

# US INDIGENOUS DATA SOVEREIGNTY NETWORK



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# Overview of Indigenous Peoples' Data Sovereignty

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# Brief Definition of Indigenous Peoples

A brief definition of "Indigenous":

“Indigenous communities, peoples and nations are those which, having a historical continuity with pre-invasion and pre-colonial societies that developed on their territories, consider themselves distinct from other sectors of the societies now prevailing on those territories, or parts of them.”

# Examples of Indigenous Peoples

American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, American Samoans, Taino (Puerto Rico) and Chamorro (Guam).

Generally called "Native American" in the U.S. or Indigenous Peoples internationally.

Other Indigenous Peoples may reside in U.S. (or anywhere else) e.g. Nahuatl, Maya, Zapotec, Australian Aboriginal, First Nations, Maori.

# What are Indigenous Data?

Data, information and knowledge, in any format, that impacts Indigenous Peoples, nations, and communities at the collective and individual levels:

## Data about our Resources and Environments

Land, water, geology, titles, air, soil, sacred sites, territories, plants, animals, etc.

## Data about Us as Individuals

Administrative, legal, health, social, commercial, corporate, services, etc.

## Data about Us as Collectives – Nations and Peoples

Traditional and cultural information, archives, oral histories, literature, ancestral and clan knowledge, stories, belongings, etc.

# Indigenous Data Sovereignty

The *right* of Indigenous Peoples and nations to govern the collection, ownership, and application of their own data.

1. Derives from inherent rights to govern their peoples, lands, and resources.

2. Genesis in traditions, roles, and responsibilities for the use of community held information.

3. Positioned within a human rights framework and court cases, treaties, and/or recognition.

4. Knowledge belongs to the collective and is fundamental to who we are as peoples.

For more information see the US Indigenous Data Sovereignty web site [usindigenousdata.org](http://usindigenousdata.org).

See also, Kukutai T & Taylor J. (Eds). (2016). Indigenous Data Sovereignty. Canberra: Australian National University Press.

# Indigenous Collections and Indigenous Data | Issues of Provenance, Integrity and Transparency

Jane Anderson, New York University and ENRICH

# Identifying Indigenous Collections

- Indigenous collections and data can be hard to find
- Can be buried in a larger collection
- Can be mislabeled, not properly attributed, not searchable, not findable
- Can range from ethnographic material to biological materials, buried in science papers and databases
- Includes data produced from studies on belongings and ancestors
- Indigenous collections are not FAIR



# Problems in data & information infrastructures



Every Indigenous community has enormous collections of tangible and intangible cultural material, held in archives, museums, libraries and online databases.



Significant information about these collections, including individual and community names and proper provenance information, is missing.



Indigenous peoples and communities are largely not the legal rights holders.



Issues of responsibility, ownership, as well as the incomplete and significant mistakes in the metadata, continue into the digital lives of this material.



There are more researchers working and collecting data and samples from Indigenous communities and on Indigenous lands than ever before.



Full Record

MARC Tags

Main title

**Passamaquoddy** War song ; Trading song [sound recording] / sung by Peter Selmore.

Published/Created

1890-03.

Request this Item

↓ Where to Request



MUSIC  
RECORDING

PRINT RECORD

SAVE RECORD

EMAIL RECORD

CITE RECORD

LCCN Permalink

<https://lccn.loc.gov/2015655578>

Description

1 sound **cylinder** (2:45 min.) ; 3.75 in.

Rights advisory

Rights are held by the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University.

Access advisory

Access to **recordings** may be restricted. To request materials, please contact the Folklife Reading Room at <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.afc/folklife.contact>

Local shelving no.

**Cylinder** 4260  
AFS 14739: A1  
RKF 0006  
AFC 1972/003: SR29

MARCXML Record  
MODS Record

Report Record Errors



## AUDIO RECORDING

# Passamaquoddy War song ; Trading song

Mihqelsuwakonutomon (Song of Remembrance in the Passamaquoddy War Song Series) ; Esunomawotultine (Trading dance/song) / Jesse Walter Fewkes collection of Passamaquoddy cylinder recordings SR29

## About this Item

### Title

Passamaquoddy War song ; Trading song

### Other Title

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Jesse Walter Fewkes collection of Passamaquoddy cylinder recordings SR29

### Summary

The first song, Mihqelsuwakonutomon, means 'He/She tells memories of it'. This is a lament or mourning song. It is a fragment of one song in a series of songs and dances. Esunomawotultine, the trading dance, is the second song on Fewkes' wax cylinder 17 (Cylinder 4260; AFC 1972/003: SR29) recorded by Jesse Walter Fewkes in Calais, Maine, March 16, 1890.

