Pōhutukawa

Reflecting on what we have lost can guide us into the future.

More than 80%

of land was covered with native forest before human arrival. This was reduced to 27% in 2018.



At least 81

animal and plant species became extinct after human arrival.



Over 80

exotic species brought by humans became established, contributing to the decline of the original ecosystems of Aotearoa.



PŌHUTUKAWA

When Matariki rises, we honour the memories of all those who have passed. Põhutukawa is the star that is connected to the dead. She encourages us to reflect on the past and to be thankful for those who have contributed to our lives.

Climate change



Loss of ecosystems



Invasive species

Introduced species compete with and prey on our native biodiversity.





Land-use change and intensification

Pollution

Pollution from our activities affects our air, waters, and land.





Change of natural flow





Cumulative impacts and legacy effects

The pressures combine with each other and compound over time. All parts of the environment (te taiao) are interconnected, and changes in one area can have flow on effects to others.



from the past.