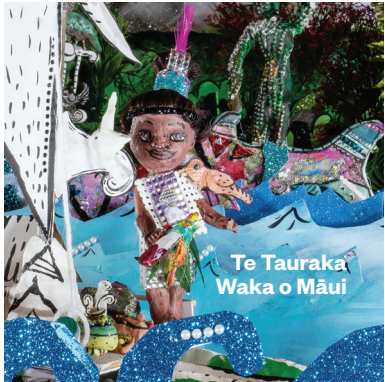


Te Tauraka Waka o Māui



Māui sailed until he reached Maitahi. Kā Tiritiri o te Moana sparkled in the sunlight and the forests stared at him with a thousand eyes.



Two monster sharks called Mako-tipua and Mako-Horopekapeka patrolled the bay. Māeroero and patupaiarehe stared out from the forest. The birds and creatures of Poutini ki te Toka all came to see who was sailing into their world.



Mako-tipua snapped at Mahunui and tried to frighten Māui away.

Words to share with children

Aotea a special blue stone from Maitahi

awa river

Heretaniwha bluff at the south end of Maitahi

Kā Tiritiri o te Moana Southern Alps
kai food

māeroero human-like creatures who live in the dense forests

Mahunui Māui's voyaging waka

Maitahi Bruce Bay

Mako-horopekapeka supernatural shark

Mako-tipua supernatural shark

manu birds

Māui superhero of the Pacific

mauka/maunga mountain

patupaiarehe fairy people

Poutini ki te Toka South Westland

Tiheimauriora Maui's magic toki (adze)

toki adze



Māui grabbed his tiki, Tiheimauriora, and bashed Mako-tipua.



He bashed Mako-horopekapeka too and tied both taniwha with magical rope.



Māui took them past the Maitahi rivermouth and bound them to the bluff at the south end of the bay. He called it Heretaniwha.



Now Māui could land safely at Maitahi. The beach glittered with gold and twinkled blue with Aotea.



There was so much food! Māui and the crew stayed at Maitahi for a long time.



Eventually, Māui wanted to discover more. So they packed up the waka and Mahunui sailed south once again.