

Discussion cards



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- Kaiako can guide a discussion by asking why and how ākonga connected their cards, and how they feel about proposed solutions, trying to encourage them to have an optimistic view of the future.

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The rising sea levels caused by melting glaciers pose a threat of flooding to coastal communities.	Monitor alterations in glacier size using satellite data and publicly distribute the information to enhance coastal resilience.	ICE // OCEAN // COASTLINE & COASTAL COMMUNITIES // ESTUARIES & WETLANDS // ISLAND NATIONS	CLIMATE SCIENTIST // ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER // URBAN PLANNER // CLIMATE COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST // CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNER // MANA WHENUA
The acidification of ocean waters affects marine food webs, putting fisheries at risk.	Adopt eco-friendly fishing methods, track ocean acidity, and foster coastal landscapes that buffer against acidification.	OCEAN // COASTLINE & COASTAL COMMUNITIES // ESTUARIES & WETLANDS // ISLAND NATIONS	CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST // ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIST // URBAN PLANNER // ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS // CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNER // MANA WHENUA
Flood-prone areas undergo changes and expansion, while the infrastructure remains outdated.	Incorporate green spaces and ecofriendly friendly construction materials in new urban developments.	CITY // COASTLINE & COASTAL COMMUNITIES // ISLAND NATIONS	CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNER // URBAN PLANNER // ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER // CLEAN TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURS
Extensive deforestation negatively impacts biodiversity, increases the risk of drought, and accelerates soil erosion.	Practice sustainable forestry, safeguard at-risk forest ecosystems, and engage in tree reforestation efforts.	FOREST	ECOLOGIST // CLIMATE POLICY ANALYST // CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNER // ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS // CLIMATE COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST
Worsening drought conditions increase frequency and severity of wildfires.	Create innovative forest management approaches and maps identifying wildfire risks, considering changing rainfall patterns.	FOREST	ECOLOGIST // CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST // CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNER // ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS
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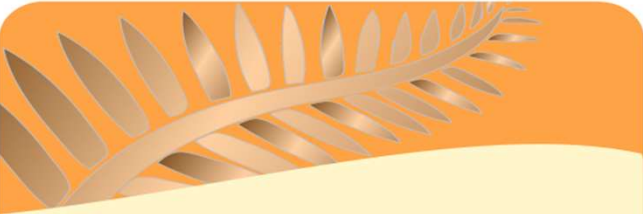
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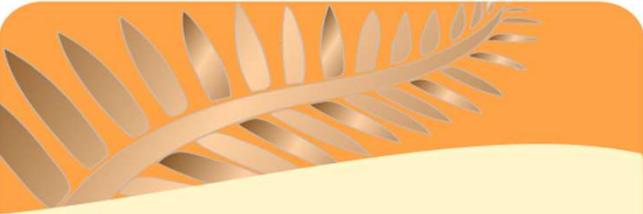
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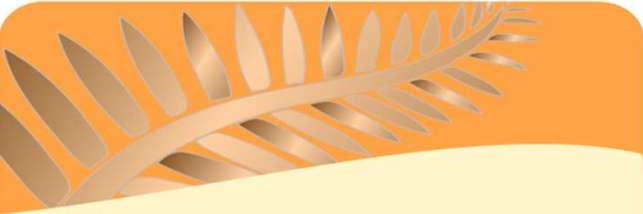
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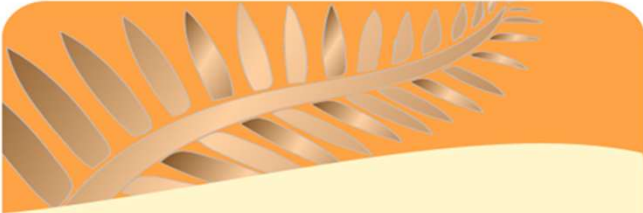
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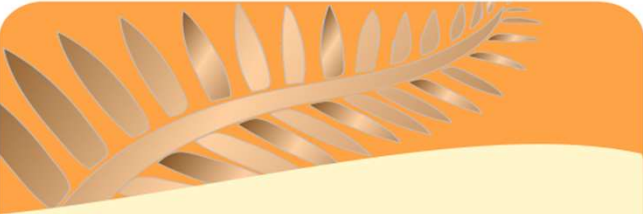
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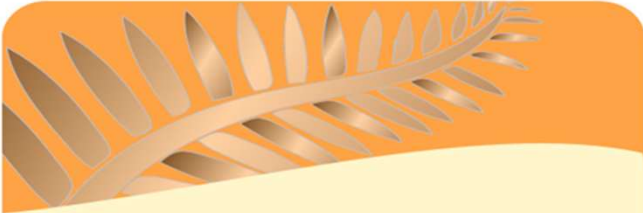
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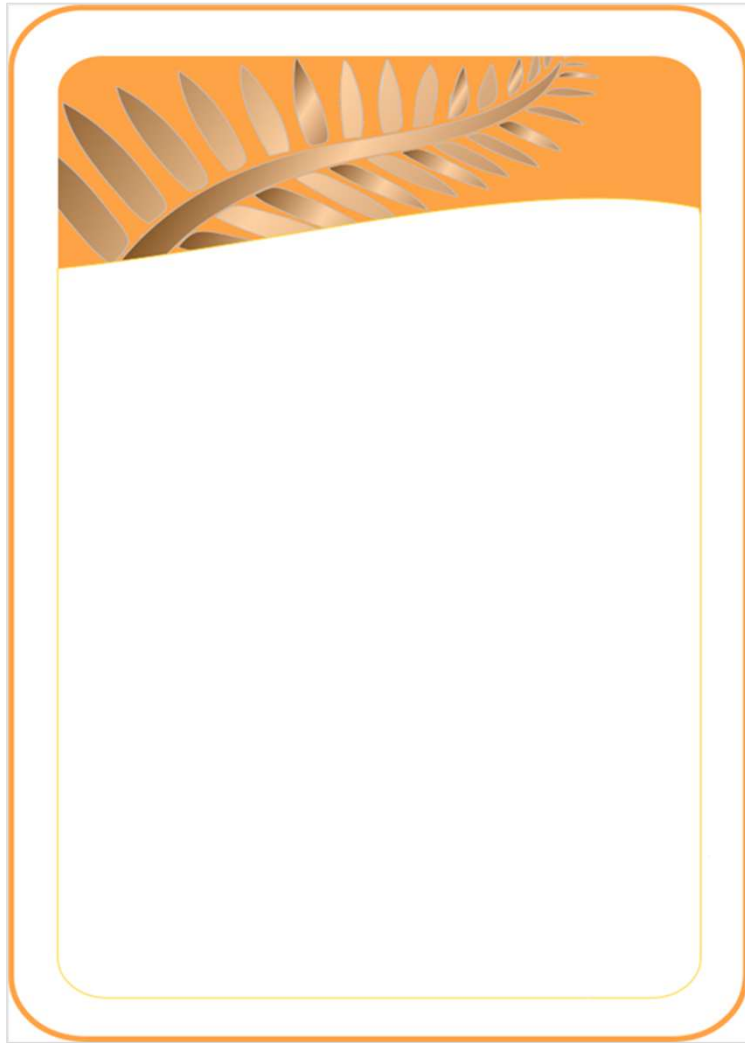


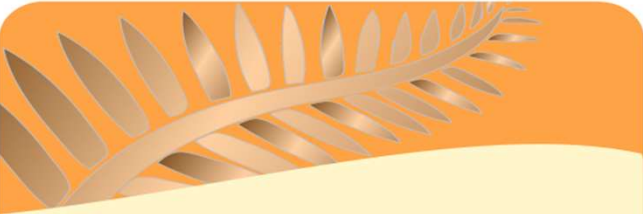
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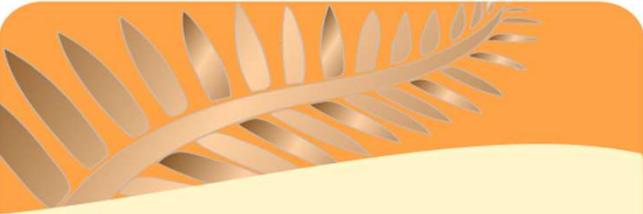
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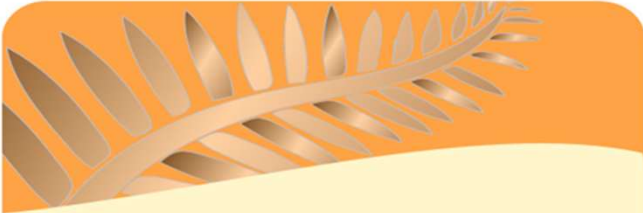
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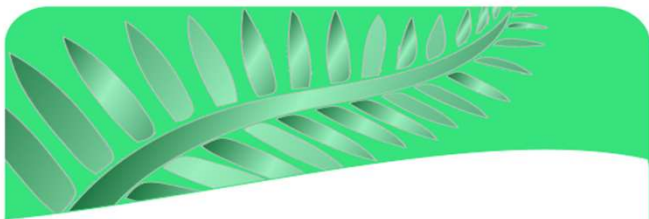


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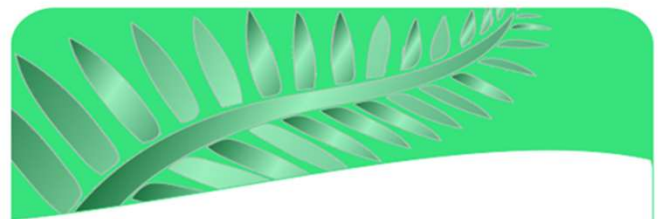


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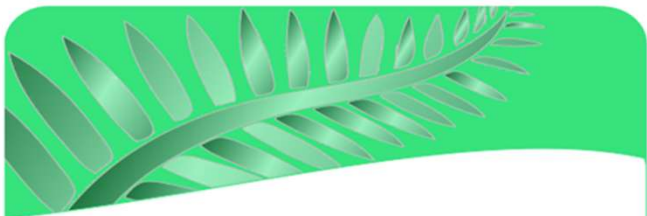




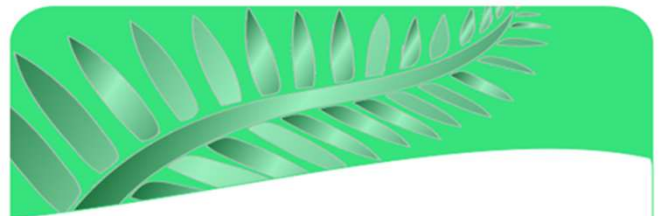
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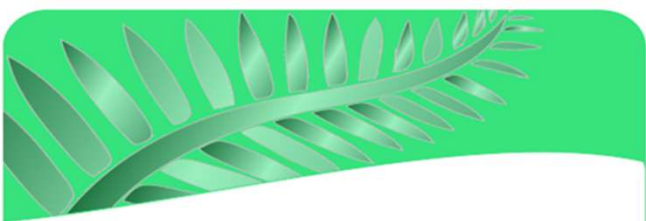
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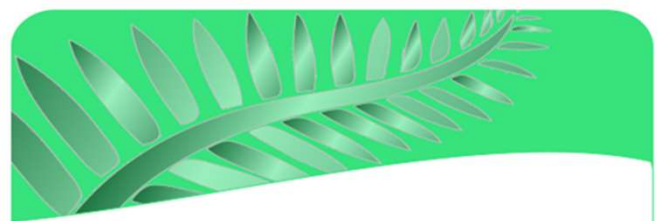
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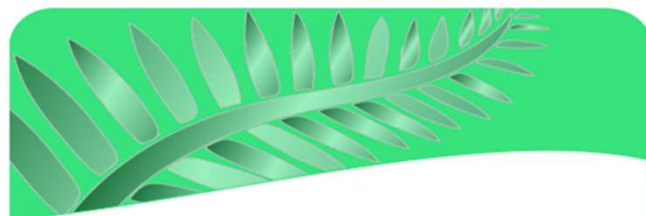
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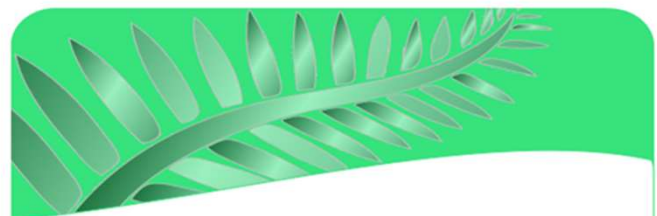


