



2012 Annual Report

Links

- [EMR Website](#)
- [WBC Website](#)
- [MarineNZ Website](#)
- [MTSCT Website](#)
- WBC's recent World Wetlands Day 40th RAMSAR anniversary [clip](#).
- ['Tiakina o Tatou Awa'](#) - Student film
- EMR 10 year anniversary celebration [movie](#).
- Snorkeling at the [Kermadecs](#)
- Marae investigates at the [Poor Knights](#)

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



Experiencing Marine Reserves



Whitebait Connection

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 2012:

- Students are retaining interest and continue to be actively involved in marine conservation throughout their education.
- Since 2002, EMR has expanded to be sustainable and active in 7 regions and involved 15735 students, over 21,683 New Zealanders, 30,832 volunteer hours and 234 media articles or TV shows and 191 Facebook "likes".
- Annual national Marine & Freshwater Education Wananga Conference, the only forum for marine & freshwater educators to network, attracted 48 participants.
- Spread of the community guided snorkel days throughout 6 regions.
- Numerous media including TV, such as the TVNZ Marae Investigates

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 Zealanders 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.



EMR Samara Nicholas

Funding and Supporters 2012

- ASB Community Trust support operational costs of EMR & WBC
- Local and national support from Department of Conservation
- The Tindall Foundation supports EMR's national community engagement in marine conservation
- EMR district specialized snorkel equipment trailers—Auckland (Lion Foundation) Whangarei (Pub Charity) Kaipara (Pub Charity) Far North (The Southern Trust)
- Whangarei District Council supports our Drains To Harbour programme
- Refining NZ support our community guided snorkel days at the Whangarei Harbour Marine Reserve
- Whangarei local support from Dive Tutukaka, Iglu, Henderson Reeves, Steve Bennett Associates, Plus Audits and Midas.