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How the Local Contexts programme works

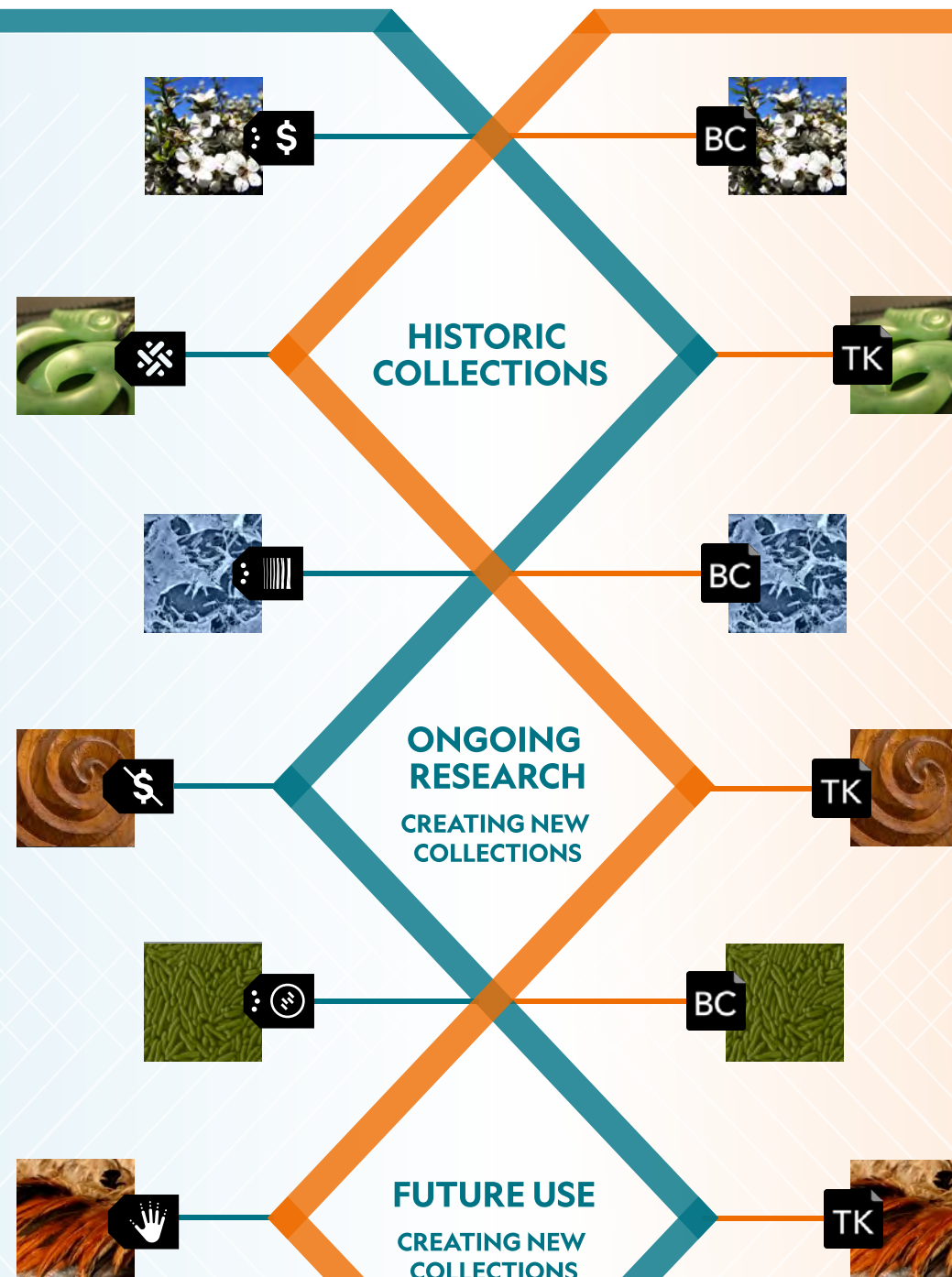


Māori Communities

Reinforce rights by applying TK and BC Labels



Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Biocultural (BC) Labels establish Indigenous cultural authority and governance over Indigenous data and collections by adding **provenance** information and contextual metadata including community names, **protocols** and **permissions** for access, use and circulation.



