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IWI DATA SOVEREIGNTY
TOOLKIT

Establishing Iwi Data Sovereignty is an important but daunting task. This toolkit is a practical guide for establishing Iwi Data Sovereignty.
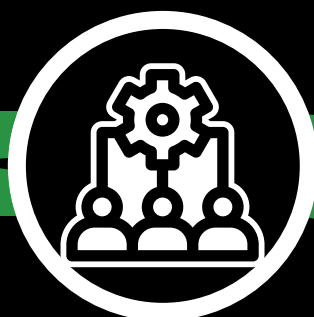
1 UNDERSTAND
Iwi Data Sovereignty

Māori Data Sovereignty is described by Te Mana Raraunga Māori Data Sovereignty Network as "the inherent rights and interests that Māori have in relation to the collection, ownership, and application of Māori data." Iwi data sovereignty furthers the concept of Māori data sovereignty by operationalising Māori data sovereignty principles within iwi boundaries. Iwi data sovereignty concerns those people, places, spaces, and other taonga identified as or belonging to Iwi.

2 DEFINE
Iwi Data Sovereignty Principles

Defining your data sovereignty principles is an important next step, as these principles will help to guide any decisions or actions relating to data governance, management, use, storage, or dissemination. You should appropriately consult with relevant stakeholders to develop these guiding principles (i.e., Iwi governance, kaimahi, hapū, and whānau).

3 ESTABLISH
Iwi Data Structures and Systems

a. Establishing a Data Governance Group can be fundamental to ensuring data sovereignty principles are operationalised. A data governance group is a diverse group of people who use the guiding principles as their foundations for decision-making. They oversee how Iwi data is treated, managed, and used internally and externally. Utilising data sovereignty tools such as the Local Contexts Hub, can also be useful in the data governance process.

b. Utilising or developing fit-for-purpose data management systems is critical to protecting Iwi data while effectively informing Iwi operations.

5 REVIEW & REFINE
Data Principles, Structures, & Systems

Regularly review and refine your iwi data sovereignty principles, structures and systems (min. annually) to ensure they are fit for purpose. Join the Te Mana Raraunga Māori Data Sovereignty Network to stay informed on any wider updates or considerations in the Māori Data Sovereignty space.