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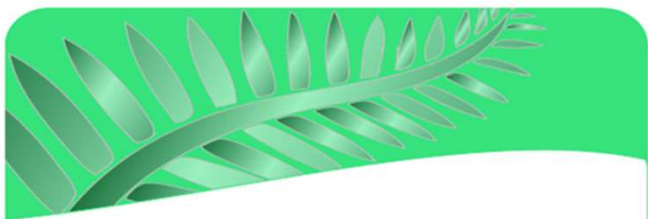
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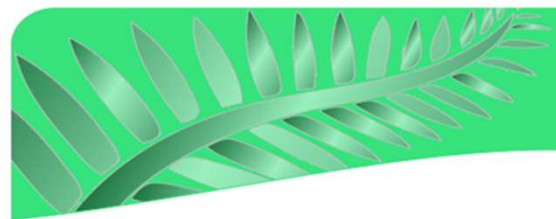
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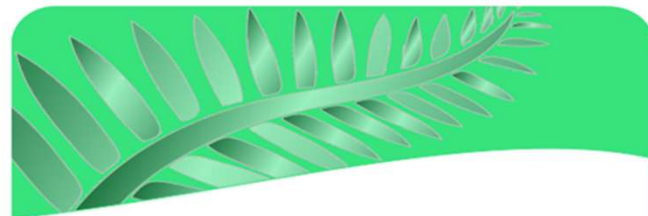
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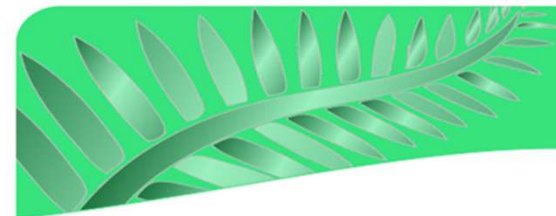
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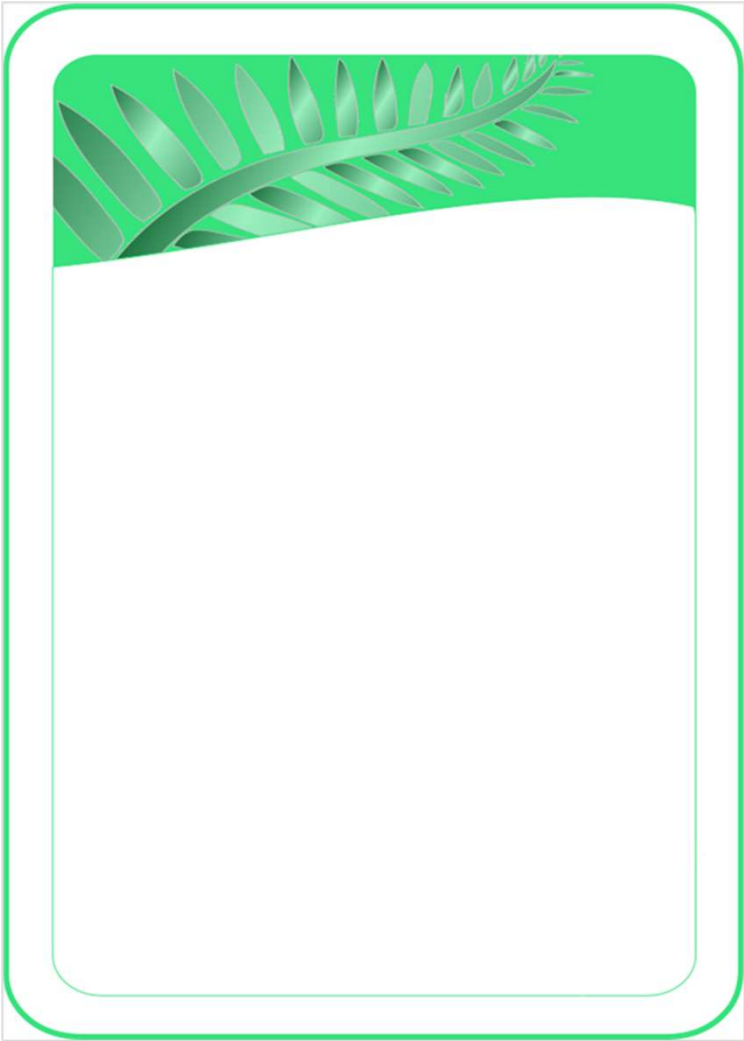


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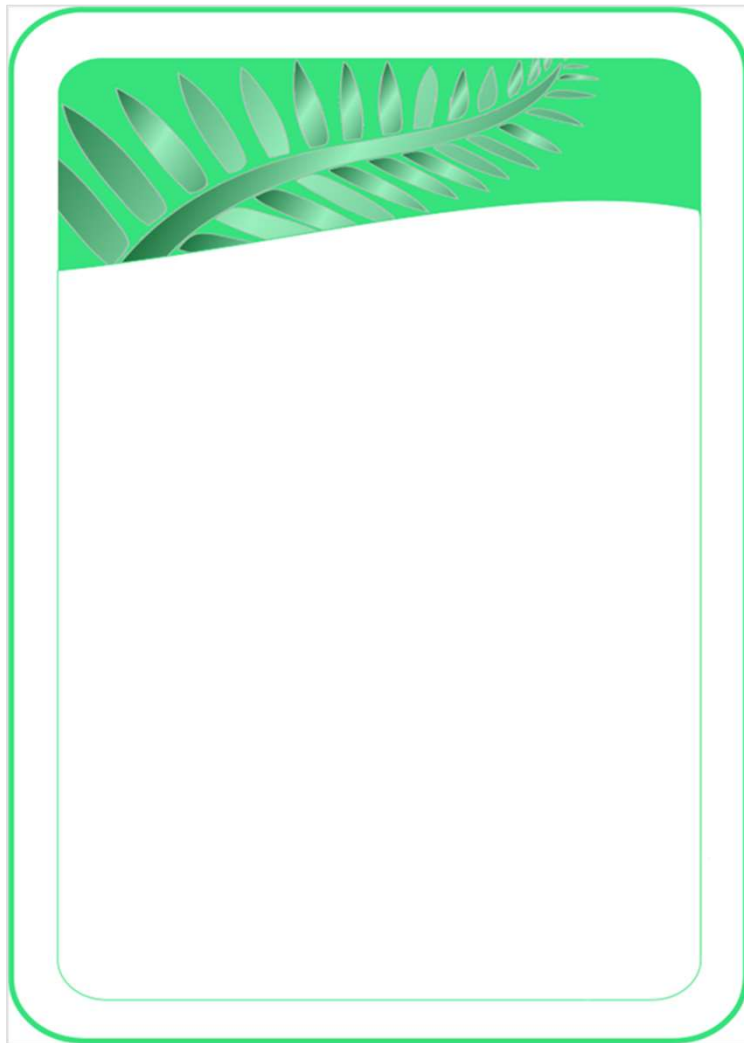
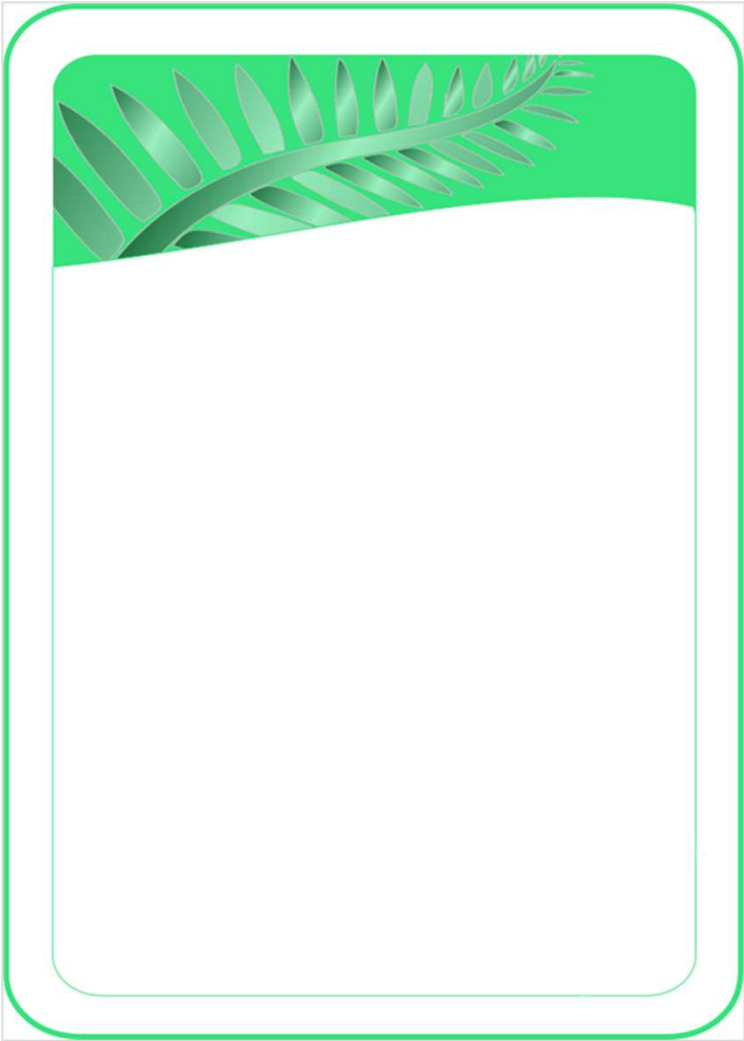


