

Ko ngā moana whakauka

We are weaving together the findings from 75 research projects carried out 2014-2023, to ensure the overall result of Sustainable Seas is greater than the sum of its parts. Three interconnected workstreams will contribute directly toward long-term outcomes that are critical to improving the health of our seas.



Enhanced blue economy

Enhance blue economy opportunities and support adoption

End-user analysisTo confirm and

prioritise their needs
2022-2023

Sustainable reporting & the blue economy premium

Identify marine sustainability measures that can be incorporated into businesses' reporting initiatives

2022-2024

Blue economy principles

Identify set of core principles to support investment and business

2022-2024

Building a blue economy in place

Identify blue economy value creation opportunities at different scales

2022-2024

EBM roadmap

Deliver a toolbox for EBM that incorporates blue economy and te ao Māori principles for management at multiple scales

2022-2024

Improved decision-making using an ecosystem-based management (EBM) approach

Enable EBM to become embedded within marine management and governance

Scenario testing

To refine the EBM, blue economy and te ao Māori principles, tools and guidance with co-development partners and end-users

2022-2023

Mana Motuhake

Deliver a pathway for transition from Crown governance to indigenous marine governance

2022-2024

Empowering Mana Moana

Enhance the relationship of Māori with Te Ao Turoa to inform our relationship with the moana

He Waka Taurua

He Taura Here

Understand Māori

ways of knowing,

thinking and

doing relative to

EBM and blue

economy

2022-2023

Identify mātauranga Māori based marine management

2022-2023

Wao Atua, Te Ara o Te Ao Turoa

Refine tools to support an indigenised blue economy

2022-2023

Tūhonohono

Provide guidance on applying Māori values in research, policy, legislation and planning

2023-2024

Our activities will:

- Focus strongly on the needs of end-users, delivering relevant and timely accessible outputs
- Influence and enable policy and decision-makers to support improving the health of our seas
- Demonstrate how to transition to a blue economy
- Provide pathways to support Māori in moving from partnership to marine governance
- Share our co-development and transdisciplinary research learnings
- Share how we've woven science and mātauranga Māori together
- Explore how to transition our research to impact
- Educate and inform people about what's needed to ensure a healthy ocean







Influencing Policy and Legislation By feeding into current and future opportunities

2022-2024

2024 Synthesis

Sharing and embedding the learnings, highlights, key messages, and vision for the future developed over the life of Sustainable Seas to:

- Create momentum and pathways for long-term change
- Provide ongoing accessibility to data, information, tools, and knowledge
- Support capability development of researchers, co-development partners, and end users
- Profile exemplars of practice in EBM, blue economy and te ao Māori approaches