



Information Sheet

Ngāti Rangatahi

Overview

1. The purpose of this information sheet is to provide Ngāti Rangatahi with information for an upcoming hui to ultimately determine whether Ngāti Rangatahi is named as a shared group in the claimant definition for the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.
2. The Maniapoto Māori Trust Board (MMTB) currently holds a mandate to represent Ngāti Maniapoto me ōna hapū maha in Treaty settlement negotiations with the Crown. That includes those Ngāti Rangatahi with Ngāti Maniapoto whakapapa who traditionally exercise customary rights within the defined Maniapoto Area of Interest. Ngāti Rangatahi claims will therefore be settled in the Maniapoto treaty settlement only to the extent those claims arise through Maniapoto whakapapa within the Maniapoto Area of Interest. Ngāti Rangatahi claims that do not arise through Maniapoto whakapapa or which fall outside of this area will not be settled through the Maniapoto treaty settlement.
3. A hui will be held as follows: Morero Marae, Hakiha Street, Taumarunui at 10am Saturday, 10 October 2020.
4. At those hui, Ngāti Rangatahi members (whether or not registered with Maniapoto Māori Trust Board ["MMTB"]) will be invited to vote by show of hands on the following resolution:

That Ngāti Rangatahi be recorded as a descent group of Maniapoto ('shared group' with historical and contemporary affiliations with other iwi) in the claimant definition for the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.
5. Ngāti Rangatahi members (whether or not present at the hui) will also be invited to file submissions on the proposed claimant definition and related matters (see below).

Relationship between Ngāti Rangatahi and Ngāti Maniapoto

6. Ngāti Rangatahi have Maniapoto origins. The eponymous ancestor of Ngāti Rangatahi is Rangatahi. She was a grandchild of Maniapoto. Maniapoto married Hinewhatihua and had Tutakamoana. Tutakamoana married Rangipare. Rangipare was the daughter of Tuirirangi and Kinohaku, the latter being the sister of Maniapoto. From Tutakamoana and Rangipare came Rangatahi.
7. Rangatahi married Maniauruahu, himself a great grandchild of Maniapoto and a nephew to Tutakamoana. To them were born five children, Urunumia, Hekeiterangi, Tumarouru II, Tukawekai and Tohiraukena.

8. As one witness observed in the Otorohanga Orahiri Turoto Block Native Land Court hearing, “All N’Maniapoto are more or less N’Rangatahi”¹ meaning that all Ngāti Maniapoto through intermarriage can claim descent from one of the children of Rangatahi.
9. Due to historical events, Ngāti Rangatahi at Ohura/Taumarunui maintain a dual identity effectively living on the border where Ngāti Maniapoto and Ngāti Hāua/Whanganui identities intersect. Some Ngāti Rangatahi also migrated to Hutt Valley and Te Reu Reu, though some subsequently returned.

Claimant Definition

10. Ngāti Rangatahi are not currently listed as a group in the MMTB Deed of Mandate (“DOM”) or in the Maniapoto Agreement in Principle (“AIP”) due to the Crown’s recognition of Ngāti Rangatahi as a Large Natural Group.
11. As the claimant definition currently stands, Ngāti Rangatahi treaty claims will be settled through the Maniapoto treaty settlement to the extent individuals whakapapa to a named Maniapoto tupuna (Rereahu, the children of Rereahu, Hiaroa, and Rakataura), or any of the named descent groups (whānau, hapū, iwi or group composed of individuals or descend from a Maniapoto tupuna)², though Ngāti Rangatahi are not listed as a named group.
12. The proposal is that Ngāti Rangatahi treaty claims will be settled in the Maniapoto treaty settlement to the extent those claims arise through Maniapoto whakapapa within the defined Maniapoto area of interest. Ngāti Rangatahi claims that do not arise through Maniapoto whakapapa within the Maniapoto area of interest will not be settled through the Maniapoto treaty settlement. This means that some Ngāti Rangatahi claims relating to lands in the southern part of Ngāti Rangatahi’s area around Taumarunui, as well as claims relating to Te Reu Reu in the Rangitikei and in the Hutt Valley will not be included.
13. The settlement can be accomplished by adding Ngāti Rangatahi to a list of shared groups in the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement who affirm historical and contemporary affiliations with other iwi.
14. This can also be accomplished by amending the list of Wai claims in the Deed of Settlement by adding the Wai Claims that are not currently listed in the MMTB Deed of Mandate but that can be settled all or in part by the Maniapoto treaty settlement. These additional or amended Wai Claim numbers are listed in the table below:³

Wai Claim	Proposed status of Wai Claim
366	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
845	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
987	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1064	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1097	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1147	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1203	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1230	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1299	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1803	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto
1819	To be settled insofar as it relates to Ngāti Maniapoto

¹ Otorohanga MB 4, p. 389.

² 1.7.2 & 1.7.3 of the Agreement in Principle signed 15 August 2017

³ Sourced from Crown letter of 05 August 2020

15. If Ngāti Rangatahi agree to this proposal, they will be included as a descent group of Maniapoto (“shared group” with historical and contemporary affiliations with other iwi) in the claimant definition for the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.

16. **Proposed Engagement**

Initial Engagement

17. MMTB has held several hui with Ngāti Rangatahi as part of regular national and local hui provided to all of Maniapoto. MMTB has also had several hui, phone calls, and email exchanges with Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association as representatives of Ngāti Rangatahi and as one of the overlapping interest groups. In the interests of health and safety, MMTB’s response to COVID Alert Level 2 restrictions had been to cancel all hui and so any hui in the hui round scheduled for August and September have been postponed until we attain Alert Level 1 or better. Subsequently, MMTB resolved that hui will be postponed for health and safety reasons if the Maniapoto rohe and Taumarunui is not at COVID Alert Level 2 or lower at the time of the hui.

