



Wonder
Project

Water Challenge

Activity 1.2: The Mauri Compass

Tap into your observation skills and measure the life force of wai with the Mauri Compass.

When wai has strong mauri (life force), the surrounding land, people and native animals thrive.

Each of the images below represent a waterbody with different mauri.

In your rōpū, think about what factors might be impacting the mauri of wai in each picture. Write your ideas in the box.

Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



The Mauri Compass

See if your ideas match the Mauri Compass.

The Mauri Compass is a tool that helps assess the mauri of wai against three factors:

- Tāngata (people)
- Wai (water)
- Whenua (land)

Step 1

In your rōpū, think about how you'd answer the pātai in the table for each image of wai.

Step 2

Score each image out of 5 for each pātai.

Step 3

Add up your total score for each column to determine the mauri of each waterbody.

Factor	Pātai	Image 1 score (1-5)	Image 2 score (1-5)	Image 3 score (1-5)
Tāngata People	Are people protecting and harvesting kai in and around the waterbody?			
	Do people have a strong connection to the waterbody?			
Wai Water	Are there lots of different kai in and around the water that look healthy enough to eat? (eg, plants, fish, animals)			
	Do the areas around the waterbody look healthy?			
Whenua Land	Does the land around the waterbody have lots of different natural life?			
	Does the water look germ and chemical-free?			
Total score:		/30	/30	/30

Analysis

The wai in image had the strongest mauri because: