

Preserving plurality

Valuing conservation and restoration
of New Zealand's indigenous
biodiversity

Ecosystem management

- ❑ People are clearly embedded in ecosystems
 - ❑ Research tends to focus on biophysical aspects
 - ❑ Ecosystems provide for a lot of different values that need to be taken into account
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Research questions

- What is the range of values associated with conserving and restoring indigenous biodiversity in a New Zealand context?
 - What is an appropriate process to enable these values to be integrated into decision making for ecosystem management?
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 - Pluralistic
 - Participatory
 - Context based indicators that reflect values
 - Retains richness of information
 - Making sense of complexity
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Conclusion

- Outcomes of research
 - Fulfilling aims
 - Developed useful indicators
 - Social learning
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