

What is a recognition agreement?



If the Crown agrees that Ngāti Koata has met the tests for customary marine title, Ngāti Koata and the Crown can enter a recognition agreement.

This is a simple and formal agreement between Ngāti Koata and the Crown that says Ngāti Koata holds customary marine title. The agreement is not like a lengthy Treaty settlement. It will be short.

It will identify:



» **The area of customary marine title:** in our case, the takutai moana surrounding Rangitoto-ki-te-Tonga (also known as Area 1) as set out in a map to be attached to the recognition agreement



» **the name of the customary marine title group:** in our case, Ngāti Koata



» **who holds the title:** in our case, the Ngāti Koata Trust if appointed by Ngāti Koata



» **the signatures** of the representatives of the parties to the agreement (the Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations would sign on behalf of the Crown) and their witnesses.

