



Mountains To Sea

Conservation Trust

Nga Maunga ki te Moana

2011 Annual Report

Links

- [EMR Website](#)
- [WBC Website](#)
- WBC's recent World Wetlands Day 40th RAMSAR anniversary [clip](#).
- ['Tiaki o Tatou Awa'](#) - Student film
- EMR 10 year anniversary celebration [movie](#).

The Northland-based Mountains to Sea Conservation Trust was established in 2002, as a charitable umbrella and support organisation for the Experiencing Marine Reserves (EMR) marine education and Whitebait Connection (WBC) freshwater education programmes. These are both leading models in education for sustainability in New Zealand and now available nationally. In addition to EMR and WBC we have developed a range of supporting projects, resources and services such as community guided snorkel days, community events for Seaweed & Conservation week, DVD's, the MarineNZ website, and the Drains to Harbour and Mangrove Discovery programmes.

Trust vision 2011 – 2013

Empower and support communities to help achieve the goals of the NZ Biodiversity Strategy and develop existing and new programmes that align with that goal.

Programmes



Whitebait Connection

The Whitebait Connection is a national programme of experiential learning and action that promotes community involvement in healthy freshwater ecosystems and catchment management

Achievements of 2011:

- WBC has expanded to be sustainable and active in 6 regions and involved 45,214 New Zealander's and 1137 schools.
- Inspired the planting of 32,800 native riparian seedlings
- Restored 15 hectares of riparian margins
- Removed 20 cubic meters of rubbish from in and around waterways
- Inspired 48,820 volunteer hours
- Had over 55 media hits.

Experiencing Marine Reserves

EMR is a national programme of experiential learning about marine conservation. EMR's independence, professional delivery, marine reserves focus and provision of a range of learning styles make it unique within New Zealand.

Achievements of 2011:

- Since 2002, EMR has expanded to be sustainable and active in 7 regions and involved 11,959 students, over 17,133 New Zealanders, over 210 media hits, and 99 Facebook "likes".
- Students are retaining interest and continue to be actively involved in marine conservation throughout their education.
- Community Guided snorkel days engage the community and encourage community support.
- Students hosted educational films for their communities such as 'End of the Line' and "Water Whisperers Tangaroa"
- Upgrade of facilities led to active campaigning

Funding and Supporters

- EMR just recently celebrated their 10 years of service with a charity dinner that significantly contributed to the programs resources and delivery.
- Lion Foundation for our active focus in the Bay of Islands area in early 2011.
- The Lotteries Environment & Heritage Northland in 2010
- ASB Community Trust 2011
- local and national support from Department of Conservation.
- The Oxford Sports have contributed to the purchase of new mask and snorkels in 2011.
- The Tindall Foundation supports our national expansion of EMR delivery, snorkel days and our annual wananga conference.
- ASB Community Trust will continue to support 2012.

