

## **Project name: Collaborative learning**

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### **Issue:**

Management is a distinctly human process. At a catchment scale it requires the different stakeholders involved (land managers, policy makers, tangata whenua, science researchers, and the wider community) to pool their resources and work together.

Work in this programme contributes to the development of tools and approaches which can be used by research groups, agency staff and other community leaders to support more effective multi-stakeholder processes for learning and decision-making.

Topics worked on include knowledge management, integration, stakeholder analysis, social capital, evaluation and cross-case learning. We are currently involved with the Tasman Areas Natural Enhancement Group (TNAEG) in a supportive evaluation role.

The results of this work are being used in a range of environmental management settings by different agencies and research programmes.

This work directly supports catchment-based social learning activities in the \$US40 million Water and Food Challenge research programme.

The cross-case study learning framework developed for this research will be used by the United Nations Dialogue on Water, Food and Environment.