local politicians, artwork on display in schools and letters to the editors of local newspapers about local freshwater conservation issues.
- Over 1000 people have participated in our local free events including whitebait spawning site monitoring, community planting days, native fish spotlighting nights and community group freshwater biodiversity workshops.
- Gaining the support of a new corporate sponsor The Chocolate Fish Co!

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EMR focus – To get as many kiwis as possible to learn from and experience marine reserves!



WBC focus – To get as many New Zealanders as possible understanding the links between land and water and taking action to help restore and protect those areas.