

“Ko ēnei tohu e pā ana  
ki te mātauranga hī ika  
tuku iho o te Māori.  
Nā te karanga o ētahi  
o tātau i puta ēnei tohu  
mātauranga hei āwhina  
i a tātau ki te whakahaere  
i ō tātau takutai moana  
mō ngā uri whakaheke.”

Ngāhiwi Apanui  
Māori Sector Manager, SITO

### What does SITO do?

The Seafood Industry Training Organisation has been set up under the Industry Training Act 1992 to facilitate training in the seafood industry.

It is funded by the Tertiary Education Commission and the Seafood Industry Council.

The role of SITO is to:

- support, facilitate and quality assure training and assessment processes
- provide learning and assessment material for trainers
- train assessors and trainers
- develop and review unit standards and national qualifications in the seafood sector.

SITO works in consultation with industry advisory groups in the following five sectors: wholesale and retail, seafood processing, aquaculture, vessel operations and Māori.

### What other training is available for Māori through SITO?

SITO facilitates a range of seafood training. The Māori Sector Manager can link you up with all the sectors and provide further information on Māori specific projects.

SITO has recently developed the Iwi Capability Programme: Te Whakarei Āheinga a-Iwi to strengthen iwi organisations who are preparing to receive fisheries assets from Te Ohu Kaimoana. The programme provides a general overview of the seafood industry and delivers unit standards in governance, management, administration and regulatory compliance.

*For further information, visit the SITO website at [www.sito.co.nz](http://www.sito.co.nz) or contact the Māori Sector Manager, Ngāhiwi Apanui on 04 385 3005 or [apanuin@seafood.co.nz](mailto:apanuin@seafood.co.nz)*

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# Customary fishing *qualifications*



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*E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga  
maha, tēnā koutou.*

*Tēnā koutou i ō tātau tini aituā.*

*Otirā, te hunga mate ki te hunga mate.*

*Tātau te hunga ora e pai nei – tihei mauri ora!*

Māori fishing traditions and management practises have adapted over the centuries to ensure proper guardianship of kaimoana, kairoto and kaiawa.

The Seafood Industry Training Organisation (SITO) has responded to calls from Māori to encourage the maintenance and revitalisation of customary fishing practises by developing these national qualifications.

### Who developed these qualifications?

The qualifications have been developed by SITO in consultation with Māori customary fishing experts from around the country, under the umbrella of SITO's Māori Industry Advisory Group.

### What role do whānau, hapū and iwi have?

Whānau, hapū and iwi have an essential role to play. These national qualifications have been designed to ensure that regional variations in knowledge and skills are recognised and respected.

All training providers intending to offer these qualifications must work in partnership with the local hapū or iwi. For example, a local kaumātua or expert must verify any evidence presented for assessment. This ensures that the customary knowledge taught and assessed is specific to a region and fully involves the local people.



### Who are the qualifications for?

Anyone who has an interest in customary fishing but particularly those whānau, hapū and iwi members who want to apply traditional tools to contemporary fisheries management.

### How do I access training in customary fishing?

You need to contact the SITO Maori Sector Manager who can:

- organise training with an appropriate training provider
- provide assessor training for individuals so they can assess other members of your whānau, hapū or iwi in customary fishing

SITO also works with tertiary providers, such as polytechnics and wānanga, to help them develop their capability and programmes for the national qualifications in customary fishing.

### Can you recognise existing knowledge?

SITO can organise assessments for people who are regarded as experts in customary fishing without those people having to attend a training programme.

Ben Potaka from Whanganui was the first person in the country to receive a National Certificate in Seafood Māori (Customary Fishing) (Level 3) in July 2004. He received his certificate at the launch of the customary fishing qualifications at Whakarongotai marae on the Kapiti Coast.

Ben's certificate was in recognition of his extensive knowledge of customary fishing practises. Ben says, "Whanganui kaumātua have taught us how our old people fished, how they cooked their fish and how they looked after the sustainability of the fish."

Ben has put his customary knowledge to good use by developing a management plan for the Whanganui River.

### What do the qualifications cover?

SITO can organise training towards the National Certificate in Seafood Māori (Level 3) and the National Certificate in Seafood Māori (Level 4). At the end of the training, participants will be assessed against the relevant unit standards. Trainees that meet the standards will earn credits towards either one of the qualifications.

The customary fishing (Level 3) certificate focuses on the 'doing' of customary fishing, from the making and repairing of traditional nets to traditional utilisation of fish and customary methods of conservation.

It recognises the knowledge of customary fishers and practises that enhance the sustainable management of fishing.

The customary fishing (Level 4) qualification recognises the skills and knowledge of those working in customary fishing management. It requires trainees to put together a fisheries management plan which must be endorsed by the local hapū or iwi.

Holders of this qualification will be able to demonstrate a range of technical skills and knowledge including compliance, customary fishing management and legislation relating to the application of customary fishing practises such as mātaītai, rāhui and taiapure.

Both qualifications provide a stepping stone to further national qualifications in the Māori or seafood sectors.

For further details on the composition of each qualification, check out the SITO website at [www.sito.co.nz](http://www.sito.co.nz)

