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Have you experienced a marine reserve yet?



Structure

The Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust (MTSCT) - Ngā Maunga ki te Moana is a legal charitable entity based in Northland, and was formed in 2002 as an umbrella organisation for the Experiencing Marine Reserves and Whitebait Connection (WBC – www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz) programmes.



Resources

EMR aims to continue to develop quality marine education resources and also to offer the many other services we have developed to date in Northland, such as community guided snorkel days, community events for Seaweed & Conservation Week, the interactive EMR CD & DVD, the EMR website - www.emr.org.nz, the marine information website - www.marinenz.org.nz, marine education gatherings, Marine Conservation Supporter Groups and the Drains to Harbour storm-water and Mangrove Discovery programmes. All these activities add value to the sound programme we have already developed, and our current priorities are to continue to build on these activities in Northland while further developing the national delivery of the EMR programme.



Brochure Photo Credits

- Front - Roger Grace (EMR at the Poor Knights Marine Reserve) and Paula Powell (Emily's EMR action project)
Page 2 - Jessica Airey (EMR's snorkel equipment and body board system)
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Experiencing Marine Reserves



Where fish are cool and hang in schools

Information
Experience
Action



Tiakina Tangaroa
Care for the
Oceans and Sea

Purpose

Marine conservation is vitally important for the protection of marine biodiversity for future generations. No-take marine reserves provide unique educational and inspirational opportunities. The young people of today will be the leaders of tomorrow, and their attitudes will shape society. Therefore, we feel marine education is vital, to protect marine resources and biodiversity for the future.

What is EMR?

Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) is a national programme of experiential learning about marine conservation. The programme is under the auspices of the Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust. EMR's independence, professional delivery, marine reserves focus and provision of a range of learning styles make it unique within New Zealand. Since its introduction in Northland in 2002, programme uptake has continued to increase throughout the country. The Department of Conservation (DOC) is a foundation partner of the Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust, and has supported the development of the EMR programme since 2002. The Tindall Foundation now also supports the programme's national expansion. EMR provides quality first-hand marine education experiences and initiatives to schools and communities throughout New Zealand. The aim of the EMR programme is to raise awareness, understanding and involvement in marine conservation.

Our main focus:

1. Marine Education

- Providing quality marine education opportunities to schools, communities and professionals.

2. Marine Conservation

- Increasing awareness, encouraging action and support for marine conservation in New Zealand.

3. Empowering Communities

- Providing schools and their communities with the expertise and knowledge to experience their local marine environment first-hand, leading to local communities understanding marine conservation issues in their local area and fostering kaitiakitanga.



Our Offer

EMR coordinators offer guidance, direction and coordination of classroom exercises and field trips to the ocean. We also provide snorkel equipment, instruction, resources and snorkel risk management. For many students, it is their first time using snorkel gear. EMR snorkelling experiences require a 1:2 adult/student ratio for year 8's and below, with the result being the active involvement of many family and community members. Most aspects of the Northland delivery to schools is offered for free thanks to the sponsorship and support from a wide range of organisations. Please go to our website www.emr.org.nz for a list of current sponsors and for information on how you can support.

Where and when does EMR operate?

The EMR programme has been operational in Northland since 2002 and available to other parts of New Zealand since 2004. National contact details can be found on our website. Due to the seasonal nature of the programme, it is offered in terms 1 and 4 when the weather is warmer and more suitable for snorkelling.

Who is involved?

EMR Coordinators, teachers, students, parents, community members, government organisations, non-profit organisations... and anyone with an interest in marine conservation education!

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The EMR concept is the essence of the programme

- Introduction to marine biodiversity
- Investigation of local marine area
- Marine reserve experience
- Comparisons between local area and fully protected area
- Action for the marine environment

Programme participation provides opportunities for direct observation and a feeling of connectivity with the environment. The discovery engages students and the community emotionally!

Action Outcomes

After experiencing their local marine environment and the fully protected marine reserve, participants are often inspired to lead action projects and become kaitiaki of their marine environment. Over the years students have been involved in a range of action projects, from writing letters to their local authorities and Members of Parliament, presentations in front of assembly and public events, investigating where marine protected areas would go and addressing local issues in their community such as sand dune erosion.

