

Title	Describe the role of atua Māori in te taiao		
Level	1	Credits	1

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to identify and describe the role of atua Māori in te taiao.
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Classification	Environment Māori > Māori Environmental Practices
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- Where the local rohe is occupied by whānau, hapū, and/or iwi, the tangata whenua or mana whenua view should take precedence. Other iwi or hapū views should be encouraged in order to enrich and enhance understanding of key Māori concepts and practices.
- Descriptions of Māori-place relationships are drawn from knowledge contained in local iwi and hapū accounts.
- Important Māori concepts applicable to this unit standard are:
Kaitiakitanga – the conservation ethic embodied in the practice of kaitiakitanga is important for the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. The use, management, and control of these resources are carried out to the mutual benefit of people and resources.
Mana – the practice of kaitiakitanga is carried out by iwi and hapū through the exercise of iwi and hapū mana, embodied in the concept of tino rangatiratanga. Mana is derived from mana atua, mana whenua, and mana tūpuna.
Tapu and *noa* – all taonga are tapu. The tapu of taonga needs to be removed temporarily in some cases before people can make use of them. Karakia are important for the removal of tapu and rendering taonga noa.
Tikanga in relation to this unit standard refers to the practices and processes associated with atua Māori in te taiao.
Whanaungatanga – Māori share a common whakapapa with other taonga, and therefore share a strong sense of responsibility and reciprocal obligations toward taonga. This forms an important part of a holistic world view. All taonga are inter-related, inter-connected, and inter-dependent. The mauri of taonga must be protected. The sustainable management of taonga is therefore paramount.
- Assessment against this unit standard can be conducted in a number of ways that may include but are not limited to – oral presentations, visual presentations, written presentations, whakaari, waiata, haka.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the role of atua Māori in te taiao.

Range four atua Māori are required.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Atua Māori are identified in te taiao.
- 1.2 The role of each atua Māori in te taiao is described.
- 1.3 Reasons for the role of atua Māori in te taiao are described.

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Comments on this unit standard

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