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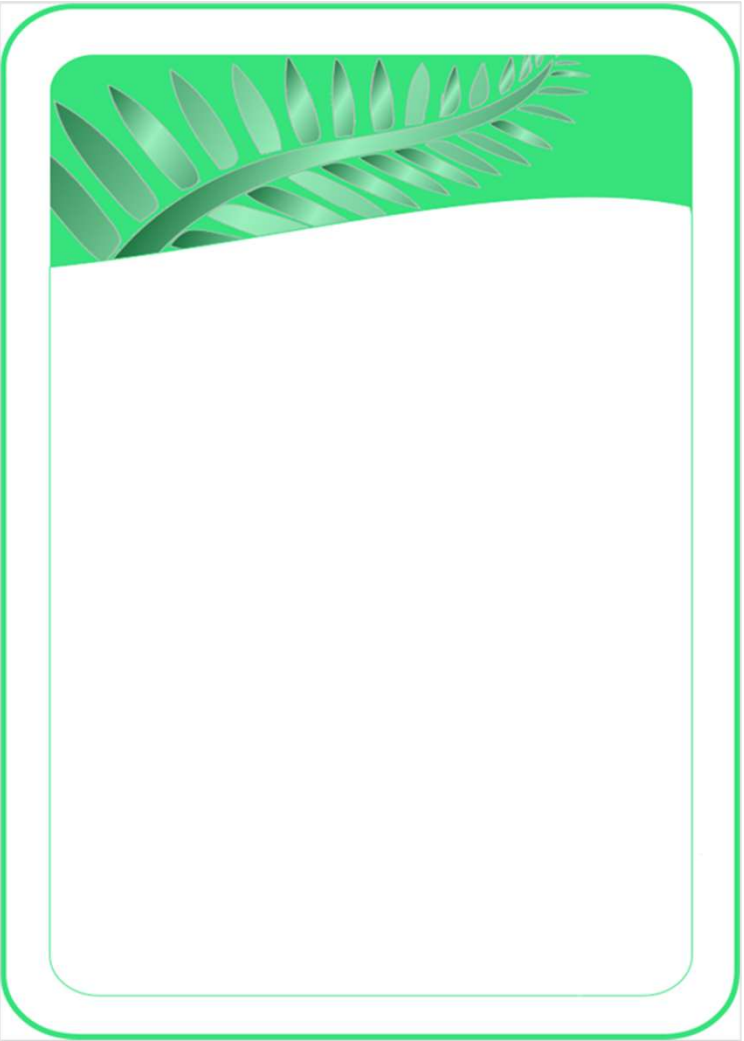
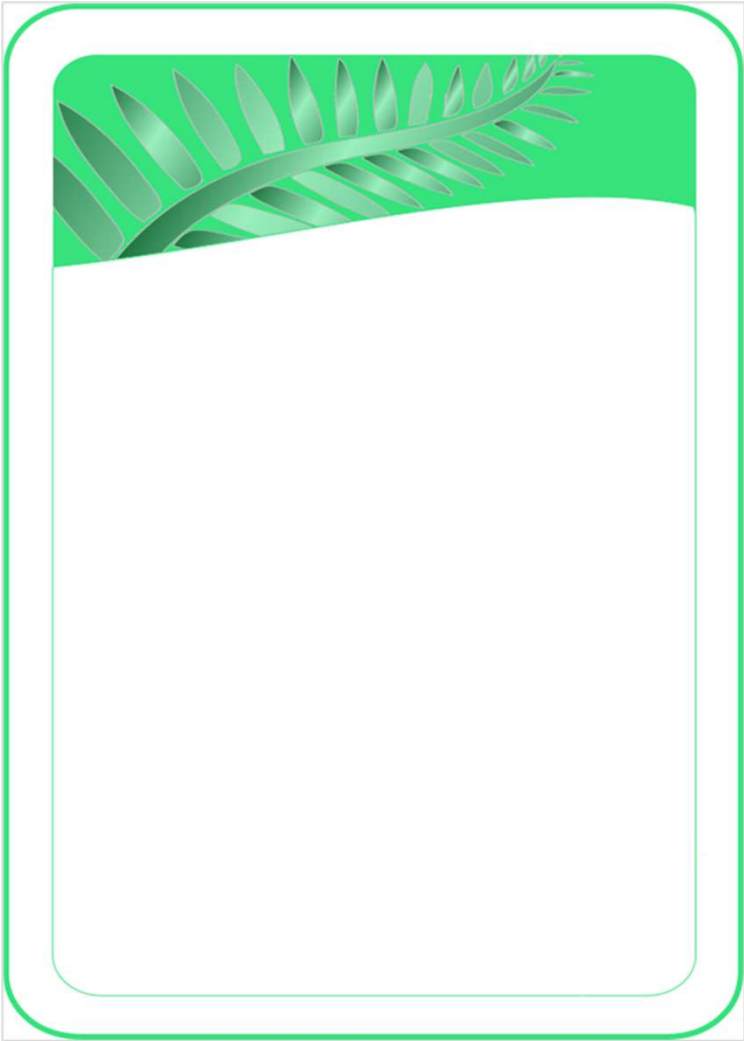
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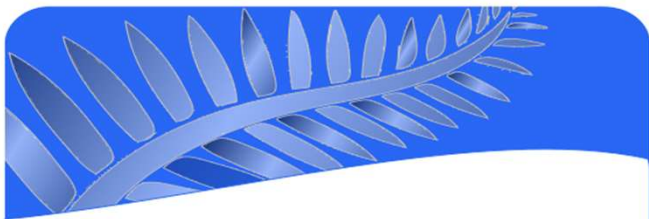
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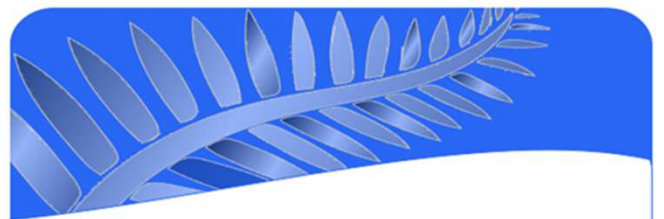


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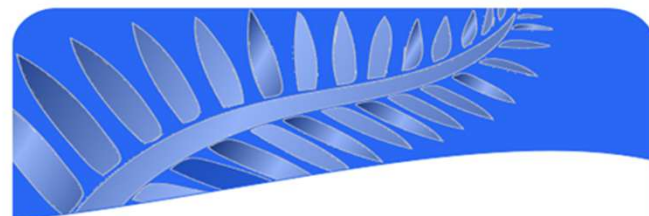
ATMOSPHERE

**Mixture of gases
that surround Earth
like a blanket.**



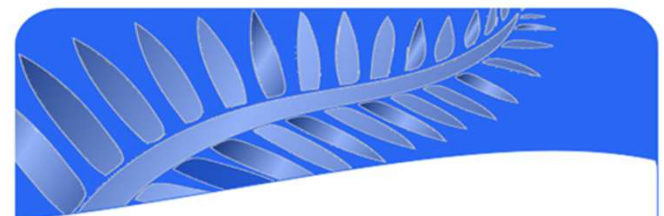
FOREST

**Examples:
Waipoua Forest,
Whakarewarewa
Forest**



OCEAN

**Examples:
Pacific Ocean,
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RURAL

**Examples:
Waiuku, Warkworth**



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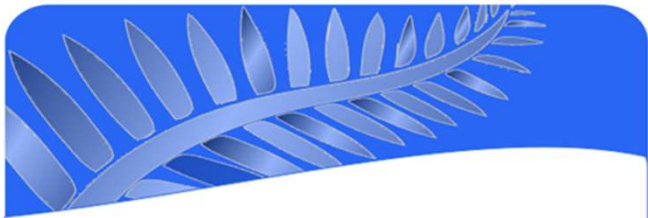
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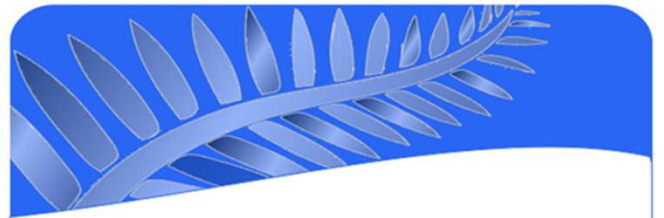


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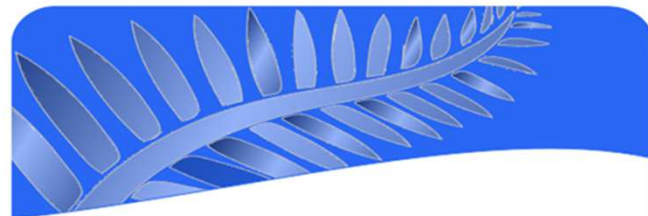
CITY

**Examples:
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Wellington, London**



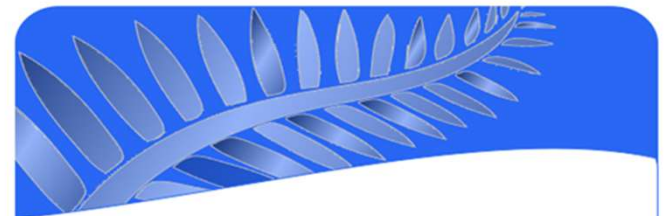
ICE

**Examples:
Antarctica, Arctic
Circle**



ISLAND NATIONS

**Examples:
Tuvalu, Kiribati, Fiji,
Samoa, Tonga, Cook
Islands**



COASTLINE & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

**Examples:
Whangaparāoa,
Beachlands**



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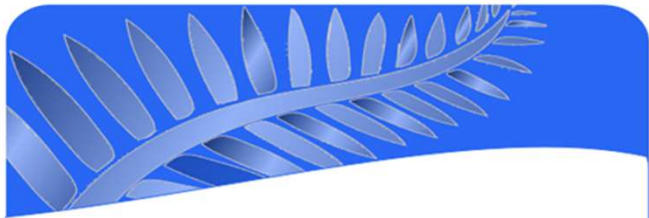
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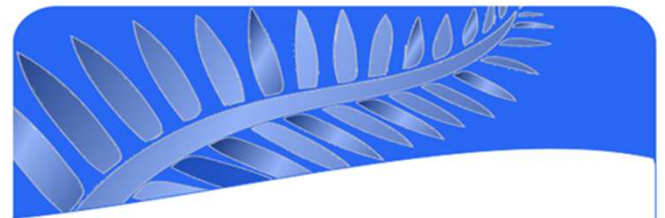
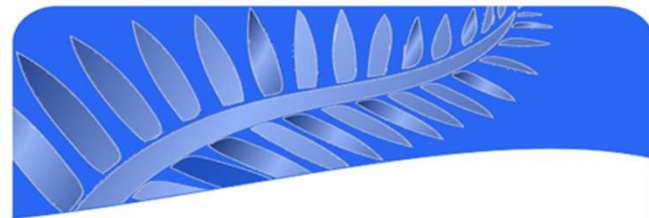
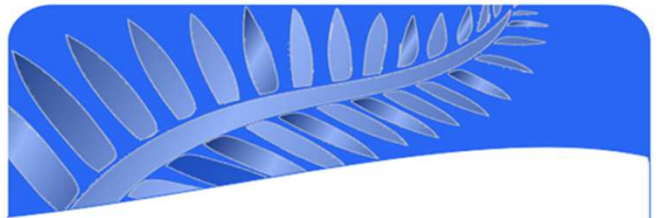