### Contributor Names

Fewkes, Jesse Walter, 1850-1930, recordist, speaker.

Selmore, Peter, performer.

### Created / Published

1890-03-16.

## Traditional Knowledge Labels



Attribution - Elihtasik (How it is done).



Outreach - Ekehkimkewey (Educational).



Non-Commercial - Ma yut monuwasiw (This is not sold).

[Learn more about the traditional knowledge labels](#)

## Part of...

[American Folklife Center \(32,872\)](#)

[Library of Congress Online Catalog \(919,432\)](#)

# Transforming records (MARC)

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# Indigenous Data Futures



PROVENANCE



TRANSPARENCY



INTEGRITY

# Data Breach for American Indian Tribes

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# US Treasury Data Breach for American Indian Tribes

- In order to receive funding from the CARES Act funds, tribal governments were required to submit to the US Treasury information on:
  - Annual tribal expenses
  - Labor force numbers
  - Bank account numbers
- These data were downloaded by unknown government officials and emailed to a wide array of non-federal government employees. (Agoyo and York, 2020).
- These data provided confidential information for all American Indian and Alaska Native villages.
- It is now publicly available.

# US Treasury Data Breach for American Indian Tribes

- The data provides proprietary information on tribal governmental operations and facilities
- Most importantly, the data contains information that may provide insight into the size and extent of tribal gaming operations.
- Tribal gaming operations often keep that information private as it provides useful data for potential competitors looking to enter the industry.
- The data breach illustrates the importance of data access and safeguarding.

# US Treasury Data Breach for American Indian Tribes

- As much of tribal government revenue is derived from existing business ventures, anything that affects the viability of that industry will have dire consequences on tribal populations, services and wellbeing.
- Tribal nations do not have standard tax bases as municipalities or states would; as a result, tribal revenue sources are important determinants of overall tribal economic development.
- The current COVID-19 pandemic has already affected the viability of the gaming and other reservation-based industries.
- recent research has estimated that COVID-19 impact on American Indian economies may be as large as \$127 billion and 1.1 million jobs.
- These effects will be long-lasting if the underlying industries are weakened by this recent data breach.

# Sources:

- HPAIED Recommendations to US Treasury on COVID-19 Response Funds, <https://hpaied.org>
- Agoyo, Acee and Todd York. "Broken promises': Tribes decry leak of private data from \$8 billion coronavirus relief fund." Indianz.com website, April 20, 2020.  
<https://www.indianz.com/News/2020/04/20/broken-promises-tribes-decry-leak-of-pri.asp>
- <http://www.ncai.org/news/articles/2020/04/18/ncai-statement-on-the-release-of-sensitive-tribal-data>

# Indigenous Data Sovereignty Aotearoa New Zealand Science for Technological Innovation

<https://www.sftichallenge.govt.nz/>

Katharina Ruckstuhl

# Activating CARE : Science for Technological Innovation

## **Analytics to identify and connect successors to whenua [land]**

This Spearhead project is creating smart data analytics tools to help track down rightful Māori shareholders to connect them to their land.

Data Land  
Economy  
Governance  
Intellectual Property



**MĀORI DATA  
FUTURES HUI**  
**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**  
20 - 21 MARCH 2019  
TE AURERE, KAITAIA



# Māori innovation policy: Vision Mātauranga

## Our Vision Mātauranga goal

Our goal is to unite Māori knowledge and western science to explore new and exciting opportunities to build a vibrant and prosperous technology-driven economy.

## The outcomes we are pursuing

- We aim to be an international exemplar of innovation through a two-way exchange between Te Ao Māori (the Māori world) and western science.
- We are realising the potential of the Māori value chain (its businesses and assets) to grow the New Zealand economy.
- More Māori scientists and engineers working in the hi-tech research and business sectors.

