



Health Promotion, Sustainable Development, Climate Change: Lessons in Reciprocal Maintenance (from Te Hiku-o-te-Ika)

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OVERVIEW

1. WHERE am I today?

- Kaitaia, Northland, Aotearoa, New Zealand
- Te Hiku-o-te-Ika: “The tail of the fish”

2. WHAT do Climate Change and Health Promotion have to do with it?

- Reciprocal Maintenance: “to take care of each other, our communities and our natural environment”
- across local, regional and global scales...

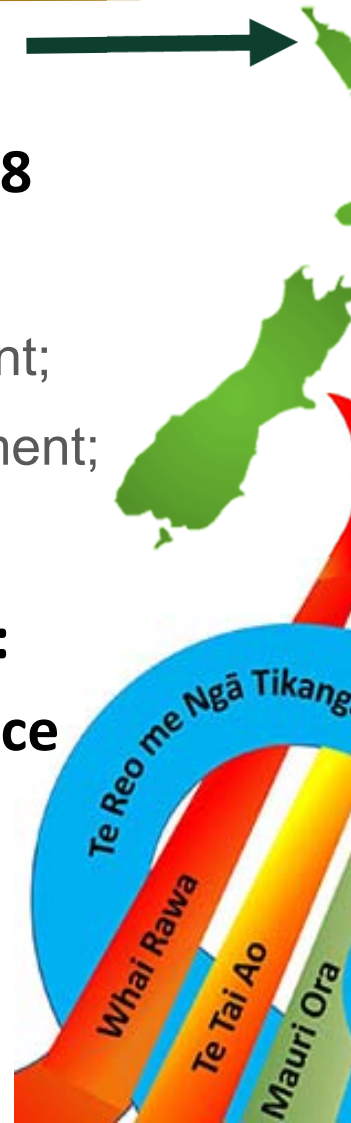
3. WHO needs to do what differently (and who is already doing it)?

- Next generation roles, responsibilities, governance...
- Governance as “how we make important decisions, who we involve, and how render account”



WHERE AM I TODAY?

- **Te Hiku-o-te-Ika: “The tail of the fish”**
- **The Te Hiku environmental research hui: Oct 17-18**
 - Program extract: “Session one presentations:
 - Historical perspectives of environmental management;
 - Te Hiku relationships and collaborations post settlement;
 - Climate Change factors in kaimoana depletion”
- **With colleagues from Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga:
New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence**
 - Connections among:
 - Whai Rawa (Māori Economy),
 - **Te Tai Ao (Environment)**
 - Mauri Ora (Human Flourishing).



WHAT DO CLIMATE CHANGE & HEALTH PROMOTION HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

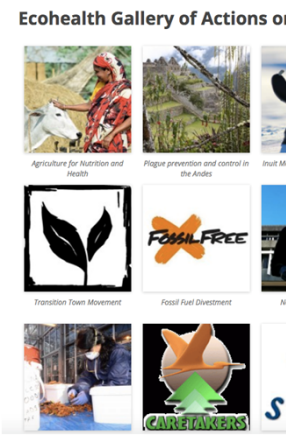
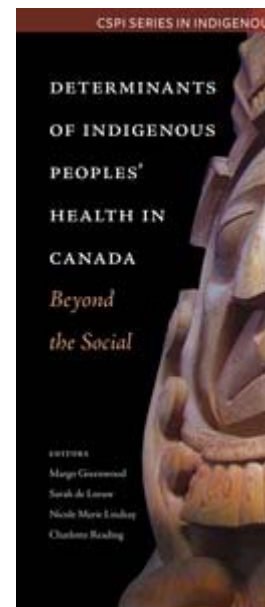
- **Reciprocal Maintenance:** *“to take care of each other, our communities and our natural environment”* ??? past the platitudes
- **Five ways to wellbeing** (New Economics Foundation): *“take notice, connect, be active, give, keep learning...”*
- **Socioecological, social-ecological, ecosocial... approaches to health:**
 - Eco, Oikos as our ‘home’ (well beyond environmental hazards)
- **Taking notice of the lived experiences of climate change:**
 - deepens our understanding of existing socioecological dynamics (inc. socioecological approaches to health)
 - confronts us with the need for a new-generation of integrative, intersectoral action that is respectful and attentive to the **living systems** that provide the foundation for health and well-being

WHO NEEDS TO DO WHAT DIFFERENTLY? *(and who is already doing it?)*

- **“Next generation” roles, responsibilities, governance...**
 - Capability to overcome false dichotomies
 - ‘Beyond’ health protection vs. health promotion programming
- **Governance** as *“how we make important decisions, who we involve and how we render account”* (Graham *et al.*, 2003)
- **Field-building for public health adaptation to climate change** (a) ecological determinants of health)?
 - “We’re all brave pioneers on this road” (Buse *et al.*, forthcoming)
 - Typologies of public health action for climate change adaptation: *Inaction/‘Waiting to see’, Repackaging existing action, Championing*
- **Health Promotion’s role:** Convene? Lead? Add-value? Support? ...

WHO NEEDS TO DO WHAT DIFFERENTLY? *(and who is already doing it? Some examples)*

- **Indigenous Leadership and perspectives, e.g.**
 - <http://www.maramatanga.co.nz/>
 - “Beyond the social” (NCCA)H)
 - LEO Network <https://www.leonetnetwork.org>
- **Convergence in a previously ‘lonely’ space:**
 - Ecohealth, One Health, Planetary Health, Biodiversity & Health, Nature & Health, etc...
- **Seeds of Good Anthropocenes:** socially-ecological bright spots that could grow & connect to produce a better anthropocene: <https://goodanthropocenes.net/>
- **Ecohealth Gallery of Actions on Climate Change:** <http://ecohealth-live.net/ecohealth-gallery-of-actions/>



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