

Wai Māori Fresh Water

He aha ka kitea i te wai?

What can you see in the water?



piharau, kanakana
lamprey

tuna
eel

īnanga
whitebait



whio
blue duck

Me tūpato ki te rere o te wai

Be careful of the current

kōkopu
giant bully

mātāwainuku
underground aquifer

korio, tāheke
rapids

taniwha
guardian protector

kapowai
dragonfly

Mai i ngā mauunga ki te moana

Mountains to the sea

kēwai
kōura wai māori
freshwater crayfish

kōtuku
white heron

repo
wetlands

kōhatu awa
river stone

wai māori
fresh water

Kaua e whakakino i te wai

Don't pollute the water

Kaua e taraiwa i runga i te kūkūpango
Don't drive on the riverbed



awa
river, stream

moana, roto
lake

Me kaukau tāua ki te awa

Let's meet at the river for a swim



hīrere, tāheke
waterfall

puna kaukau
swimming hole

Kia Kaha te Reo Taiao

Language of the Environment
Give it a Go!

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'Kia ita!'
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