

Kaitiakitanga: The maintenance of mauri, wairua and mana of the living world

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Introduction



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🦋 Increased concern for the environment



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Origins of Kaitiakitanga, its Whakapapa, and the Relations with the Land



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Māori Cosmology - Spiritual Underpinnings



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Interconnected Principles and Regulations



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Kaitiakitanga – Governance of the Living Earth



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The land is our
mother;
She is the loving
parent;
She nourishes and
sustains us;
When we die she
enfolds us in her
arms.

Lessons for Earth Governance



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Tom Goldtooth, Native American Environmental leader:

“we need to look deep ...as humanity about defining and evaluating what our relationship is collectively with that sacredness of Mother Earth and Father Sky.”



Chris Hedges, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author

“All resistance now must be grounded in the spiritual. ...those non-rational forces that are belittled by the corporate State – beauty, truth, search for meaning and a struggle for our own mortality.