

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

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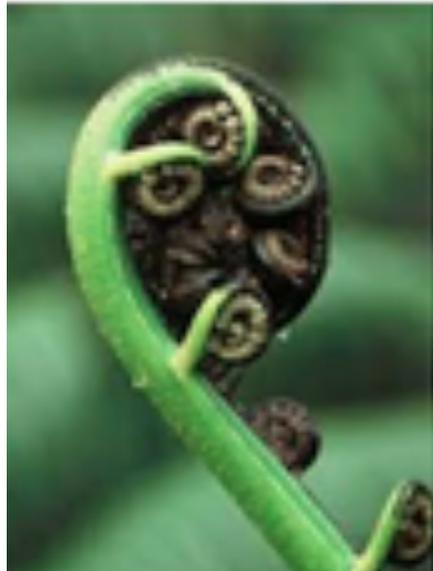
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# Introduction



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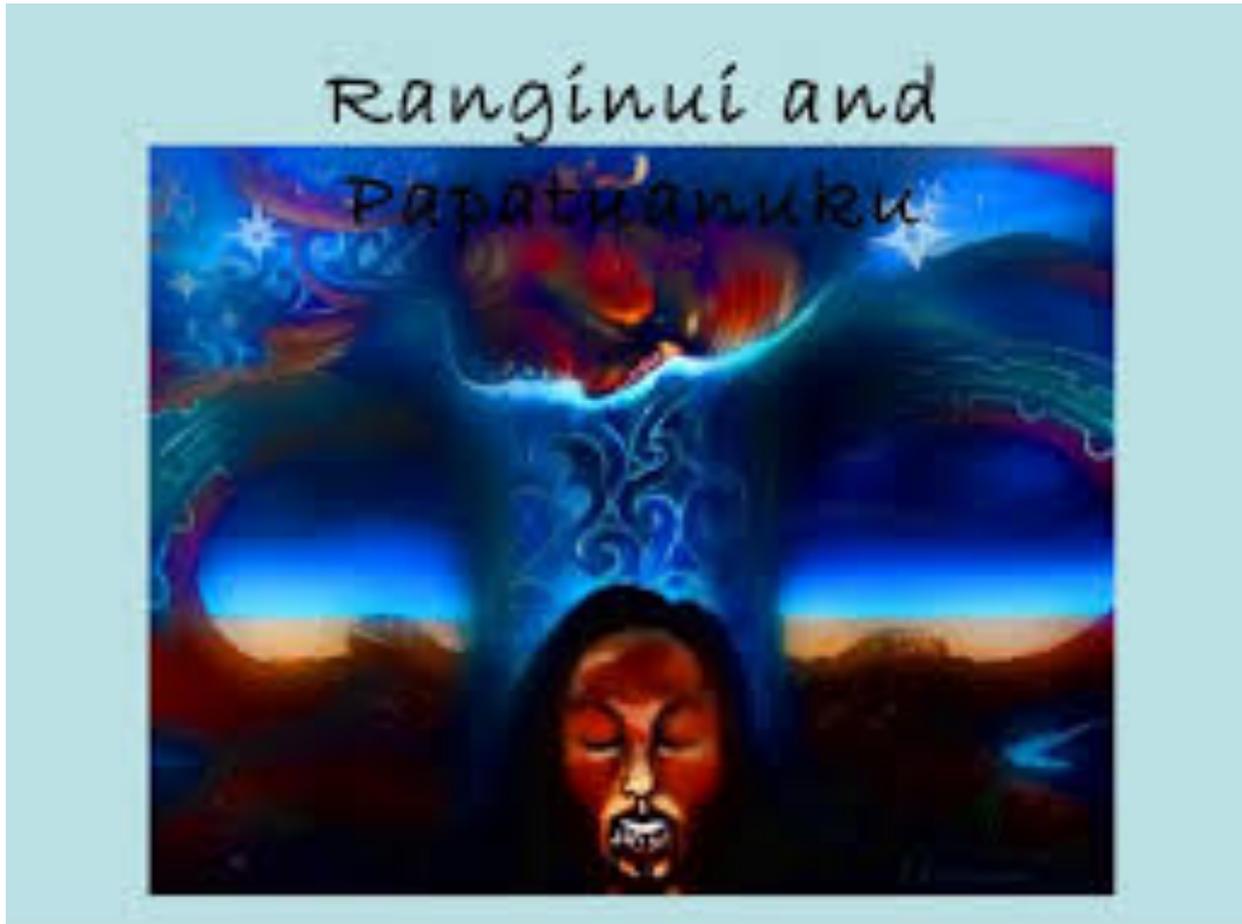
✈ Increased concern for the environment



# 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.

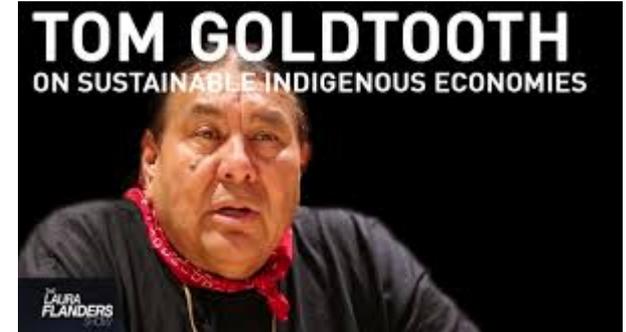
# Lessons for Earth Governance



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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.”