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ESTUARIES & WETLANDS

**Examples:
Mangatāwhiri
wetlands, Manukau
Harbour**





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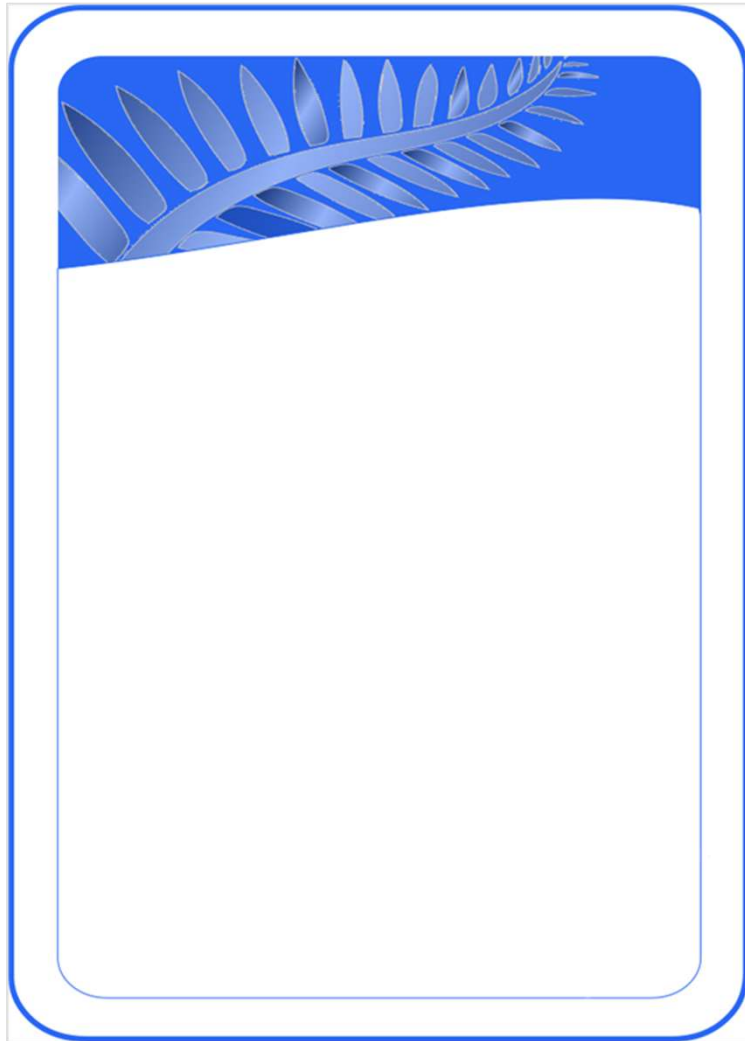
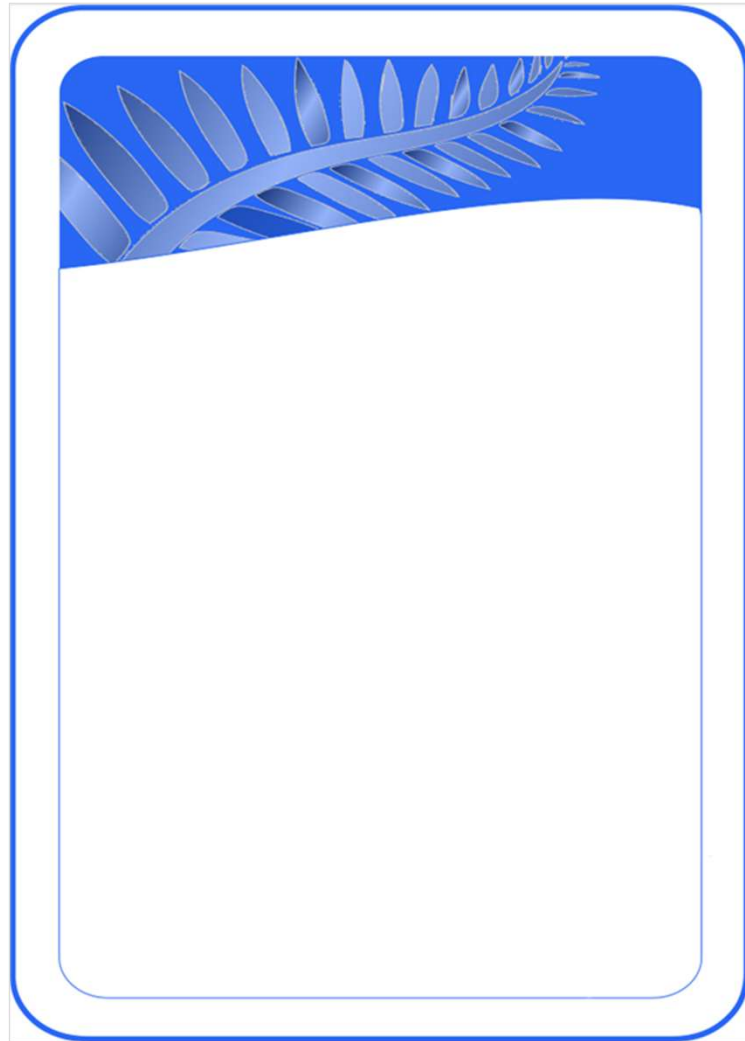
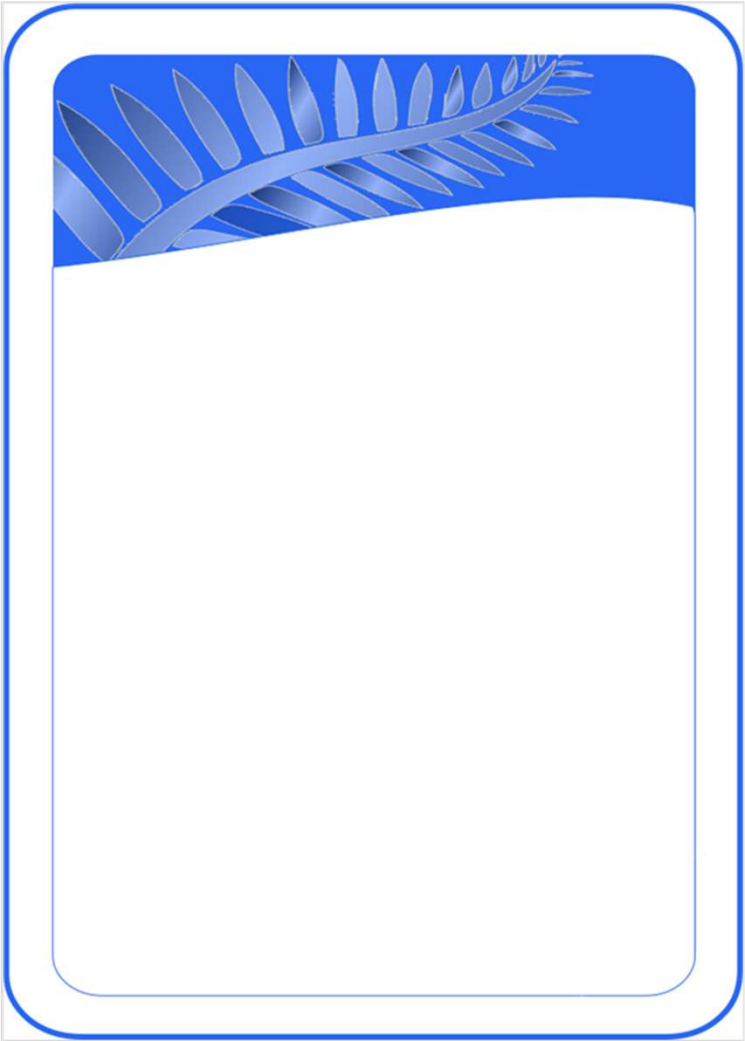
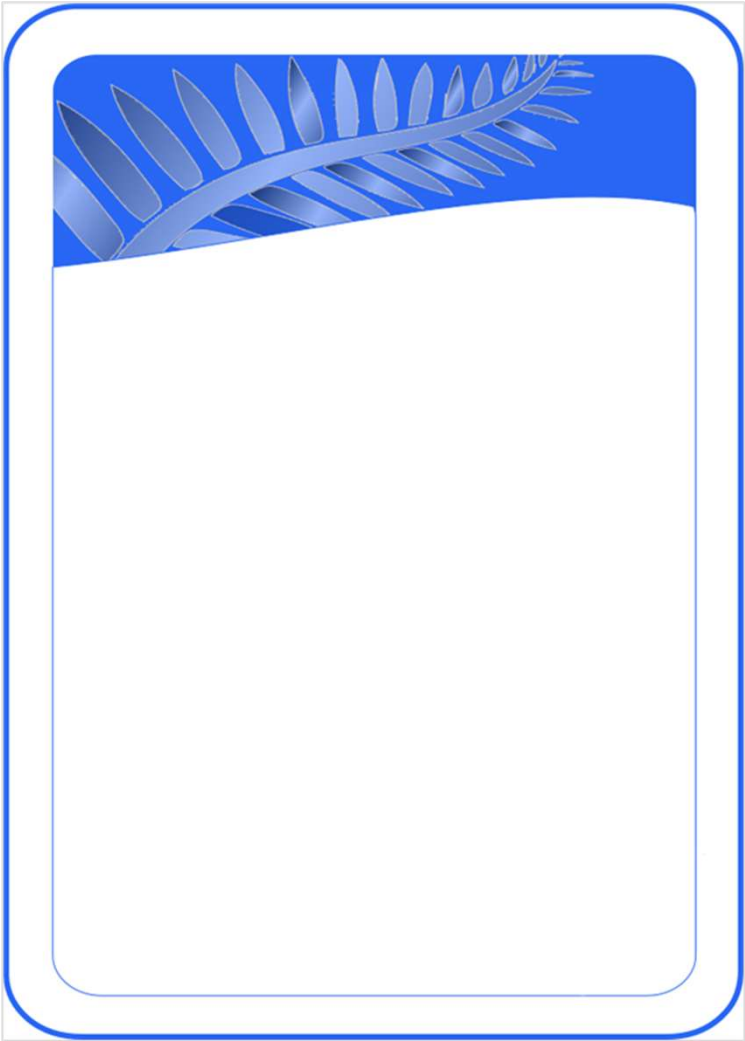
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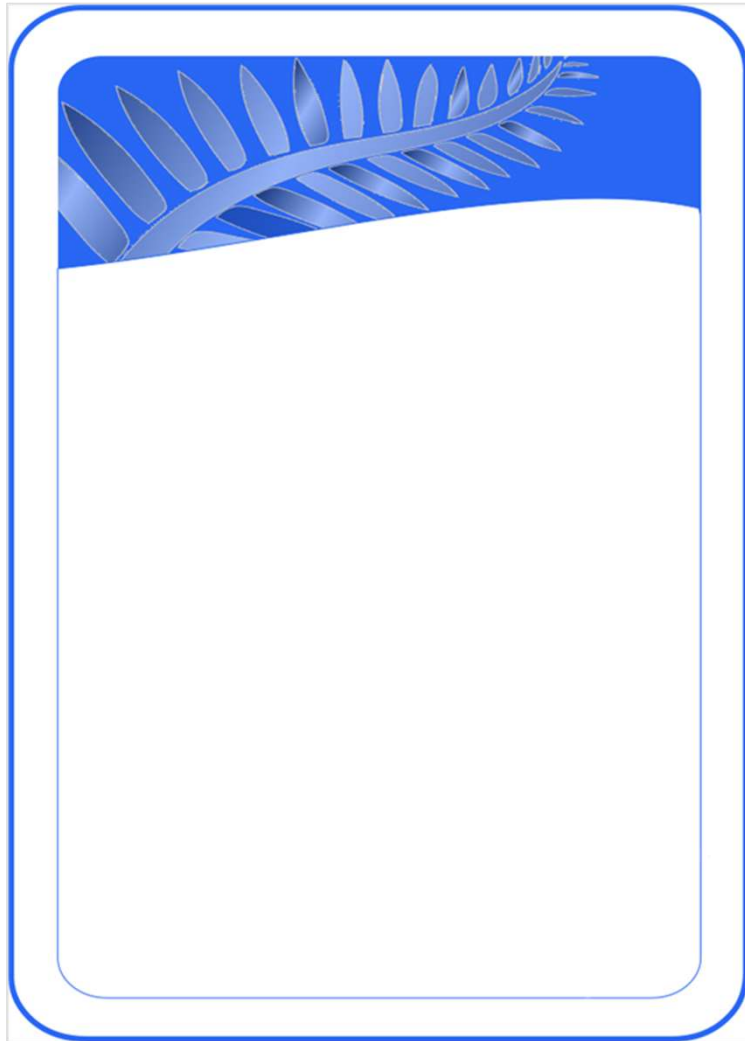
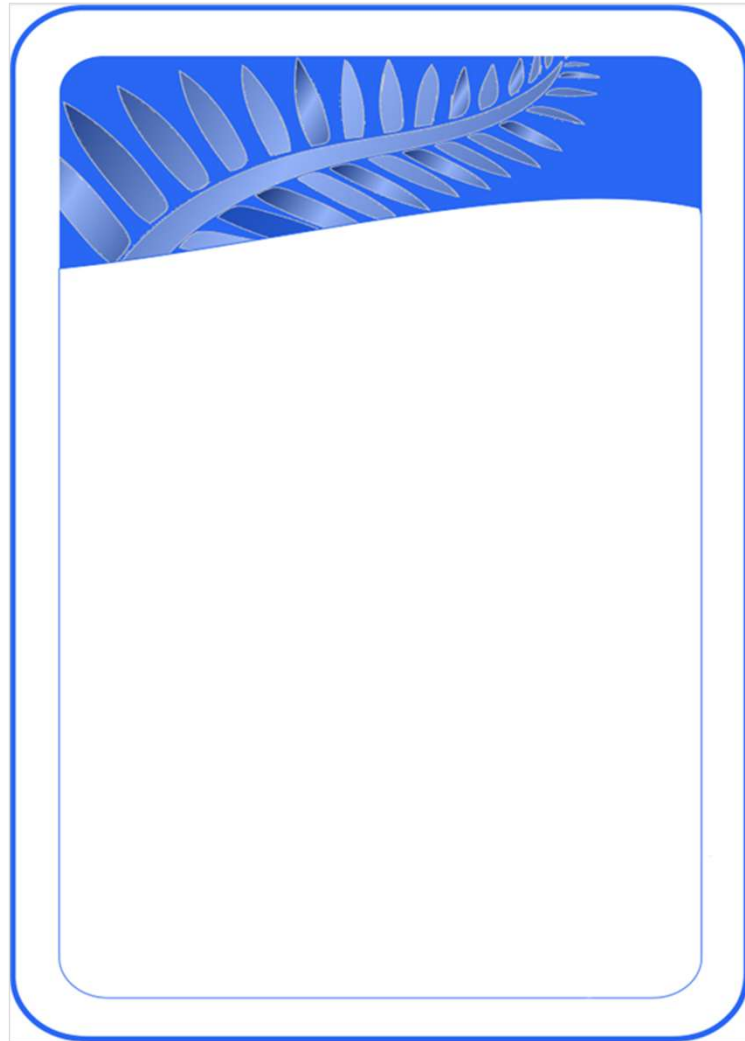
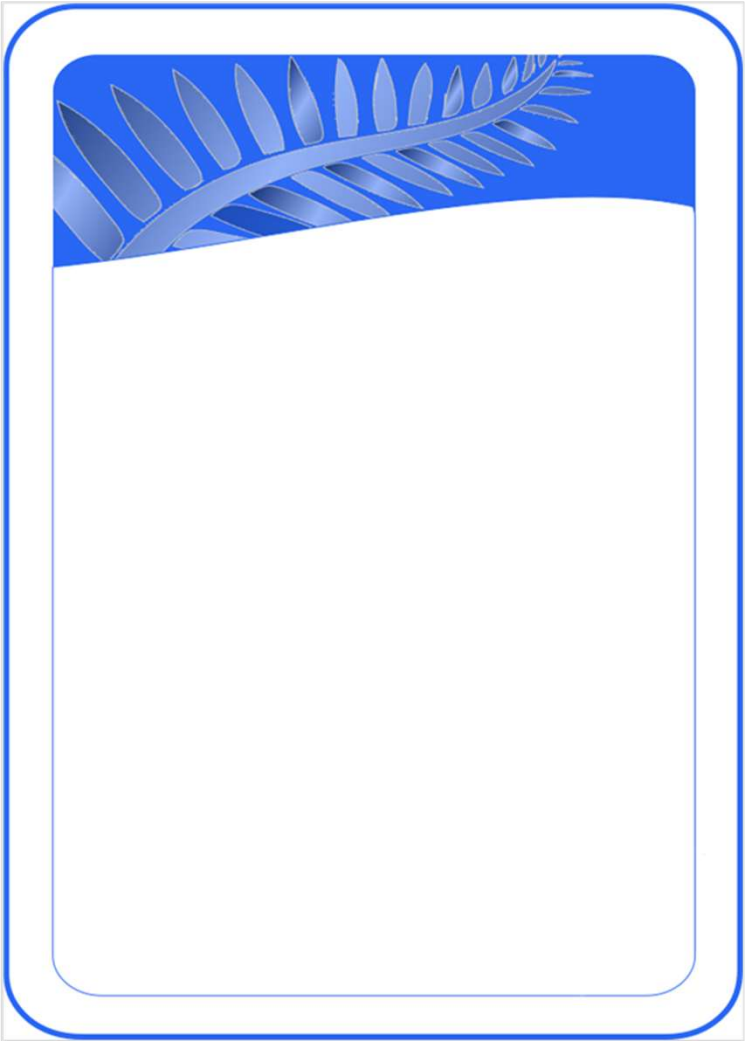
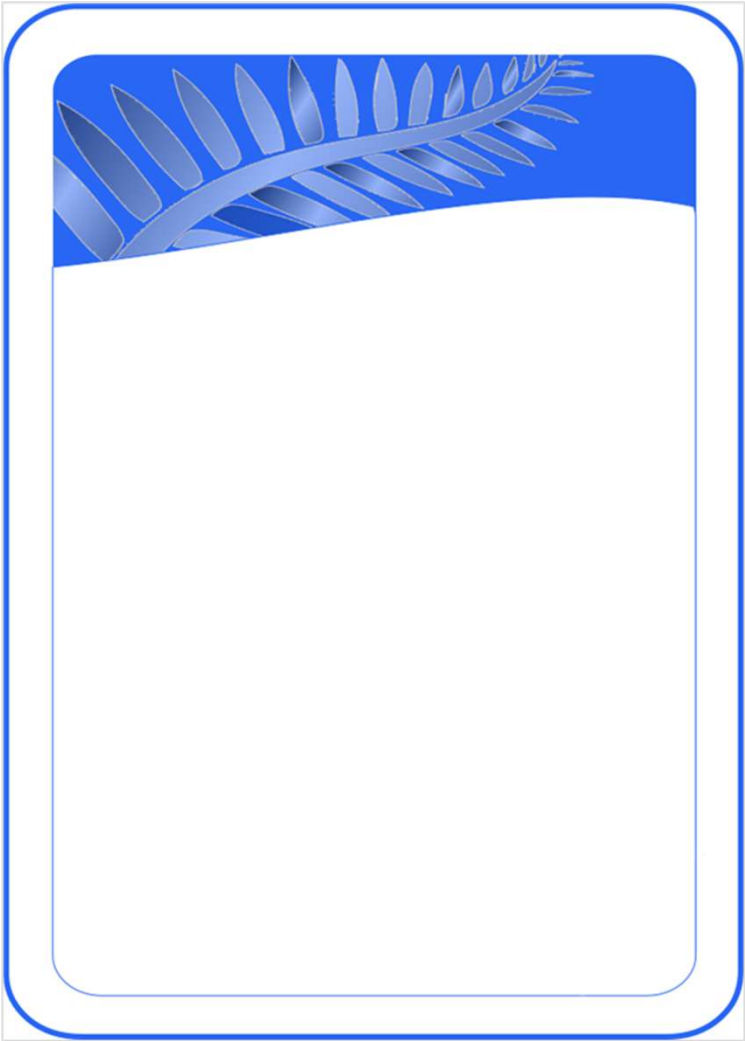
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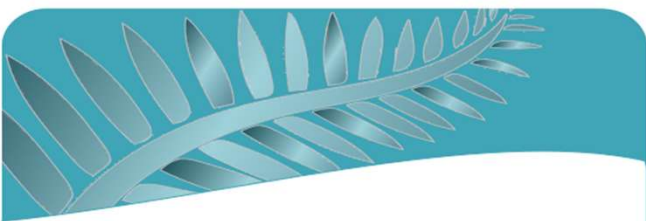
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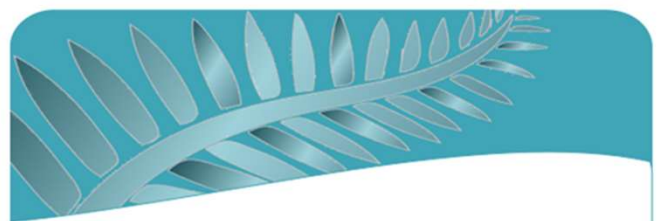


