IDENTIFYING TARGET RESOURCES FOR PROTECTION
3.3: Identifying Target Resources for Protection

**Targets for Protection:**

1. Biophysical resources
2. Cultural/ historical resources
3. Economic resources
Ecologically and Biologically Important Areas

Areas are considered ecologically or biologically important if they have a higher potential for harm or for more lasting consequences from that harm and greater potential for long-term benefits from effective management.
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- Special importance for the life history of species
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Varieties of Conservation Targets

Targets of conservation may be entire ecosystems, particular species, or aggregation sites.

*Potential targets include:*

- Keystone species or ecosystem services
- Endangered and imperiled species
- Fished species
Culturally and Historically Important Areas

The protection of these resources are an important management objective and may include archaeological, paleontological, cultural or spiritual sites that tell an important story about the history, value or traditions of a site.
3.3: Identifying Cultural & Historic Targets

Culturally and Historically Important Areas

Walled Fish Pond

Heiau or Temple
3.4: Identifying Economic Targets

Economically Important Areas or Assets

Starts to make a link between different types of target resources and the need for multiple objectives.
Objective: to identify the target resources that are of greatest value to your management area, and then rank which of these are most important as you will have to know this later on when you make trade-offs.

Activity: 1) With your team, use your map and worksheet 1.2 to select all target resources in your management area (biophysical, social, economic, cultural and historical). 2) Once you have mapped and listed all target resources, then go back and rank them using the criteria across the top of your worksheet matrix. 3) Then select the top 4 priority target resources for your management area.

Time: 1 hour and 15 min
WORKSHEET 1.2
Criteria for Ranking Targets

1) Please answer each of the following questions about the target resources you have chosen. Your response should be either “major”, “moderate” or “minor”. Please note the score attached to each of these responses. 2) Add up the scores to all of your responses to the questions for each target resource. The top 4 scores will determine the top 4 priority target resources to be addressed in the management plan. 3) Discuss ranking results with entire group and come to consensus agreement on the final 4.

**Ranking:** Please answer all questions for each target specified below. You can only use 16, 8 or 2 for scores, nothing in between.

Major - 16
Moderate - 8
Minor – 2

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