# Making CARE operational: Acknowledging Indigenous knowledge is “real”

## POSTSCRIPT: PROTECTING MĀTAURANGA MĀORI IN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

Responding to the lack of protection provided to Mātauranga Māori through existing IP laws, the SfTI Challenge has developed a set of guidelines for its new research projects. The new Intellectual Property Management Plan is aimed at ensuring Mātauranga Māori and taonga species are given appropriate protections throughout the research process and beyond.

A key element of this new approach is acknowledging the status of Mātauranga Māori, taonga species, and more specifically, any Mātauranga Māori IP associated with the research. With this perspective, those working within and alongside a project can determine whether standard IP rules are sufficient, or if alternative options should be implemented.

Further, the IP Management Plan requires that, for research involving Mātauranga Māori or taonga species, an Identifiable Kaitiaki be named as the owner of any Mātauranga Māori IP associated with the project. This party will lead the protection, management, commercialisation, and subsequent use and ownership decisions.

A third important aspect of the new approach is, unless otherwise agreed, keeping Mātauranga Māori, taonga species and Mātauranga Māori IP out of the public domain, and this is to be formally considered prior to any research publication. The aim here is to protect the data from misuse and misappropriation by third parties.

# FAIR data

Helena Cousijn, DataCite

# The importance of data



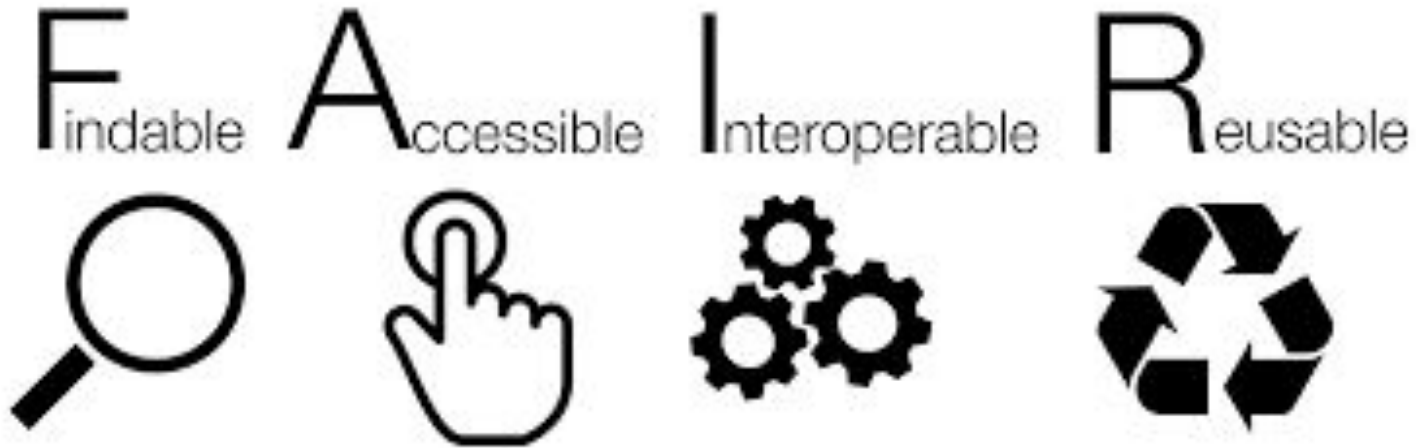
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# Data policies

“In NIH's view, all data should be considered for data sharing. Data should be made as widely and freely available as possible while safeguarding the privacy of participants, and protecting confidential and proprietary data.” ([https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/data\\_sharing/data\\_sharing\\_guidance.htm](https://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/data_sharing/data_sharing_guidance.htm))

“Investigators are expected to share with other researchers, at no more than incremental cost and within a reasonable time, the primary data, samples, physical collections and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of work under NSF grants.” (<https://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp>)

# Making data FAIR



Wilkinson, M et al. 2016. The FAIR Guiding Principles for scientific data management and stewardship. *Scientific Data*, 3. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/sdata.2016.18>.

