

Gravel-related research in the ICM programme

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- 2003-05
Complete analysis of Motueka River cross section data to evaluate changes in riverbed level and assess the factors controlling degradation (flood history, gravel extraction, channel maintenance) to provide a scientific rationale for setting gravel extraction limits.
- 2006-09
Analyse gravel transport in the Motueka River and develop a generic approach for regional councils' management of gravel extraction



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- compiled all river cross-section and gravel extraction data for the Motueka River
- provided a comprehensive analysis of all data using a consistent application of “end area” methodology
- Masters thesis comparing different methods of analysing cross section data
- Detailed work using GPS surveys at the “3 beaches” gravel extraction site to monitor change following “over-extraction”, and to assess how well cross-sections represent river behaviour



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- Analysis of the relationship between
 - bed degradation and river channel stability/river control costs
 - bed degradation and groundwater levels
- Considered alternatives to cross section monitoring and analysis
- Started to analyse the cross-section data from the Waimea, Wairoa, Wai-iti and Takaka Rivers

