

<b>Title</b>	<b>Harvest and prepare kuta for kete</b>		
<b>Level</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Purpose</b>	<p>This unit standard is for people furthering their knowledge and practice in Ngā Mahi a Te Whare Pora.</p> <p>People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify the natural habitat of kuta; harvest kuta and prepare kuta to complete kete.</p>
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<b>Classification</b>	Ngā Mahi a Te Whare Pora > Raranga
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<b>Available grade</b>	Achieved, Merit and Excellence
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<b>Criteria for Merit</b>	Demonstrate proficient skills to harvest and prepare kuta for kete.
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<b>Criteria for Excellence</b>	Demonstrate artistic skills to harvest and prepare kuta for kete.
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### Guidance Information

- Recommended skills and knowledge  
Unit 29711, *Demonstrate knowledge of weaving resources and tikanga of Te Whare Pora*.
- References  
Pendergrast, M. (1987). *Te Aho Tapu - The Sacred Thread*. Auckland: Reed Publishing.  
Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research. *Kuta and Kāpūngāwhā - Reeds and sedges used for weaving*. Downloaded from: <https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/science/plants-animals-fungi/plants/ethnobotany/weaving-plants/information-sheets/kuta-and-kapungawha>. 26 Feb 2018.  
Reed, A.W. (2002). *Taonga Tuku Iho - Illustrated Encyclopedia of Traditional Maori Life*. Auckland: New Holland Publishers.  
Wehi, P & W. (2010). Traditional plant harvesting in contemporary fragmented and urban landscapes. *Conservation Biology* 24(2): 594-604.  
Other – kaitohu raranga, kaumātua.

- 3 *Demonstrate proficient skills to harvest and prepare kuta for kete* will be evidenced through:
- detailed description of the stages of harvesting and preparing kuta for kete,
  - detailed description of where kuta grows is provided;
  - whenu are of similar widths;
  - prepared whenu is of a consistent standard.
- 4 *Demonstrate artistic skills to harvest and prepare kuta for kete* will be evidenced through:
- comprehensive description of kuta, where kuta can be found locally and or regionally and or nationally, including kaitiaki contact details is provided;
  - whenu are the same width and length;
  - prepared whenu is of an exceptional standard.
- 5 Ākonga will keep a documented visual diary or workbook to assist with assessment and authenticity.
- 6 Definitions
- Environment* refers to where kuta grows.
- Location* refers to where kuta to be harvested is located.
- Quality* ensures kuta is graded to complete a kete.
- Quantity* ensures enough kuta is prepared to complete a kete.
- Seasonal* refers to when kuta is harvested.
- Size* refers to whenu width and length.
- Te Whare Pora* – a house or place that is set aside to teach and conserve the art of weaving.
- 7 Referencing
- Referencing of all sources of information is encouraged.
- Referencing will prepare ākonga for the requirements of academic writing.

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## Outcomes and performance criteria

### Outcome 1

Identify the natural habitat of kuta.

#### Performance criteria

- 1.1 Areas where kuta can be found are identified.

Range	environment, location, seasonal; local, regional, national.
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### Outcome 2

Harvest kuta.

#### Performance criteria

- 2.1 Permission to harvest kuta has been granted.

- 2.2 Kuta is harvested and processes explained in accordance with the tikanga of Te Whare Pora and the bio-sustainability of the plant.

### Outcome 3

Prepare kuta to complete a kete.

Range quality, quantity (minimum 80 whenu), size.

### Performance criteria

- 3.1 Preparation processes are recorded.
- 3.2 Kuta are flattened to produce the desired state for usage.
- 3.3 Kuta are bundled in a manner that ensures minimal damage.
- 3.4 Kuta is stored.

Range darkened room and/or area.

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### Comments on this unit standard

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