



Puka Whakamārama o te Pepe Nui Te Ihu



Te Takenga mai o te Pepe
I pikī ake a Tāne, te Atua o te ngahere, ki ngā Rangi Tūhāhā, kia toro atu ki tōna tuakana a Rēhua. Nā Rēhua he ahi tunu kai, he hue hoki i tono. Ko tā Tāne, ‘He aha tā tāua kai e te tuakana?’ Ka rūrū e Rēhua tōna upoko kia taku atu kia rua ngā tū ī ōna makawea. Tūmeke atu a Tāne, kīhai ia i te pirangi kai i ngā manu tapu nō te upoko o tōna tuakana. Ka uia kē e ia, ‘Me whakahoki ēnei manu ki a Papatūānuku?’ I whakaae a Rēhua, ā, ko tā Rēhua ka noho ngā manu ki ngā rākau, ka kai i ngā hua o te ngahere. I a Rēhua e rūrū ana i tōna upoko i puta atu hoki ētahi atu ‘manu’ o Rēhua, arā a Pepe, a Tātarakihi, a Pihereinga, a Kēkerewai. Ko ēnei pēpeke kua tapaina ko ‘Ngā Manu a Rēhua’, ā, he manu e puta mai i te raumati.

Ngā Whetū

Ko te kōrero o pepe kua kawea e te pepe. Ka mahi tēnei mahi nui i te pō i a te marea e moe ana, nā reira ka whakarapaina e tātou te mahi rangatira o te pepe. He tino kai te pepe mā ngā pēpeke me ngā manu taketake. Heoi anō he kai mātua hoki ki ngā riha rāwaho pērā i te kiore itiiti me te kiore.

Wairua Tangata

Ko ī te whakaaro Māori ko te wairua o rātou kua wehe ki te pō, kua hoki mai ki te ao marama hei pepe.

He riha hoki te pepe

Ko Hihue (te Pepe Kūmara, *Agrius convolvuli*) tētahi riha nui i ngā māra kūmara. He nui hoki ngā whakataukī mō te āwhato me te nui o tāna mahi kai.

He mea whakahirahira te pepe ki te rerenga rauropi (biodiversity) o Aotearoa

He whānau rahi te Lepidoptera, arā ko ngā pepe me ngā pūrerehua. Ko rātou te tuatoru o ngā pēpeke katoa i Aotearoa. 1750 nui ake ngā momo pepe kua tapaina. E ai ki ngā kaipūtaiao kia 300 anō kāore anō kia huraina.

Puka Whakamārama o te Pepe Nui

Ko ngā pepe nui, ngā pepe māori anake nō tēnei wāhi taiao ki tēnei pānui. Ki te kitea e koe tētahi pepe kāore i roto i te pānui nei, he mea puiaki pea, he mea noho hōrapa pea ehara nō tēnei wāhi taiao, he mea pepe ririki pea, he mea hou pea.

He riha rāwaho nō inātata nei ko te pepe codling (*Cydia pomonella*) i kawea mai i Uropi, ā, ka kāinga ngā āporo, ngā pea, ngā wōronati me ētahi atu hua rākau.

He aha i hira ai te pepe?

He wāhi nui ki ngā pepe ki te rauropi (ecosystem) ko rātou te pū o te tukutuku kai matatini. He kaiota (herbivore) te anuhe i ngā otaota taketake.

He whakaaiai (pollinator)

whakahirahira te pepe.

He nui nei

ngā otaota taketake ka whakaaiaitia e te pepe.

Ka mahi tēnei mahi nui

i te pō i a te marea e moe ana, nā

reira ka whakarapaina e tātou te

mahi rangatira o te pepe.

He tino kai te pepe mā ngā pēpeke me ngā manu taketake.

Heoi anō he kai mātua hoki ki ngā riha rāwaho pērā i te kiore itiiti me te kiore.

He motuhake te Pepe

86% o ngā pepe i Aotearoa he mea taketake (endemic). Nō konei ake, mā tātou e tiaki.

He aha me mātai ai ngā pepe?

He ngāngara māpua te pepe. He nui ngā momo pepe e whai mahi ana, e whai wāhi ana i te rauropi. He hononga anō tō te pepe ki ērā atu momo koiora (arā, otaota, manu, momo riha rāwaho, ērā atu pēpeke).

He hopu te pepe?

Ka puta te pepe i te pō nā reira kāore te ningua e mōhio ana e hia, kei te aha rānei ngā pepe. Me te whakarapa tonu, engari me kohi ngā pepe kia tūtou.

Te hua o te raraunga aronga whānui?

Mā te whakamahi i te momo māhangā kotahi (arā te Māhunga Pepe Heath) ka inehia ngā raraunga i ahu mai i ngā wāhi katoa, i te huringa wā hoki. Mā te raraunga aronga whānui ki tiakina tahi ai tātou te pepe. Mehemea ka heke ngā nama ka tere kitea e mātou, ā, ka whakatauria rautaki kia maimoatia ai ngā pepe.

Kuputaka?

Lepidoptera: Pepe, Pūrerehua Taketake/Endemic: Nō tērā wāhi ake

Rauropi/Ecosystem: Ko te taiao me ūnā āhuatanga katoa

Tukutuku kai: Ka kai a wai ī a wai Kaiota: Kararehe kai otaota anake Huna/Nocturnal: Ka mahi i te pō Haporī/Community: Ngā momo koiora nō tētahi takiwā

I huatia mai te pānui nei e Manaaki Whenua i te kaupapa, Ahi Pepe MothNet.

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ANU REREE

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