Institutions

Disclose interests by placing TK and BC Notices



Traditional Knowledge (TK) and Biocultural (BC) Notices are a digital mechanism for Institutions, repositories and researchers to **support ethical use** and **reinforce relationships** with Indigenous communities. They also work work to **educate publics** around Indigenous rights and interests in historical and future collections and data.

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What is Local Contexts?

Local Contexts is a web-based platform that supports Indigenous communities in managing intellectual and cultural property rights in cultural heritage, environmental data and genetic resources within digital environments. Local Contexts recognizes the inherent sovereignty that Indigenous communities have over knowledge and data that comes from their lands, territories and waters.

What are Traditional Knowledge (TK) Labels?

The TK Labels are digital markers that establish proper attribution, access, and use rights for traditional knowledge. The TK Labels are designed to be customized by Indigenous communities to reflect ongoing relationships and authority including proper use, guidelines for action or responsible stewardship and re-use of traditional knowledge.

What are Biocultural (BC) Labels?

The BC Labels are digital markers that focus on accurate provenance, transparency and integrity in research engagements around Indigenous data. The BC Labels help Indigenous communities define community expectations and consent about appropriate use of collections and data. They connect data to people and environments over time.

What are Notices?

The Notices are a mechanism for researchers and institutions to identify and disclose Indigenous rights and interests in collections and data. The Notices function as place-holders on collections, data or in sample fields until a TK or a BC Label is added by an Indigenous community.

What is the Local Contexts Hub?

The Local Contexts Hub is an innovative online system that allows Indigenous communities to adapt TK & BC Labels to their needs and share them safely with institutions, researchers and data repositories. The Local Contexts Hub allows institutions and researchers to apply TK & BC Notices to items or collections where Indigenous interests should be acknowledged.

Aotearoa Local Contexts Pilot

The TK Labels have been piloted in an increasing number of Indigenous communities around the world. The Aotearoa Local Contexts Pilot will demonstrate the applicability of TK Labels and Notices to an Iwi context. The current institutional standard for implementation of TK Labels in public facing records, rights advisory fields and core digital infrastructure has been produced by the Library of Congress in the USA.

The Iwi use cases include:

Whakatōhea: Working with Ngā Taonga to digitally repatriate copies of Whakatōhea material from the National Sound and Film Archive while applying TK Labels to the publicly accessible material in Ngā Taonga. Working with the MetService to apply TK Labels to mātauranga shared in the context of the Moana Project, and BC Labels to gene sequences generated from mussel specimens sampled within te rohe o Te Whakatōhea.

Ngāti Maru: Working with Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research to apply BC Labels to the specimens in the Allen Herbarium collection that were sampled within te rohe o Ngāti Maru. Working with Te Kāhui o Taranaki to explore the application of BC Labels through the Taranaki Iwi Collective.

Te Roroa: Working with researchers at the University of Waikato to apply TK Labels to mātauranga shared in the context of a Toheroa research project, and BC Labels to gene sequences generated from Toheroa specimens sampled within te rohe o Te Roroa.

Te Reo Māori translations

The TK and BC Labels were translated into Te Reo Māori by Dr Haki Tuaupiki, nō Ngāti Tuwharetoa me Waikato :

TK labels - Ngā Tohu Mātauranga Taketake

BC Labels - Ngā Tohu Ahurea Koiora

Translation examples:



TK Attribution (TK A)
TK Whakapuaki



TK Clan (TK CL)
TK Hapū



TK Community Use Only (TK CO)
TK Mā Te Hapori Anake



TK Non-commercial (TK NC)
TK Umanga-Kore