# Findable

- F1. (Meta)data are assigned a globally unique and persistent identifier
- F2. Data are described with rich metadata (defined by R1 below)
- F3. Metadata clearly and explicitly include the identifier of the data they describe
- F4. (Meta)data are registered or indexed in a searchable resource

# Accessible

A1. (Meta)data are retrievable by their identifier using a standardised communications protocol

A1.1 The protocol is open, free, and universally implementable

A1.2 The protocol allows for an authentication and authorisation procedure, where necessary

A2. Metadata are accessible, even when the data are no longer available

# Interoperable

- I1. (Meta)data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- I2. (Meta)data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles
- I3. (Meta)data include qualified references to other (meta)data

# Reusable

**R1. Meta(data) are richly described with a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes**

**R1.1. (Meta)data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license**

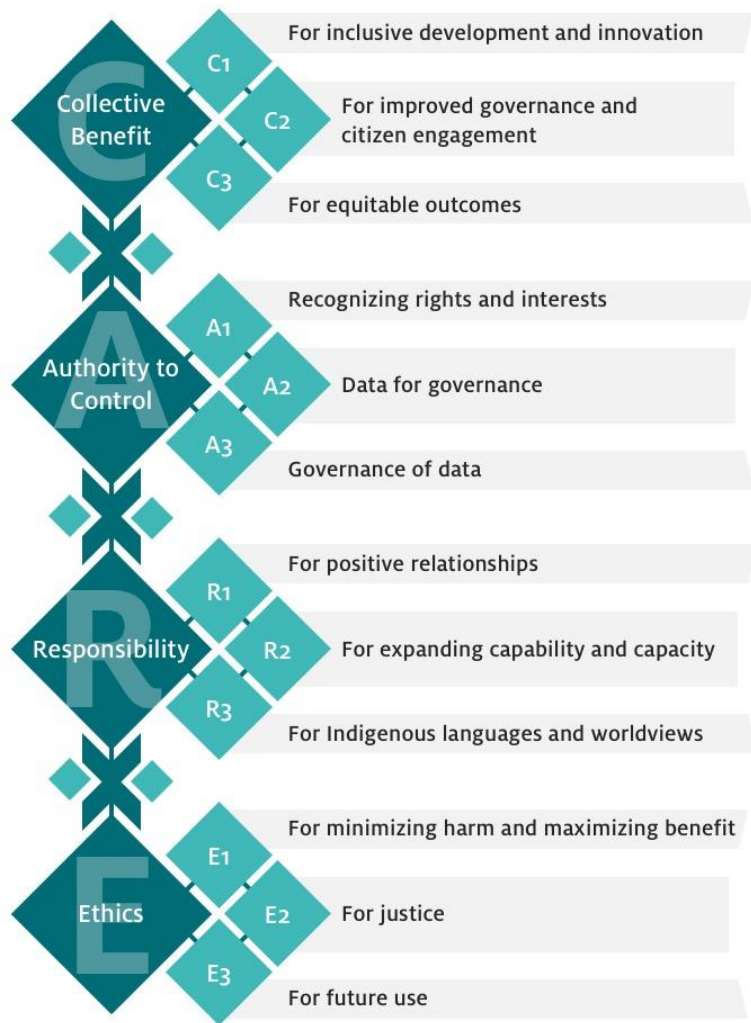
**R1.2. (Meta)data are associated with detailed provenance**

**R1.3. (Meta)data meet domain-relevant community standards**

# Introducing the CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance



DATA PRINCIPLES						
INDIGENOUS				MAINSTREAM		
New Zealand Indigenous Data Sovereignty Principles	Australia Indigenous Data Sovereignty Protocols	United States Indigenous Data Governance Principles	Canada Indigenous Data Governance Principles	Open Data Charter Principles	FAIR Principles for Data Management and Stewardship	STREAM Properties for Industrial and Commoditized Data
Authority	Self-Determination	Inherent Sovereignty	OCAP®	Open By Default	Findable	Sovereign
Relationships	Available and Accessible	Indigenous Knowledge	Indigenous Knowledge	Timely and Comprehensive	Accessible	Trusted
Obligations	Collective Rights and Interests	Ethics	Methodology and Approaches	Accessible and Usable	Interoperable	Reusable
Collective Benefit	Accountability	Intergenerational Collective Wellbeing	Evidence to Build Policy	Comparable and Interoperable	Reusable	Exchangeable
Reciprocity	Exercise Control	Relationships	Ethical Relationships	For Improved Governance & Citizen Engagement		Actionable
Guardianship			Data Governance	For Inclusive Development and Innovation		Measurable
People oriented principles	Purpose oriented principles	Data oriented principles		Carroll, Stephanie Russo, ...Maui Hudson "CARE Principles for the Governance of Indigenous Data." Under review at <i>Data Science Journal</i> .		



