

What is EBM?

Collective decision-making

Māori, public, regulators, industry, and other interested parties all participate



Sustainable

Marine environments, and their values and uses, are safeguarded for future generations



Human activities

All activities, from industry to recreation to conservation, are included as part of the ecosystem



Ecosystem-based management (EBM)

A holistic and inclusive way to manage marine environments, and the competing uses for, demands on, and ways New Zealanders value them.



To new knowledge, changing priorities and environmental events

Adapts



Founded on best available* science and mātauranga Māori

** marine ecosystems are extremely complex, so we will never know everything*

Knowledge-based



Ecosystems have different species and communities, and are valued and used differently, so need to be individually managed

Tailored

EBM means different things to people so we have identified some working principles for EBM in New Zealand – these are a start point for discussion, to be adapted as we co-develop EBM with Māori and stakeholders.