



Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi
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Iwi condemns illegal fishing in it's territory

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated acknowledges the work done by the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) in uncovering apparently illegal pāua and crayfish operations. These species are iconic to Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated and nothing is more important to our whānau, hapū and iwi than ensuring their sustainability. We support the work MPI is doing to police the Fisheries Legislation.

Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated does not condone breaches of the law in any sector and will act to ensure anyone involved in such breaches once identified is held to account. We are deeply disappointed in the actions taken by the individuals involved. It is important to Ngāti Kahungunu iwi that the integrity and the intent of the Kaimoana Customary Fishing regulations is maintained. Our Tangata Kaitiaki take their responsibilities very seriously and will also be very concerned about these allegations. We will engage with whānau and our commercial partners over the coming days and weeks to ensure robust support and safeguards are in place.

Ngāti Kahungunu is the third largest iwi. Geographically the tribe has the second longest coastline in the country from Paritū in the North to Turakirae in the South. Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated maintains an independent position to provide research, advice and advocate for the interests, rights, values, beliefs and practices of Ngāti Kahungunu alongside our whānau and hapū. Our mission is to enhance the mana and well-being of Ngāti Kahungunu.

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