Workshop participants  
'Indigenous Data Sovereignty Principles for  
the Governance of Indigenous Data'  
International Data Week RDA P12  
Gaborone, Botswana, 2018



Data ecosystems shall be designed and function in ways that enable Indigenous Peoples to derive benefit from the data.

- C1. For inclusive development and innovation**
- C2. For improved governance and citizen engagement**
- C3. For equitable outcomes**

Research Data Alliance International Indigenous Data Sovereignty Interest Group. (September 2019).  
“CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance.” The Global Indigenous Data Alliance.  
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Indigenous Peoples' rights and interests in Indigenous data must be recognized and their authority to control such data respected. Indigenous data governance enables Indigenous Peoples and governing bodies to determine how Indigenous Peoples, as well as Indigenous lands, territories, resources, knowledges, and geographical indicators are represented by and identified within data.

**A1. Recognizing rights and interests**

**A2. Data for governance**

**A3. Governance of data**

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Those working with Indigenous data have a responsibility to share how that data are used to support Indigenous Peoples' self-determination and collective benefit. Accountability requires meaningful and openly available evidence of these efforts and the benefits accruing to Indigenous Peoples.

**R1. For positive relationships**

**R2. For expanding capability and capacity**

**R3. For Indigenous languages and worldviews**

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Indigenous Peoples' rights and wellbeing should be the primary concern at all stages of the data life cycle and across the data ecosystem.

**E1. For minimizing harm and maximizing benefit**

**E2. For justice**

**E3. For future use**

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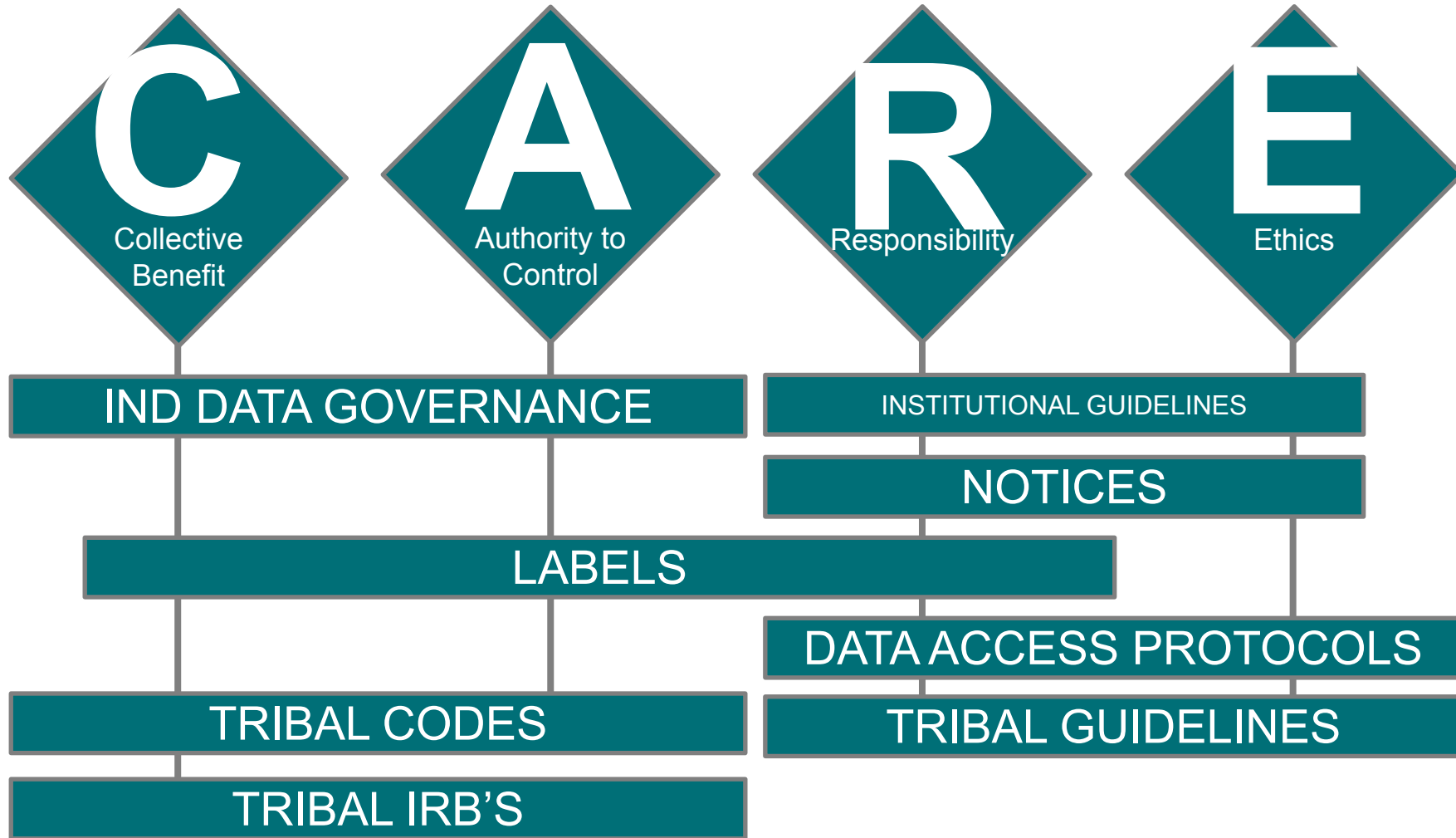
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# CARE

