



Water Quality Model



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To develop a cost effective model to assess water quality based on contemporary and traditional maatauranga Maori methods

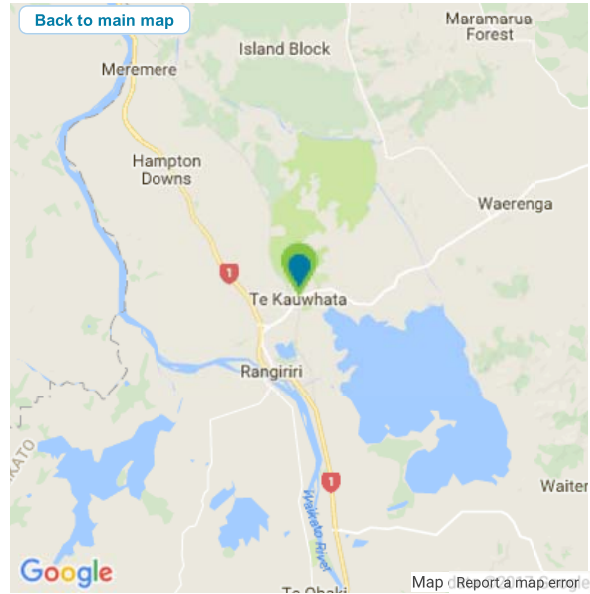
The outcomes of our project include developing a cost effective model to assess water quality in the field that is based on traditional and contemporary maatauranga Maori methods and is relatively easy to use.

Water quality assessment and analysis using western science methods is expensive, requires specialist equipment and technical skills to derive a classification. There are many reasons for such analyses that are based on food safety and health regulations, contact recreation values and nature values.

We envisage our model will ultimately help assess wai quality that sufficiently addresses our traditional mahinga kai values in the current landscape that has suffered huge depletion of mauri both in the domain of Papatuanuku and Tangaroa, caused by the cumulative effects of tauivi land-use activities since colonisation. We know this because our mahinga kai resources have low food quality values and some (kaeo) are almost extinct.

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