

Archaeological Discovery Protocol for Iwi Monitors and Contractors – Taonga



The Site Manager / Contractor is to
STOP WORKS
 Immediately at that place and within 20m around
 the site of the discovery and secure the area

The Site Manager / Contractor is to **immediately** notify **Pouhere Taonga** (HNZPT) Archaeologist Poutairangahia Rebecca Benham 027 217 8903 or Darran Kerei-Keepa 021 256 1898 Pouarahi HNZPT of the discovery. If under archaeological authority the S45 Archaeologist will call HNZPT.

The Iwi Monitor will immediately contact the **Ārewa** offices

P: 03 265 5565 E: elevate@arewa.nz

Ārewa is to be sent all information collected, including locations, photos, maps, coordinates (if available) and notes of discovery. And provide confirmation that Pouhere Taonga has been notified. If the iwi monitors cannot get hold of Ārewa in the first instance they will leave a message and then contact their iwi organisations.

If the site is of Maori origin, the Site Manager shall notify the Heritage New Zealand Regional Archaeologist and work with the iwi monitor to contact the appropriate iwi groups or kaitiaki representative of the discovery and ensure site access to enable appropriate cultural procedures and tikanga to be undertaken, as long as all statutory requirements under legislation are met (Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act, Protected Objects Act).

On confirmation that discovery is a taonga find:

The **Iwi Representative / Monitor** is to work with the **Site Manager** to ensure protection / storage of finds, assist with site record form and lead tikanga processes onsite until the find is secured.

An **Archaeologist** will assess the site and complete a site record form.

Depending on the location, **other iwi** may wish to have a representative present.

The **Iwi Representative / Cultural Monitor and Archaeologist** will assist with the transfer of the taonga to a registered collection facility (e.g., Marae), to be determined by the **Iwi Trust/s**.

Once secured the **Iwi Monitor** will finalise tikanga process for those involved with handling of the taonga (e.g., Iwi Monitor, Archaeologist and any others involved).

Ārewa will liaise with HNZPT to ensure the situation has been concluded to mutual satisfaction.

Works can restart on location once the **Iwi Trust/s, Ārewa and Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga** have given approval to proceed.

Taonga Finds

Taonga relocation

Taonga will be relocated to an agreed designated location.

Common finds

Certain finds, including middens and hangi stones, can be a regular occurrence. However, **Ārewa** still needs to be advised of these finds immediately, so they can be transferred to a designated location.

Archaeological / Cultural Assessment

It is possible that **Ārewa and /or iwi trusts** will send a representative to participate in further assessment and processing of the discovery.

Tikanga

The Monitor will conduct all tikanga / practices for securing the site and ensure cultural safety of those in attendance. In some cases, there may be further assistance and guidance from representative of **the respective iwi trusts**.

Firearm Find

If a firearms assessment is necessary, the Police, an archaeologist and the property owner will likely be required.

Records of Finds

Ārewa will work with **iwi** to file all information collected to help inform future assessments of the location.

Examples of common finds:

Middens, burnt patches of ground and hangi stones



Toki (adze)



Stone fragments



Pits/depressions



Accidental Discovery Protocol for Iwi Monitors – Kōiwi



The Site Manager / Contractor is to
STOP WORKS
Immediately at that place and within 60m
around the site of the discovery and secure the
area

The Site Manager / Contractor is to **immediately** notify **Pouhere Taonga** (HNZPT) Archaeologist Poutairangahia Rebecca Benham 027 217 8903 or Darran Kerei-Keepa 021 256 1898 Pouarahi HNZPT of the discovery.
If under archaeological authority the S45 Archaeologist of the discovery or if under archaeological authority the S45 Archaeologist will call HNZPT

The Iwi Monitor will immediately contact the **Ārewa** offices:

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- **E: elevate@arewa.nz**

Ārewa is to be sent all information collected, including locations, maps, coordinates (if available) and notes of discovery. And provide confirmation that Pouhere Taonga and the Police have been notified.

If human remains (kōiwi tangata) are uncovered the Site Manager shall advise the Heritage New Zealand Regional Archaeologist, NZ Police and the appropriate iwi groups or kaitiaki representative. The remains are not to be moved until such time as iwi and Heritage New Zealand have responded.

If the remains are of Māori origin, The site Manager will work with the iwi monitor to contact the appropriate iwi groups or kaitiaki representative of the discovery and ensure site access to enable appropriate cultural procedures and tikanga to be undertaken.

On confirmation that discovery is a kōiwi find:

The **Iwi Representative / Cultural Monitor** is to seek advice from iwi on procedure for protection,
/ storage of find, assist with site record form and lead tikanga / processes onsite until the find is secured.

The **Archaeologist** will complete a site record form.

Police clearance is required.

Depending on the location, **other iwi** may wish to have a representative present

The **Iwi Rep / Monitor and Archaeologist** will assist with the transfer/reinterment of the kōiwi to a designated area, to be determined by iwi and supported by Ārewa as required.

Once secured, the **Iwi Representative / Monitor** will finalise tikanga process for those involved with handling of the kōiwi e.g., Iwi monitor, Archaeologist and any others.

Ārewa will liaise with HNZPT to ensure the situation has been concluded to mutual satisfaction.

Works affecting the archaeological site and any human remains (kōiwi tangata) shall not resume until Heritage New Zealand gives written approval for work to continue. Further assessment by an archaeologist may be required.

Kōiwi Finds

Iwi Monitor, Archaeologist and Police Assessment

Kōiwi finds usually require an assessment by a cultural monitor, NZHPT, an archaeologist and Police officer.

Recommendation of Activity Onsite

Works affecting the archaeological site and any human remains (kōiwi tangata) shall not resume until Heritage New Zealand gives written approval for work to continue.

Heritage New Zealand will determine if an archaeological authority under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 is required for works to continue.

Preservation / Protection of the Find (Relocation and Reinterment).

Ārewa will send a representative to participate in further assessment and processing of the discovery, including co-ordination of kōiwi reinterment.

Kōiwi will be reinterred at a designated location as approved.

Records

Ārewa will work with **HNZPT** and **iwi** to file all information collected for reporting to Governance and to help inform future assessments of the location.

It is an offence under S87 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 to modify or destroy an archaeological site without an authority from Heritage New Zealand irrespective of whether the works are permitted or a consent has been issued under the Resource Management Act.