## Full Implementation Process



Principles ➤ Policy ➤ Practice

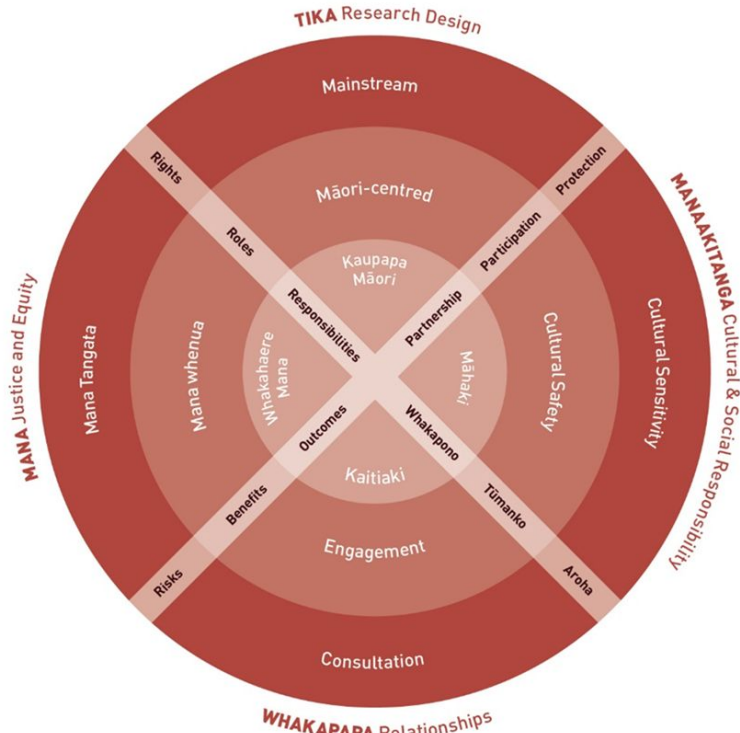




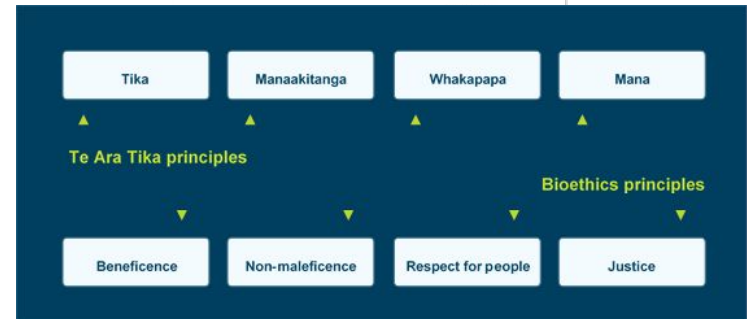
# Examples: Indigenous components within mainstream mechanisms (NZ)

