

BRINGING VISION MĀTAURANGA TO LIFE

This summary describes principles of good practice for Vision Mātauranga in the science sector. Recommendations are also proposed to help leap to the next level of science excellence, impact and success.

Empower Māori Knowledge

Only Western science legitimised	Mātauranga & Western science valued
Mātauranga merely acknowledged	Mātauranga activity resourced
Taken from Mātauranga experts	By and with Mātauranga experts
Non-Māori as primary VM experts	Māori as primary VM experts
Cultural expertise overlooked	Cultural expertise valued
Scientific expertise sidelined	Scientific expertise recognised

Empower Māori Resources

Academic aspirations alone	Māori & academic aspirations
Publication alone	Publication & benefit for Māori people
IP benefit retention by academic institutions	IP benefit sharing or Māori ownership
Only Western scientific measures of excellence, impact and success	Māori worldview of excellence, impact and success is included

Empower Māori People

Consulted for projects, programmes & orgs	Māori-led projects, programmes & orgs
Advice sought to tick the 'VM box'	Advice sought for research value and followed
Informed about the decisions made	Involved as decision makers
Projects about Māori	Projects by and with Māori
Māori rare in the sector	Many Māori in the sector
Cultural labour is unpaid or underpaid	Additional labour is resourced
Māori researchers responsible & isolated	Māori researchers supported & developed

Empower the Future

Recommendations for a thriving VM science system

- Employ an engaged Treaty relationship in the science sector
- Create dedicated Mātauranga or Māori science initiatives, e.g. Mātauranga NSC or SSIF
- Convene an independent Mātauranga Commission to formulate a Mātauranga science research framework
- Define science excellence that encompasses Mātauranga Māori
- Establish consistency in how Mātauranga science quality is assessed and by whom
- Establish an expert council for Mātauranga science oversight
- Pro-active workforce development and support, with retention as a priority
- Correctly resource Māori researchers expected to fulfil both cultural and scientific roles
- Develop a thriving and retained pipeline for Māori in STEAM disciplines
- Improve mapping linking research activity to impact for Māori communities