

4.2 Glossary of Maori terms

Maori term	English equivalent in context
Aotearoa	New Zealand
atua	divinity, god
hapu	clan
harakeke	New Zealand flax, <i>Phormium tenax</i>
ira tangata	human element of life
iwi	kin group, public, communities
kaitiaki	guardian, guardianship
kaitiakitanga	guardianship
korero	communicate
mana	authority, control
matauranga	knowledge
mauri	life principle, principle
Nga Kaihautu Tikanga Taiao	Maori advisory group of ERMA
Pakeha	European, non-Maori
rangatiratanga	independence, dominion
Runanga	councils, boards
taiao	environment, world view
tangata whenua	local people, native people
taonga	assets, belongings
tapu	inviolable
tikanga	culture, cultural, customs
tino rangatiratanga	independence
whakapapa	genealogy, heredity
wairua	spirit
whanau	family
whanui	community