- Indigenous values within ethical frameworks
  - <https://neac.health.govt.nz/publications-and-resources/neac-publications/national-ethical-standards-health-and-disability>
- Indigenous ethics within data access protocols
  - <https://www.data.govt.nz/use-data/data-ethics/nga-tikanga-paihere/>
- Indigenous participation within governance / data access committees
  - <https://www.aucklandregionaltissuebank.ac.nz/scientific-advisory-board/>

# Integration of Indigenous Values in Ethical Standards

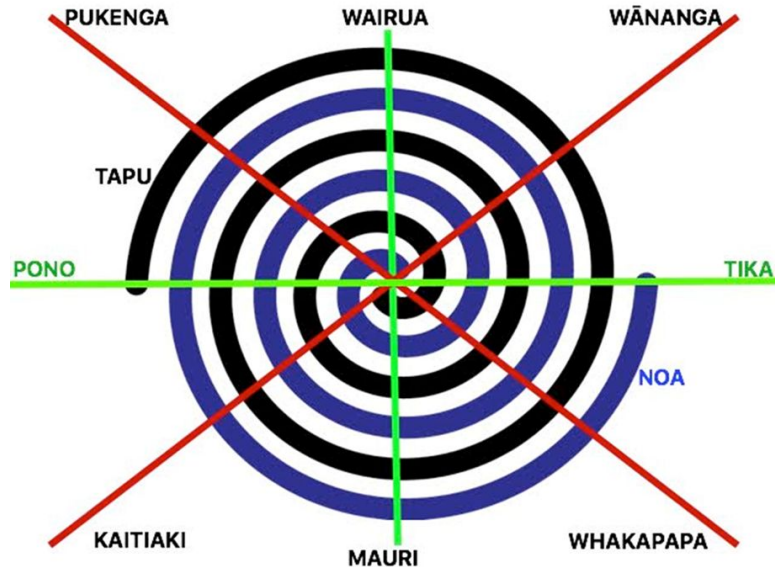


*Te Ara Tika: Guidelines for Maori Research Ethics (2010)*



*National Ethical Standards (2018)*

# Maori Data Access Model



- Uses the Takarangi to reflect the duality that informs Te Ao Māori
- **Assessment of the Data**
- **Assessment of the Data Use**
- **Assessment of the Data Users**

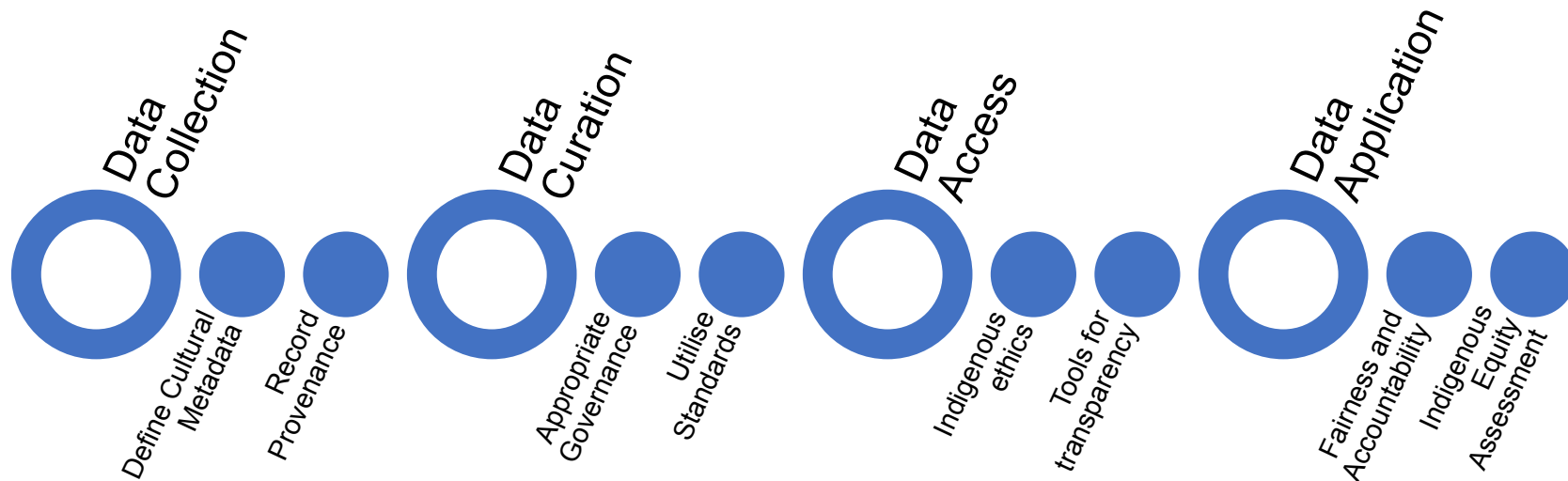
Hudson, M., Anderson, T., Dewes, T.K., Temara, P., Whaanga, H., Roa, T. (2018). He Matapihi ki te Mana Raraunga: Conceptualising Big Data through a Maori lens. In H. Whaanga, T. T. Keegan, T. T., & M. Apperley (Eds.) (2018), *He Whare Hangarau Māori - Language, culture & technology* [Ebook] (pp. 62-71). Hamilton: Te Pua Wānanga ki te Ao, Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato.

