

# Te Hē o Māui



Māui and his crew set off on the great voyaging waka Mahunui in search of Poutini ki te Toka. His tōki, Tiheimaauriora, helped him navigate the ocean.



They sailed for long days on calm seas.



And for long nights on the huge inky ocean.

## Words to share with children

**āwhā** storm/tempest

**Heretaniwha** Bluff at the south end of Maitahi

**Kā Tiritiri o te Moana** Southern Alps  
**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

**Māui** superhero of the Pacific

**mauka/maunga** mountain

**patupaiarehe** fairy people

**Poutini ki te Toka** South Westland

**Tiheimaauriora** Maui's magic tōki (adze)

**whenua** land



They sailed through storms during the day.



They sailed through tempests in the dark of night.



After many days and nights at sea, one of the crew pointed to a glittering white horizon, "He whenua! He whenua!" he cried out.



Māui turned to look. He shook his head, "E kao, he tiritiri o te moana."



Mahunui sailed on. Slowly, the long, white, glittering, horizon rose up in front of them.



Māui stared in wonder at the mountains. Ever since then, the mountains have been called Kā Tiritiri o te Moana.