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## **Kaimai Mamaku Restoration Project**

### **UN Sustainable Development Goals Assessment**

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#### **About the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals**

[“The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”](#), adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed and developing – in a global partnership. They recognise that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.”

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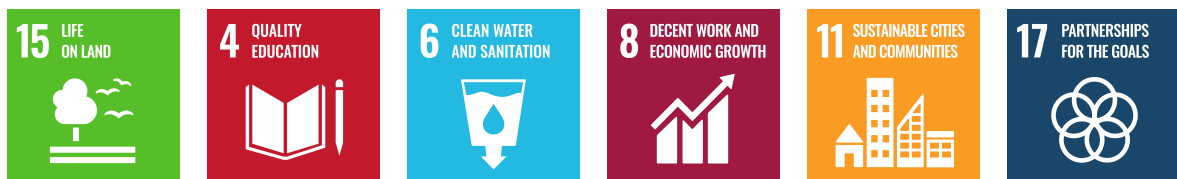
The Kaimai Mamaku Restoration Project (KMRP), led by [Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust](#) (MKMT), brings together iwi and hapū, agencies, Councils, stakeholders and communities around the rohe. In the past financial year, MKMT received more than \$4.1M of funding and 89.9% was delivered to eight independent iwi-led project conservation projects working within the Kaimai Mamaku ngahere and its catchments. In the [2025 Social Impact Survey](#), we found that KMRP workers experience improved physical and emotional wellbeing, with great social cohesion and connection.

## The Results

The Kaimai Mamaku Restoration Project directly, or indirectly positively impacts 10 of the 17 UNSD Goals.

Direct positive				4		6		8			11				15		17
Indirect positive	1				5								13	14			
No impact		2	3				7		9	10		12					16
Indirect negative																	
Direct negative																	

## Direct Positive Impacts



### Goal 15: Life On Land

The Kaimai Mamaku Restoration Project (KMRP) restores and conserves native forests on the mountains of the Kaimai Mamaku range, improving degraded forest ecosystems through invasive species control and eradication, halting and reversing the loss of biodiversity, and improving the status of threatened species and habitats. Priority invasive alien species (per Predator Free 2050 strategy) are controlled and plans for eradication are being progressed.

Nature finance instruments and markets are being progressed with international FinTech and nature ecology partners. Manaaki Kaimai Mamaku Trust (MKMT) is ensuring that free prior informed consent from each independent KMRP is applied to the use of data and resources in such markets. We continue to participate and advocate for market development to encourage finance flows.

### Goal 4: Quality Education

MKMT actively promotes formal and informal training opportunities for each project team and as part of the project collective. At least three kaimahi | workers are pursuing

Environmental Science Bachelor Degrees as a direct result of their participation in this project.

### **Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation**

This project undertakes restoration of the forest ecosystems that are the source of freshwater supplying local homes and communities, and contributing to the freshwater aquifers that supply the region.

### **Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**

The project provides full time employment and equal pay for all employees. The project was established with the requirement that staff are paid the Living Wage (a New Zealand Government standard: income needed for workers to cover basic necessities, live with dignity, and participate in society, distinct from the minimum wage). Each project within the KMRP complies with NZ Health and Safety standards which includes providing all workers with appropriate personal protective equipment and gear, and operating in accordance with a project-specific health & safety management plan. By working with project teams to add and upgrade emerging technology, like AI-powered traps and cameras, and GIS, we make employment in conservation not only sustainable but also higher value by continuously increasing productivity and value.

### **Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities**

The project contributes directly to the safeguarding and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

### **Goal 17: Partnership for the Goals**

MKMT, with the consent and support from KMRP participants, contributes to Aotearoa Circle, a public private partnership of private sector, Government and NGOs focused on regenerating natural capital. MKMT participates in an international partnership with Boffa Miskell and CreditNature to adapt an international nature finance instrument for the Aotearoa New Zealand context, in alignment with the NZ Government development of a voluntary nature credits market by the Ministry for the Environment.

## Indirect Positive Impacts



### Goal 1: No Poverty

The Kaimai Mamaku Restoration Project increases resilience in environmental disasters for communities with low economic resources, and increases social cohesion for community response when recovering from disasters, especially where exacerbated by climate change.

As a co-governed entity with eight independent iwi and hapū-led projects, Māori are reconnected with their ancestral lands and resources.

### Goal 5: Gender Equality

While there are no formal policies on gender equality or discrimination, the project collective has a high rate of female participation at every level, governance, executive, management, and teams with equal opportunities for training, equal pay, and education.

### Goal 13: Climate Action

Restoration of the native forests and waterways of the Kaimai Mamaku improves the resilience of the ecosystems against increasingly severe storms and drought associated with climate change, and provides mitigation for climate change impacts in downstream communities.

### Goal 14: Life Below Water

Restoration of land based forests and waterways contributes to a decrease in sedimentation and nutrients discharging into estuarine and marine ecosystems, notably Tauranga Moana | Tauranga Harbour and Tikapa Moana | Firth of Thames.