

The whakatauk research project – a

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New Zealand ecology is in a state of renewal, with the weaving together of m. tauranga and western science, and building M. ori capability. In 1999, Cilla began exploring the connections between ecology and m. tauranga M. ori leading to the whakatauk research project.

This project has led the way as an example of how to weave and connect discrent disciplines, and especially m tauranga. It has contributed both to cultural revitalization, and reshaping New Zealand ecology. What was previously a small interdisciplinary field in ecology has developed into an area of national interest.

Cilla conceived this research to track the evolution

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