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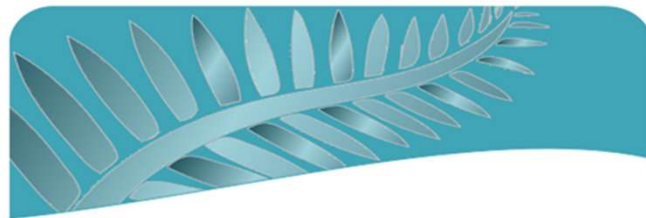
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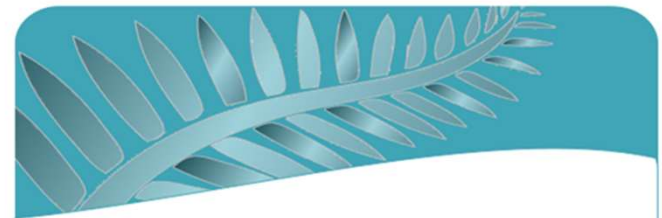
ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

Helps take care of the Earth by figuring out ways to keep air, water, and land clean and safe for people, animals, and plants.



RENEWABLE ENERGY SPECIALIST

Helps find and use clean energy sources like the sun and wind to power our homes and gadgets instead of using things that can harm the Earth.



ECOLOGIST

Explores and learns about plants, animals, and their homes to help keep Earth healthy.



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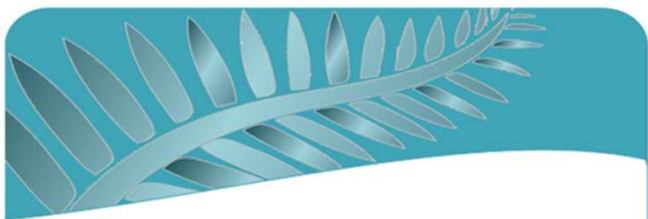


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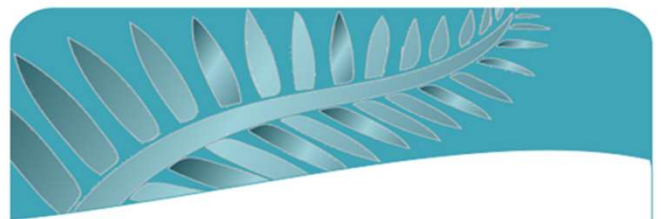
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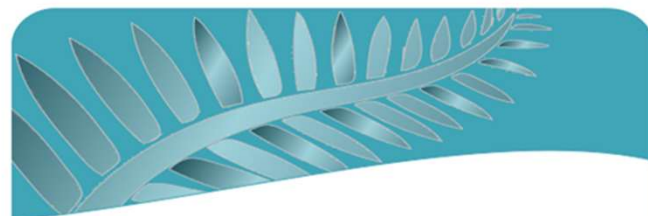
CLIMATE POLICY ANALYST

Helps make rules and plans to protect the Earth's climate by studying and suggesting ways to reduce pollution and use cleaner energy.



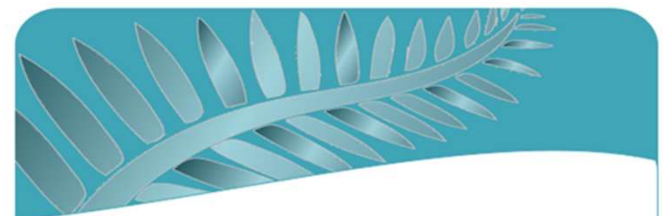
ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYER

Helps protect nature by using laws to make sure people and businesses take care of the environment and follow rules to keep our planet healthy.



METEOROLOGIST

Studies what happens in the atmosphere and make weather forecasts to help us understand and predict things like rain, storms, and sunshine.



URBAN PLANNER **CITY & DISTRICT COUNCILS**

Helps decide where buildings, parks, and roads should go to make cities happy, healthy, and fun for everyone.



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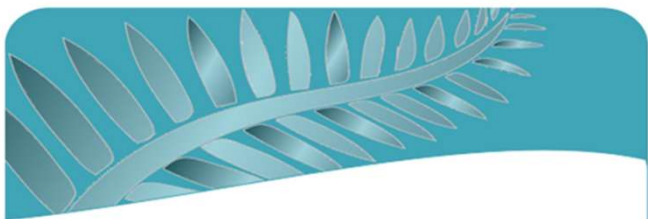


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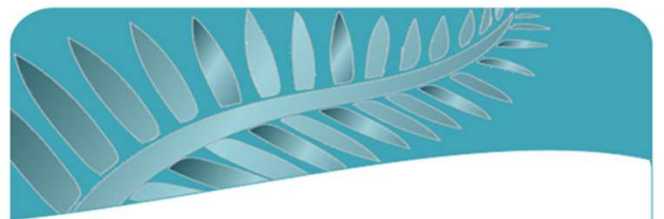
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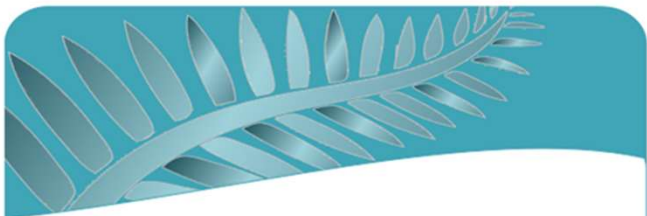
CONSERVATION BIOLOGIST

Helps protect and save animals and plants by studying them, their habitats, and finding ways to keep them safe for the future.



