

A REGENERATIVE APPROACH

GIFT has moved its investment to a more holistic approach that integrates mātauranga Māori. This aligns with Foundation North's refreshed strategy and focus area of [Whakahou Taiao | Regenerative Environment](#).

This focus area has four outcomes:

- Tino Rangatiratanga– community led action for Te Taiao
- Mātauranga Māori leading regeneration and restoration
- Increased connection and equity of access to Te Taiao.
- Renewing, regenerating ecosystems and communities

Key ways that GIFT has been reflecting this strategy are indicated below.

Tino Rangatiratanga– mana whenua led action for Tikapa Moana Te Moananui-ā-Toi

[Ngāi Tai ki Tāmaki Waiora Ltd](#): A grant of \$50,000 to develop a holistic delivery plan of multiple taiao (environment) workstreams.



[Protect Aotea/Great Barrier](#) (umbrella for Kelly Klink): Support of \$25,000 to build a resource hub of all relevant mātauranga Māori, including pūrākau, kōrero tawhito, waiata, whakataukī, and mōteatea, scientific research and data.



Te Toki Voyaging Trust: A grant of \$50,000 to run a ‘Rangatahi Kaitiaki’ programme in conjunction with Umupuia Marae. Click [here](#) for the case study for this project.



Mātauranga Māori leading regeneration and restoration

Hauraki Gulf Conservation Trust (as an umbrella for Ngā Uri o Ngāti Pāoa ki Waiheke – **Waiheke Marine Project**): Two grants totalling \$75,000 for a Ngāti Paoa whānau, hapū and community-led exploration of what it means to have “Heart-centered kaitiakitanga (guardianship) of Waiheke Island’s marine environment - Waiheke ki uta, Waiheke ki tai, Waiheke ki tua” and a contribution towards the Future Search event.



Envirostrat Ltd in conjunction with Dave Kellian: A grant of \$50,000 to trial a new fish trap to reduce bycatch for commercial fishers. Click [here](#) for the case study for this project.



Marine Protection & Restoration Project: Support of \$124,333 to the Noises Family Trust and grants of \$75,000 to the Auckland Museum Trust Board to collaboratively advance protection and restoration of the marine environment surrounding [the Noises](#) group of Islands. Click [here](#) to read the project progress to date.



P3Ltd (umbrella for [Indigenous to Papatūānuku programme](#)): Support of \$67,025 for Moana Tamariki-Pohe and Louise Marra to run the Indigenous to Papatūānuku programme for leaders of influence within Tikapa Moana Te Moananui-ā-Toi.



Emerge Institute under the umbrella of **Unity House Ltd**: Support of \$25,000 to run an innovation lab on Tikapa Moana Te Moananui-ā-Toi / The Hauraki Gulf: Creating solutions to address social and environmental issues through weaving indigenous wisdom with leadership development and innovation.



Increased connection and equity of access to Te Taiao

Envirostrat Ltd: A grant of \$50,000 to investigate the feasibility of using impact investment to support transition to a low impact, high value seafood sector in the Hauraki Gulf. Click [here](#) to read the case study.



The [Bobby Stafford-Bush Foundation](#), umbrella for the [Young Ocean Explorers](#): Three grants totalling \$353,000 to enable the Young Ocean Explorers to produce content that focusses on addressing environmental issues facing the Hauraki Gulf. Funding also enabled community engagement, [Te Reo Māori translations](#) and the development of the [21 day challenge](#). Click [here](#) to read the learning and outcomes summary for Young Ocean Explorers programme.



[Blake Trust](#) in conjunction with [NZ Geographic](#): Two grants totalling \$363,000 for a series of 360 degree virtual reality marine experiences, to engage a wide and diverse audience with the Hauraki Gulf ([NZVR](#)), also for school outreach and to develop kaupapa Maori resources. Click [here](#) to read the learning and outcomes summary for this VR initiative.



[University of Auckland Foundation](#) as the umbrella for the [Hauraki Gulf Watershed Project](#): Three grants totalling \$95,000 to bring tangata whenua and tauwiwi together, to create a design to influence the hearts and minds of Aucklanders to treasure the Hauraki Gulf.



[NIWA](#): A grant of \$107,635 to undertake habitat mapping in the Hauraki Gulf to establish priority areas for conservation and restoration in conjunction with mana whenua and stakeholders. Click [here](#) to read project progress to date.



University of Auckland Foundation (Nick Shears - Improving the Rocky Reef): A grant of \$188,000 for a collaborative project aimed at restoring the mauri of rocky reefs in the Hauraki Gulf / Tīkapa Moana Te Moananui-ā-Toi by weaving mātauranga Māori and Western science. Click [here](#) to read more about this project.



Restoring the mauri of rocky reefs in the Hauraki Gulf/Te Moananui ā Toi.

University of Auckland Foundation (Rochelle Constantine – Pulse of the Gulf): A grant of \$211,250, to determine the environmental drivers and interactions that influence marine megafauna (whales and dolphins), through innovative technologies and mātauranga. Click [here](#) for more information on this project.

