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## ANNEX VII: GLOSSARY OF MAORI TERMS AND CONCEPTS

Taonga Maori treasures, including both tangible and non-

tangible treasures

Kaitiakitanga Guardianship of treasures

Kōiwi tangata Management of human remains

Hapu Section of a larger tribe

*Imi* Tribe, grouping of people with the same ancestry

Whanau is a wider concept than just an immediate

family, it also it links people of one family to a

common ancestor

Kaitiaki Guardian

Matauranga Maori Maori knowledge systems

He Tohu ki nga kaitiaki o nga taonga a iwi Guardians of iwi treasures

Tikanga Customary protocols or the correct ways of doing

things

Mana taonga Sacredness associated with the treasures

Taumata a iwi Maori Maori Advisory Group

Touhunga ritual Blessing of the treasures to acknowledge its

spiritual connections and its sacredness

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