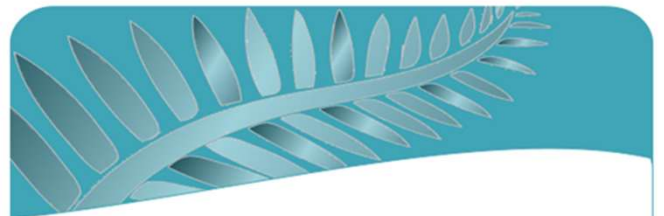
CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE (CSS) SPECIALIST

Helps find clever ways to catch and keep carbon dioxide, a gas that can harm the Earth, so we can have cleaner air and a healthier planet.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE EXPERTS

Helps farmers grow food in a way that keeps the environment healthy, helps communities, and makes sure we can have plenty of yummy food for a long time.



ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIST

Helps figure out how to take care of our planet by studying how people use resources and finding ways to protect the environment while still having enough for everyone.



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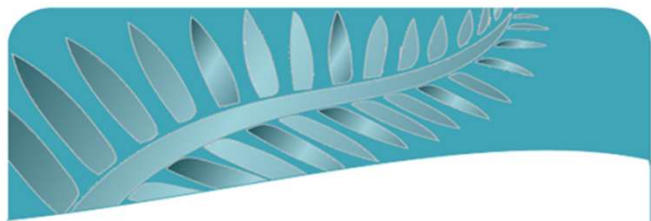


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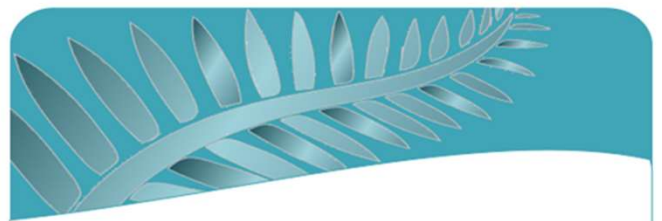
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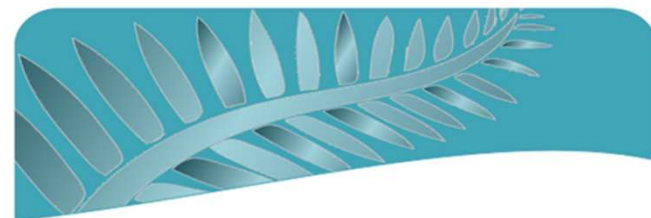
CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLANNER

Helps communities get ready for changes in the weather by making plans to keep people safe and protect the environment.



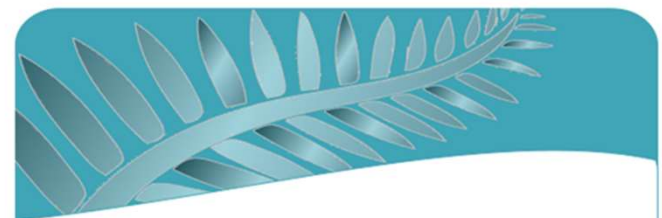
CLEAN TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURS

Create and develop cool inventions that help protect the Earth by using clean and eco-friendly solutions to solve environmental problems.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATORS

Teaches about nature, conservation, and sustainability, inspiring people to care for the planet through engaging activities.



CLIMATE COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

Helps explain to people why the Earth's climate is changing and what we can do to take care of our planet better.



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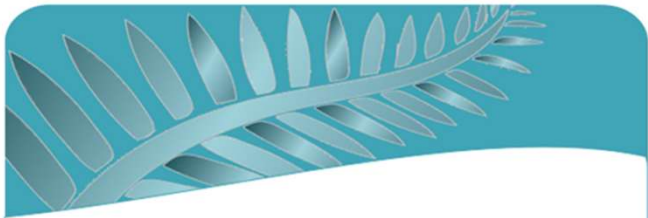


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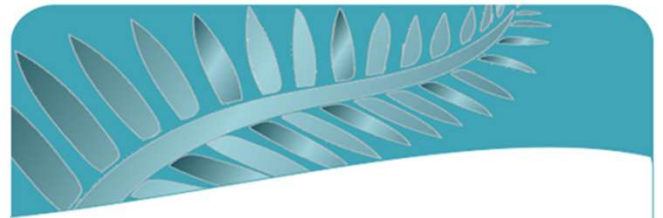
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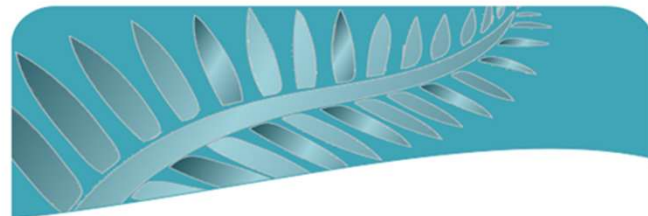
CARBON SCIENTIST

**Helps us understand
and find ways to reduce
the amount of carbon in
the air to keep the
planet healthy.**



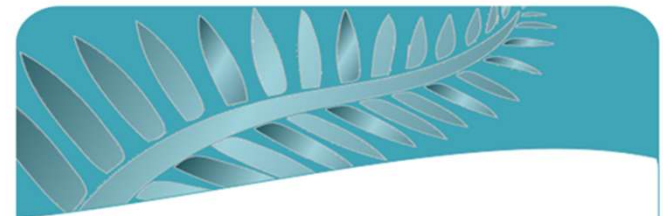
MĀTAURANGA MĀORI KAIARAHĪ (LEADERS)

**Māori experts in Te
Ao Māori and Māori
worldview.**



MANA WHENUA

**Tangata
whenua/people of
the place/habitat in
question.**



KAITIAKI

**Carers for the
environment in the
widest sense.**



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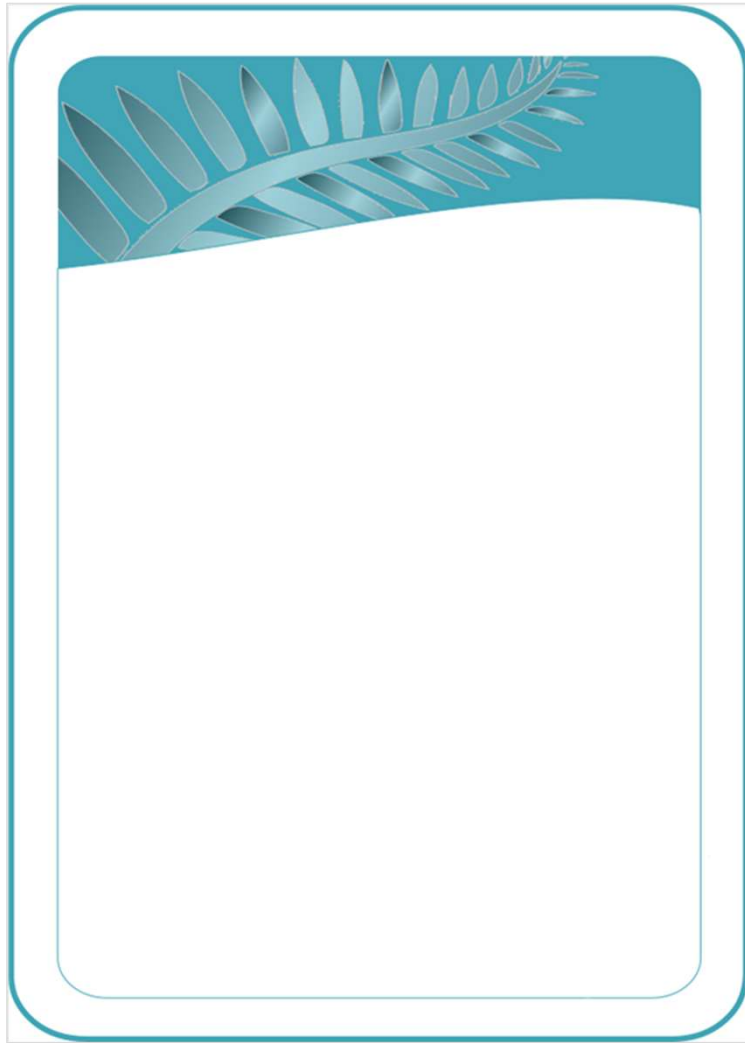
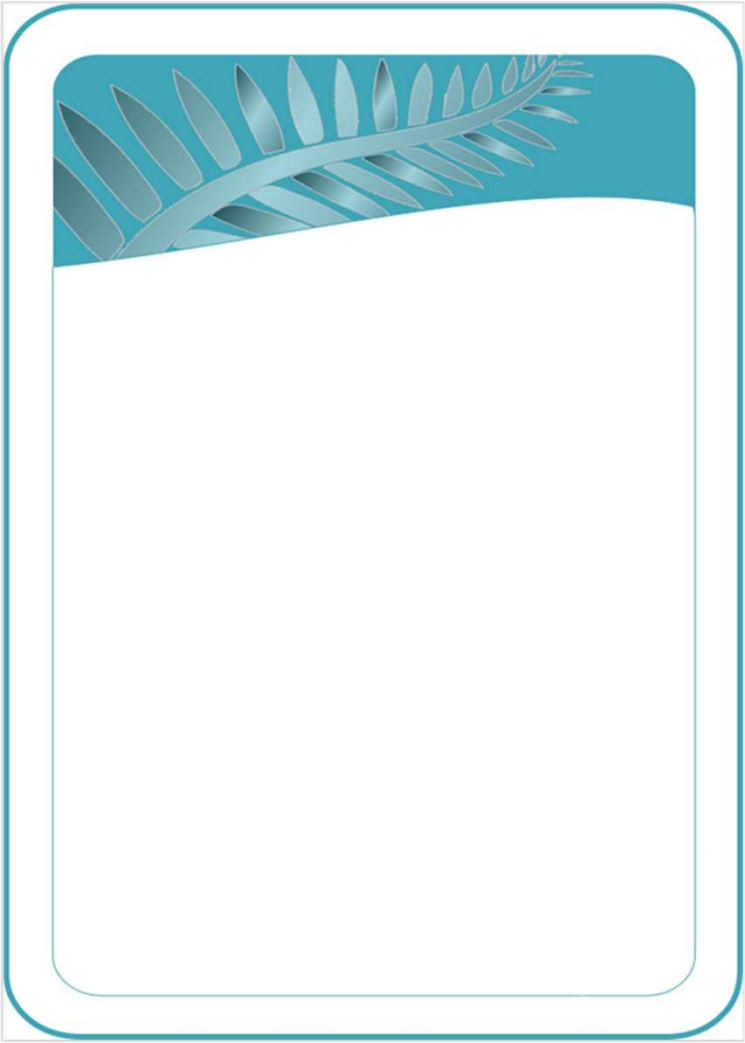
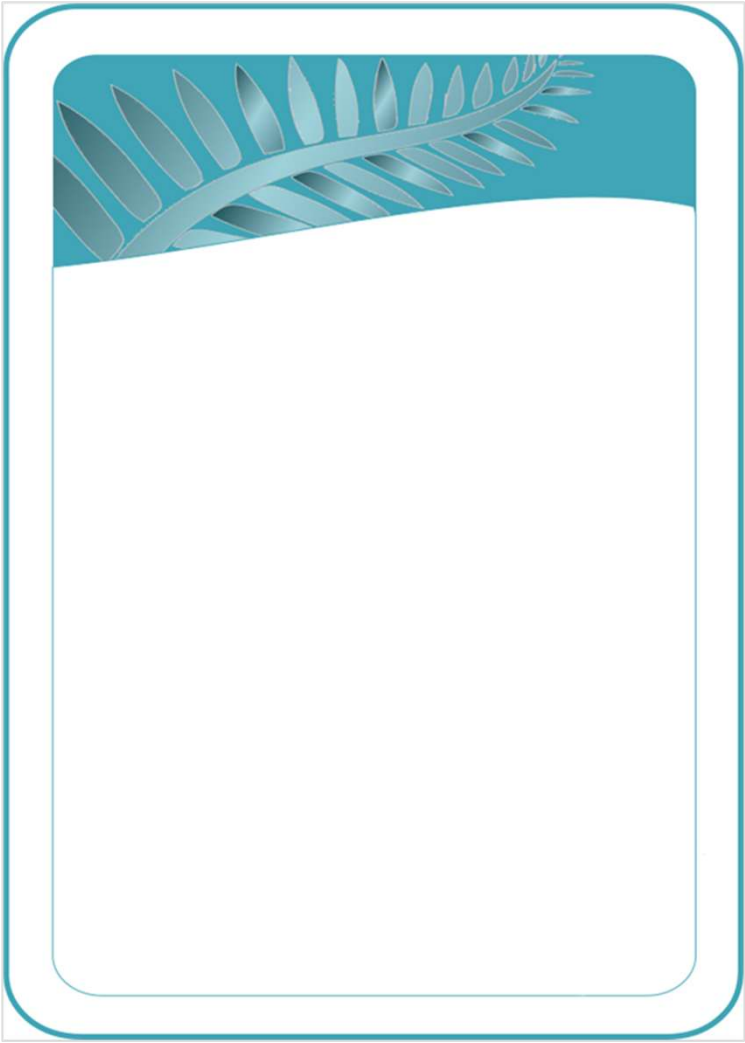