Formal Engagement/Consultation

18. The intention is that this process is for Ngāti Rangatahi members only and is not a Maniapoto-wide process. An information hui for Ngāti Rangatahi will be held at Morero Marae, Taumarunui on Saturday, 10 October 2020 at 10.00am. The hui will be postponed for health and safety reasons if the Maniapoto rohe and Taumarunui is not at COVID Alert Level 1 or lower at the time of the hui.
19. Independent Crown observers from Te Puni Kōkiri will be present at each hui.
20. Ngāti Rangatahi members will be advised of these formal engagement/consultation hui in the following ways:
- (a) Email pānui sent to Ngāti Rangatahi registered iwi members with current email addresses;
 - (b) MMTB RMC representatives to speak to/advise their respective marae/rohe;
 - (c) Invitations sent to known representative groups/entities and marae;
 - (d) Newspaper advertisements in the Waikato Times and other local papers;
 - (e) Social media and MMTB website pānui; and
 - (f) Radio announcements on Maniapoto FM, Radio Tainui and Awa FM (where possible).

Resolution to be voted on

21. Ngāti Rangatahi members only (whether or not registered with MMTB) who attend the above hui will be invited to vote by show of hands on the following resolution;

That Ngāti Rangatahi be recorded as a descent group of Maniapoto (“shared group” with historical and contemporary affiliations with other iwi) in the claimant definition for the Maniapoto Deed of Settlement.

Submissions

22. Ngāti Rangatahi members (those who currently fall or will fall within the claimant definition for settlement negotiations purposes) are also invited to file submissions on the proposed claimant definition and related matters. Those submissions can be filed with MMTB at tiriti@maniapoto.co.nz; or with the Office for Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti at Submissions@tearawhiti.govt.nz; or by post to Maniapoto Māori Trust

Board, P O Box 36, Te Kūiti 3941. Submissions open on 10 October 2020 and close 10 working days later (5pm, 23 October 2020).

Eligibility to participate

23. Those eligible to vote are those who:
- (a) Affiliate to Ngāti Rangatahi (whether or not registered with MMTB);
 - (b) Are 18 years or older at the date of the hui or filing of a submission.

Ngāti Rangatahi members are also invited to file a submission on the proposed claimant definition and related matters.

Next steps

24. MMTB will propose whether to include Ngāti Rangatahi in the group list of the claimant definition as a group with affiliation to Maniapoto (a shared group). The voting results alone will not decide the outcome. Both voting results and the submissions will be considered. MMTB and the Crown should agree on the approach to the inclusion of Ngāti Rangatahi in the claimant definition.
25. Following the information hui MMTB will provide Office for Māori Crown Relations - Te Arawhiti (Te Arawhiti) with minutes and notes from the hui, the received submissions, and letters of support from marae, key groups and leaders; and a report to Te Arawhiti. Te Arawhiti will then work with MMTB to come to an agreed position.

Further Information

26. Those registered or not with MMTB may request further information from:
- (a) MMTB Website (<https://www.maniapoto.iwi.nz/>) including this information sheet, and the hui presentation. Ongoing updates will be provided via MMTB online platforms including Facebook, Tribal Register Email pānui.
 - (b) Emailing us at tiriti@maniapoto.iwi.nz or call us on 0800 668285 for any further enquiries.

VOTING FAQ's

- **What will the voting process be at the hui?**

Attendees can register for the hui at the attendance desk and will receive a coloured stick to vote. The vote will be conducted by show of hands and will be counted aloud by an independent person (collecting the coloured sticks as counted).

- **Why is it only voting by show of hands at the hui?**

This is common amongst groups, particularly where there is no formal MMTB register for those eligible to vote. People affiliated to Ngāti Rangatahi who are/are not registered with Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association are eligible to vote. It also ensures transparency as voting is at a public hui. As there is no register, postal and online voting would be very difficult to scrutinise and ensure that only those eligible can vote.

- **Why can't we have proxy votes?**

As above, it is general practice for groups where there is no register to vote by show of hands not to have proxy votes. Without a register, it is very difficult to manage a proxy vote system and know whether any given person is eligible to vote. We will however factor in all feedback and/or submissions received as part of our report to Te Arawhiti on the process. A submission on behalf of several people may be made. Any email feedback/submissions will be annexed to that report in full.

- **What is the cut-off date for submissions?**

Submissions open on 10 October 2020 and close 5pm, 23 October 2020 (10 working days later).

- How do we check eligibility in terms of whakapapa?

To ensure that those voting or providing a view on the resolution are Ngāti Rangatahi members the Ngāti Rangatahi Whanaunga Association ('NRWA') will be checking attendees at the hui and submissions received against the NRWA tribal database. It will not be a requirement for Ngāti Rangatahi members to be registered on the NRWA tribal database. In that case, a person or persons will be present at the hui and review submissions received to validate a whakapapa connection to Ngāti Rangatahi.

If there are any concerns raised regarding a whakapapa connection to Ngāti Rangatahi that cannot be resolved, we will need to note the concern and include it in our report to Te Arawhiti (alongside minutes of the hui and the attendance registers).

- What percentage of the vote is needed to include Ngāti Rangatahi in the MMTB mandate and settlement?

As with all mandating processes, there is no magic number or formula - it is not a 50% pass mark. We will also take into account the information received in submissions. We will then propose whether Ngāti Rangatahi should be included in the claimant definition as a group with affiliation to Maniapoto (a shared group). MMTB will then work with Te Arawhiti to come to an agreed position. MMTB will make this information available to Ngāti Rangatahi once the process has concluded.