

Kā Tapuwae o Māui



Māui sailed to Kā Umu o Hapopo.



Seals sunned themselves on huge pounamu boulders. Māui climbed above the bay and struck the earth with his toki, Tiheimaauriora.



Māui sailed on, marvelling at the mountains that rose from the sea.

Words to share with children

Aotea a special blue stone from Maitahi

awa river

Kā Umu o Hapopo Big Bay in Poutini
ki te Toka

kai food

kekeno seals

Mahunui Māui's voyaging waka

manu birds

Māui superhero of the Pacific

mauka/maunga mountain

Ōmāui a place on the coast near Bluff

Piopiotahi Milford Sound

pounamu greenstone found in Poutini
ki te Toka

Poutini ki te Toka South Westland

Pukekura Taiaroa Head, Otago
Peninsula

Tai o Marokura the sea off Kaikōura

Te Puka o te Waka o Māui Rakiura,
Stewart Island

Tiheimaauriora Maui's magic toki (adze)

toki adze

waka canoe, catamaran



His pet bird Piopio decided to stay. So Māui changed into a bird and flew around with his friend one last time.

He named this place Piopiotahi.



Māui sailed further. He anchored Mahunui and this place became known as Te Puka o te Waka o Māui. Māui and his crew landed on a long sandy beach where they rested and gathered kai for the voyage ahead. This place they named Ōmāui.



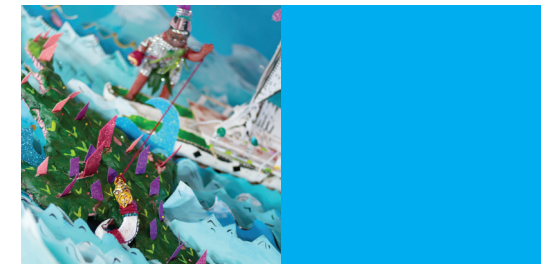
Mahunui sailed on. Stormy weather and rough seas ripped their sail. So Māui looked for a safe place to land.



At Pukekura Māui found a sheltered bay and stayed for a while to repair the waka.



Mahunui sailed until they reached Te Tai o Marokura. Māui smeared his fish hook with blood from his nose and cast it into the ocean.



Māui pulled and pulled and pulled. Finally an enormous fish came up from the bottom of the sea. We call this fish Te Ika a Māui.