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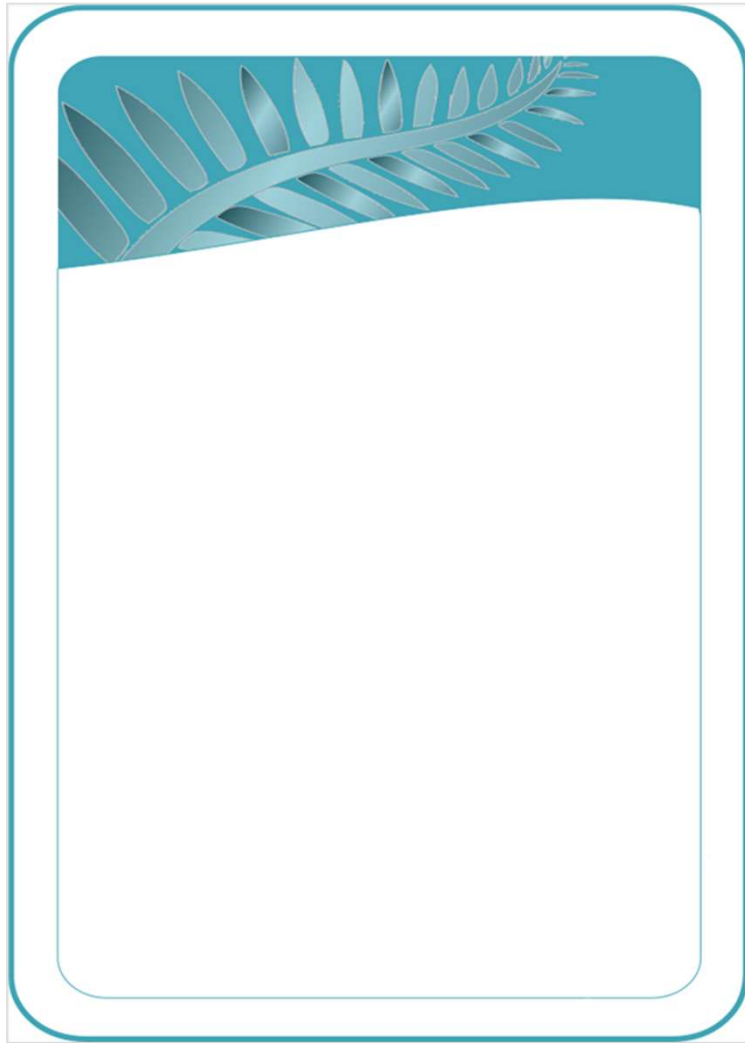
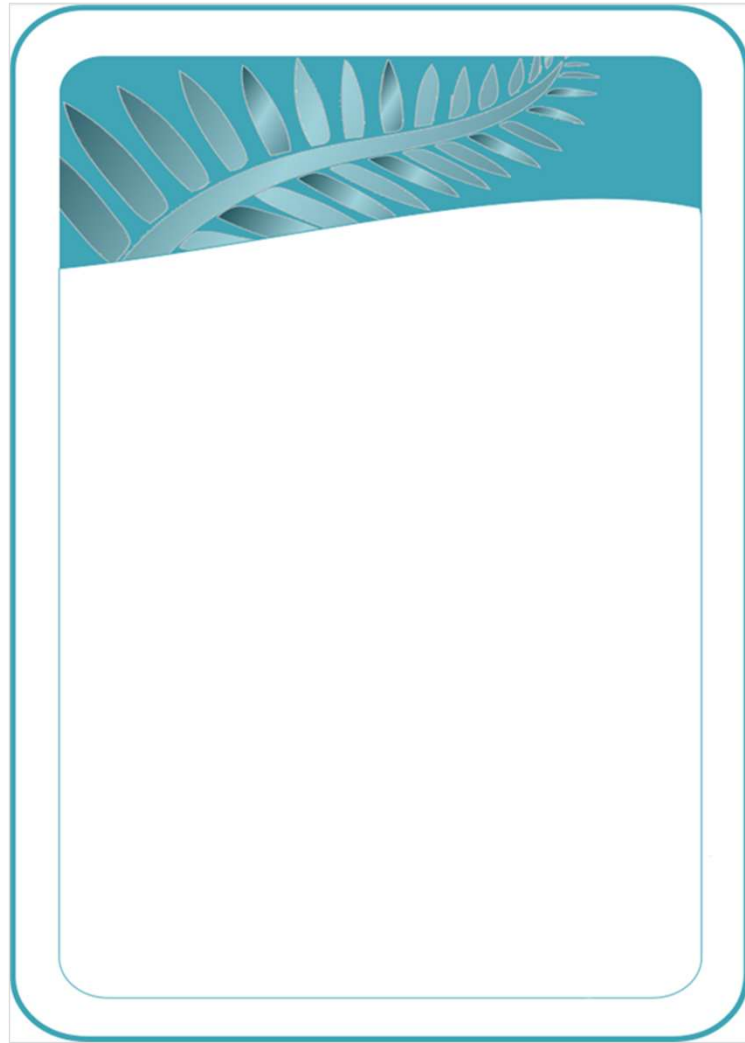
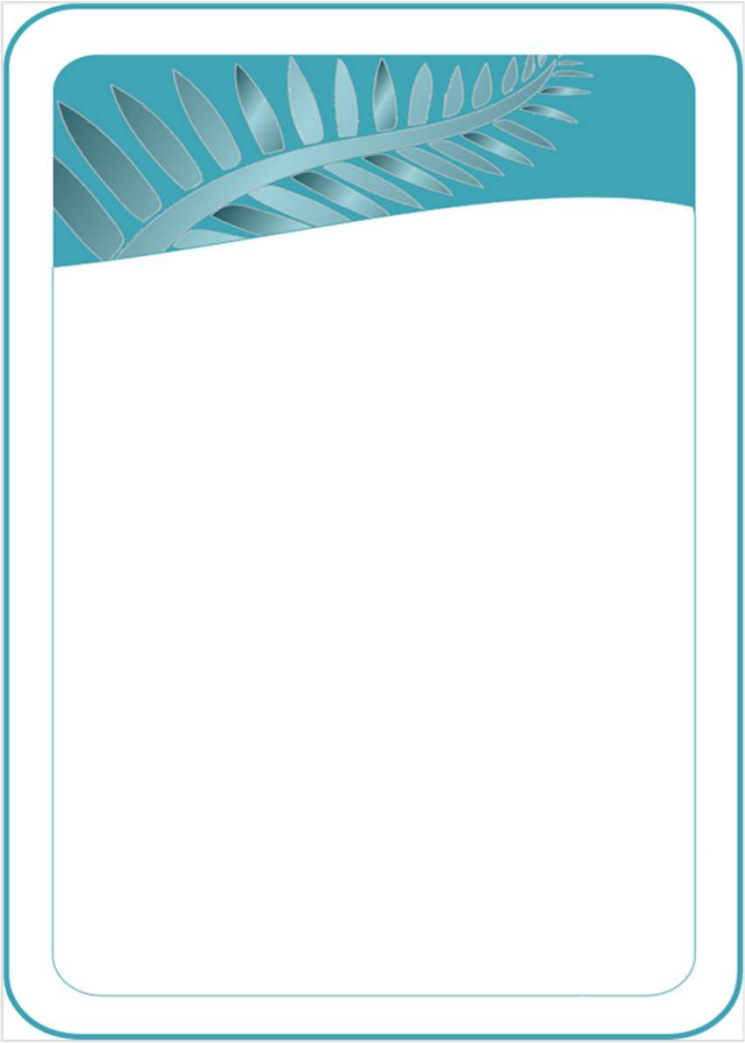
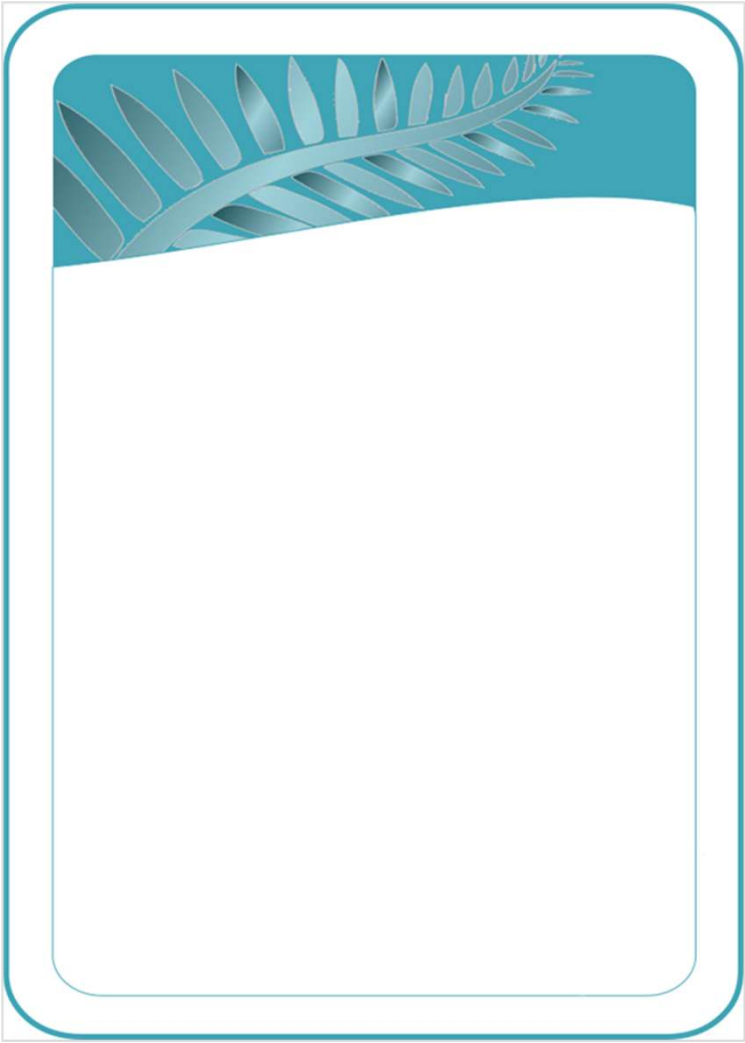


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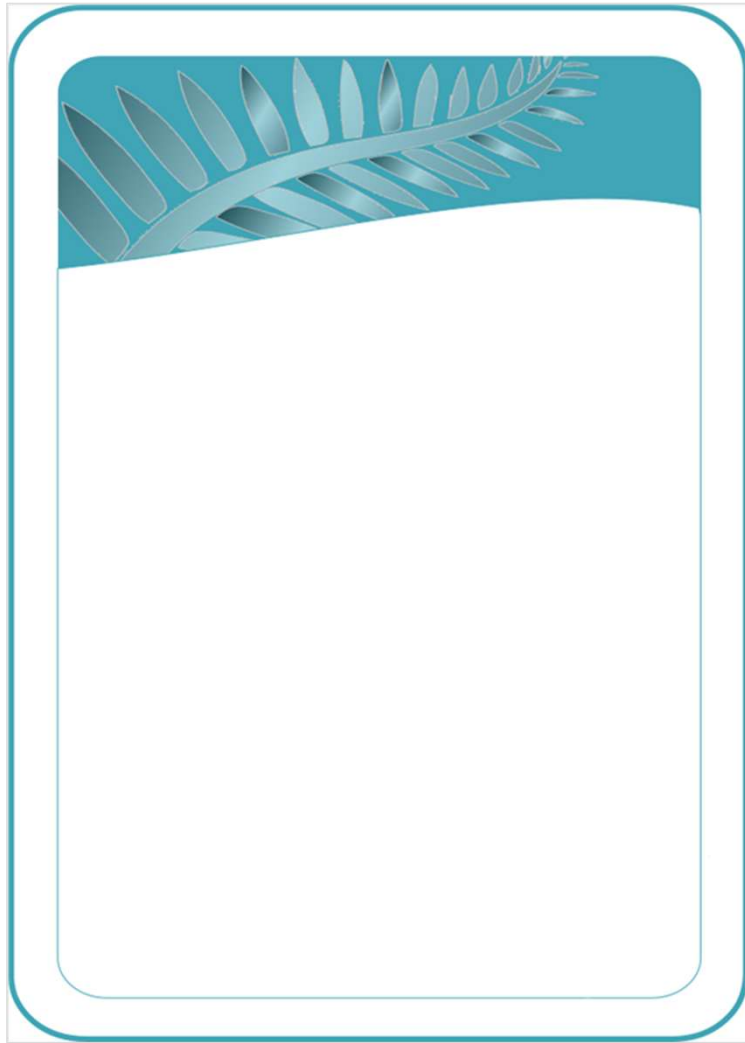
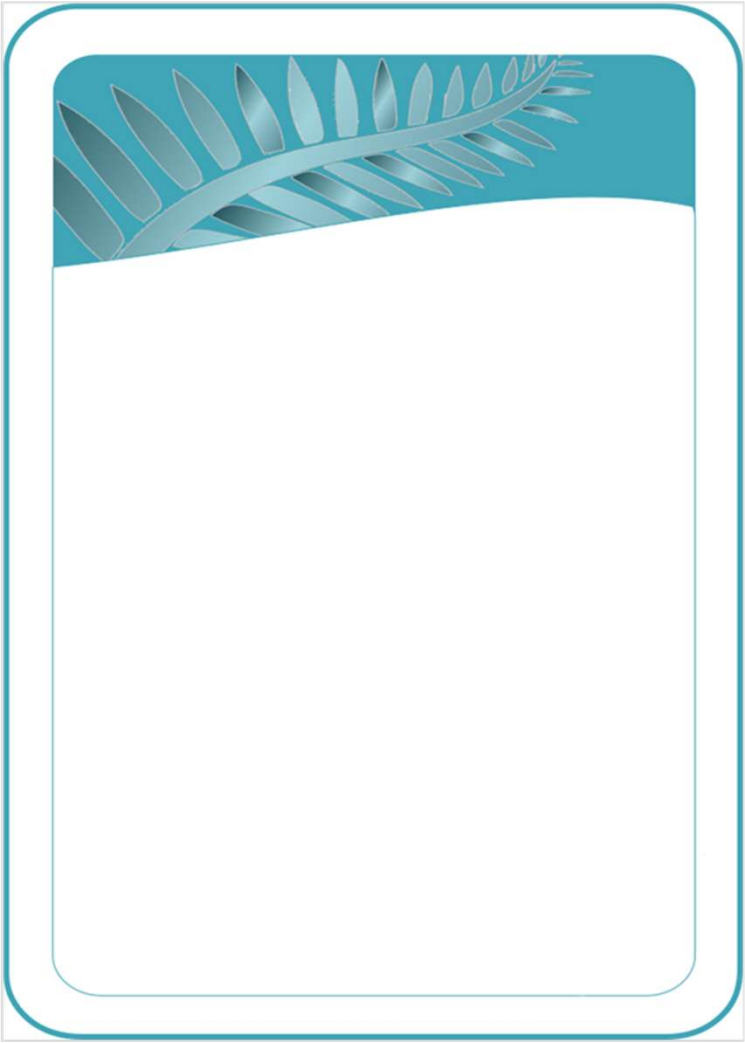
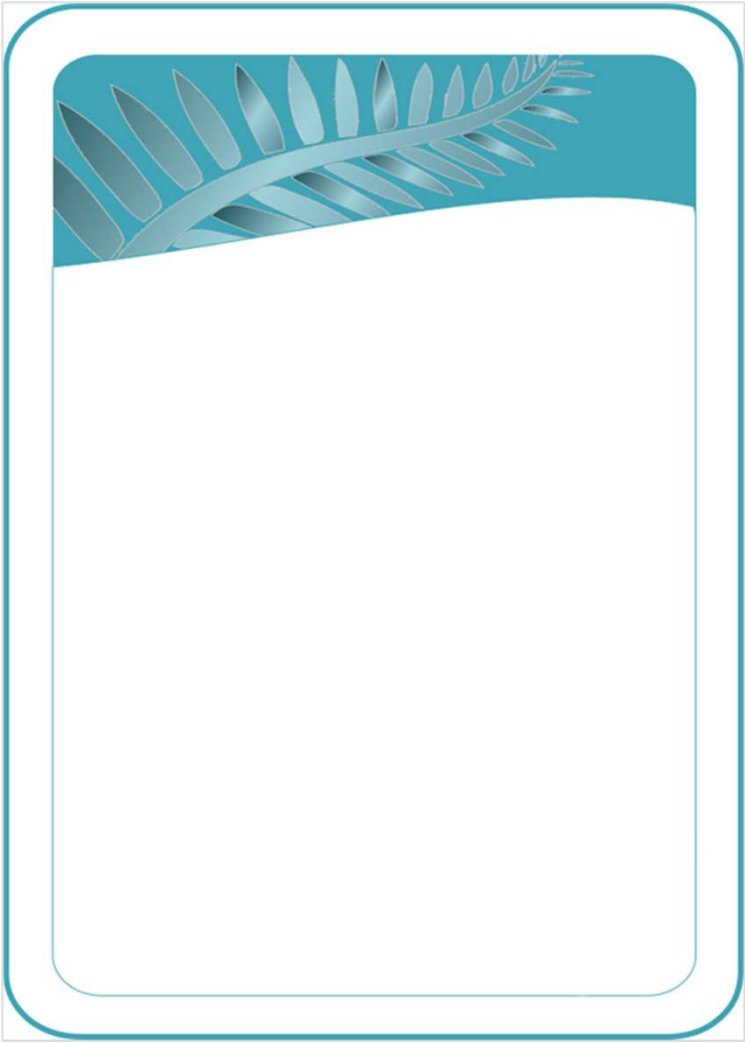


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ACIDIFICATION

When the water becomes more acidic. In oceans, CO₂ absorption increases acidification, harming sea creatures like corals and shells.

Glossary

BIODIVERSITY

Variety of life on Earth, encompassing the diversity of species, ecosystems, and genetic variations within and among them.

Examples: animals, plants, insects, sealife and humans.

Glossary

INFRASTRUCTURE

The support system for a city or town, including things like roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems that helps everything work smoothly.

Glossary

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

Making adjustments to how we live to better deal with the changes in weather and climate.

Glossary

BIODIVERSITY

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ACIDIFICATION

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INFRASTRUCTURE

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COASTAL RESILIENCE

Making sure our shores are strong and prepared for challenges like storms and rising sea levels.

Examples: Seawalls and groynes

Glossary

CULTIVATE

To grow and take care of plants, making sure they have the right conditions to thrive.

Glossary

DEFORESTATION

Cutting down a lot of trees in a forest (usually for farming in Aotearoa).

Glossary

EARTH SYSTEM DATA

Information that helps us understand and take care of our planet better, for example: information collected from satellites, weather stations, and sensors, like temperature, rainfall, and changes in the environment including Mātauranga Māori.

Glossary

CULTIVATE

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COASTAL RESILIENCE

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EARTH SYSTEM DATA

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DEFORESTATION

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ECOFRIENDLY

Being kind to the Earth by using things that don't harm the environment, like recycling, saving energy, and taking care of nature. Kaitiakitanga in Te Ao Māori.

Glossary

EL NIÑO-SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO)

A climate phenomenon characterized by the periodic warming of sea surface temperatures in the Pacific Ocean equatorial zone, and the west coast of North and South America, influencing global weather patterns.

Glossary

EQUITABLE

Equitable means being fair and giving everyone an equal chance or opportunity. Equity recognises people and places have different needs and resources to enable them to have the same opportunities on a level platform. It's like giving people the right shoes for their size feet, instead of the same size for everyone.

Glossary

FOSTER

To help something grow, like taking care of plants or animals to make them healthy and strong.

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EL NIÑO-SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO)

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GLACIER

A giant thick mass of ice accumulated over a long period of time.

Examples: Fox Glacier in Westland

Glossary

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Tools or ideas that people create to solve problems or make life better in new and exciting ways.

Glossary

MANAAKI

Manaakitanga means the process of showing respect, generosity and care for the people who use services, their whānau and communities.

Glossary

POWERFUL

In the context of greenhouse gases, means that methane (CH₄) has a stronger effect on the environment compared to carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Glossary

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

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GLACIER

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POWERFUL

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MANAAKI

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SEQUESTER(ING) CARBON

Finding clever ways to trap and store carbon dioxide to help the Earth stay healthy.

Examples: plants sequester (absorb and store) carbon dioxide through photosynthesis.

Glossary



VULNERABLE

Something or someone that needs extra care and protection because they can be easily hurt or affected.

Glossary



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VULNERABLE

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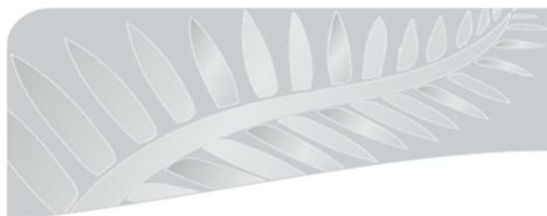
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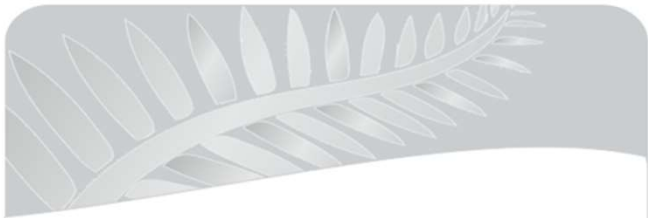
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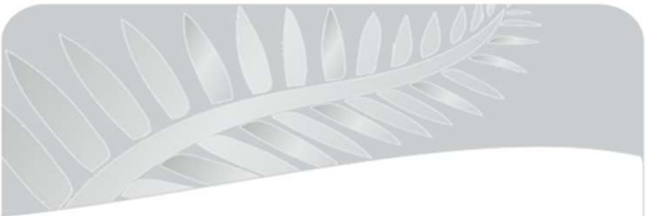
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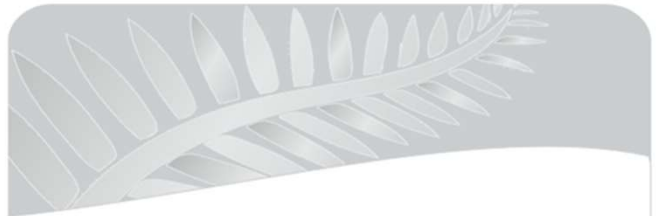
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