Concept	Characteristic	Assessment Question	High	Med	Low
Tapu	Level of sensitivity	“How sensitive is the data?”			
Noa	Level of accessibility	“How accessible should this data be?”			
Tika	Level of value	“How does the use of this data add value to the community?”			
Pono	Level of trust	“Will the community support this use of the data?”			
Mauri	Level of originality	“How unique is the data?”			
Wairua	Nature of the application	“Is the data being used in the same spirit as its original purpose?”			
Whakapapa	Level of relationship	“Does the user have an existing relationship with the data?”			
Pukenga	Level of expertise	“Does the user have the expertise and experience to use data in a culturally appropriate manner?”			
Kaitiaki	Level of authority	“Will the data be protected from inappropriate use?”			
Wananga	Level of responsibility	“Does the institution have the necessary infrastructure to ensure the use of the data in a culturally appropriate and ethical manner?”			

# Tikanga Paihere framework

Safe people	Pūkenga	Whakapapa
Researchers can be trusted to use data appropriately	Researchers have experience researching Te Ao Māori topics	Researchers have existing relationships with the communities the data comes from
Safe Projects	Pono	Tika
The project has a statistical purpose and is in the public interest	Level of accountability to community of research is explained	Use of data will add value to Māori and improve outcomes for Māori and NZ
Safe Settings	Kaitiaki	Wānanga
Ensuring the data is secure and preventing unauthorised access to the data	Decision-makers of the project are identified and Māori are involved in decision-making	Institutions have established systems, policies and procedures to ensure data is used in culturally appropriate and ethical ways
Safe Data	Wairua	Mauri
Personal information is not identified	Māori community objectives align with project research objectives	Level of transformation of the data from its original collection purpose is explained
Safe Output	Noa	Tapu
Stats NZ results do not contain identifying results. Outputs must be confidentialised.	Accessibility of data and awareness of the impact on Māori	Sensitivities in the use of data are identified including privacy issues for individuals and communities

# Supporting CARE across the Data Lifecycle



Be

**FAIR**

**Findable**

**Accessible**

**Interoperable**

**Reusable**

and

**CARE**

**Collective  
Benefit**

**Authority  
to Control**

**Responsibility**

**Ethics**

# WHY AND HOW SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT THE WHAT?

## WHO

### Who collected it?

- What was their motivation?
- What methods did they use?

### Who created it?

- What do they have to say about acknowledgment and access?

## WHAT

rock  
DNA  
song  
story  
ice core  
algorithm  
painting  
antibody  
textile  
book  
precedent  
catalyst  
butterfly

## HOW

### How should it be accessed?

- What are community ethics?
- What are privacy, cultural rights of individuals?
- What are the privacy, cultural rights of collectives?

### How should it be curated?

- How do we determine metadata and preservation?
- How do we acknowledge collectors, creators, and curators?

FRAMEWORKS

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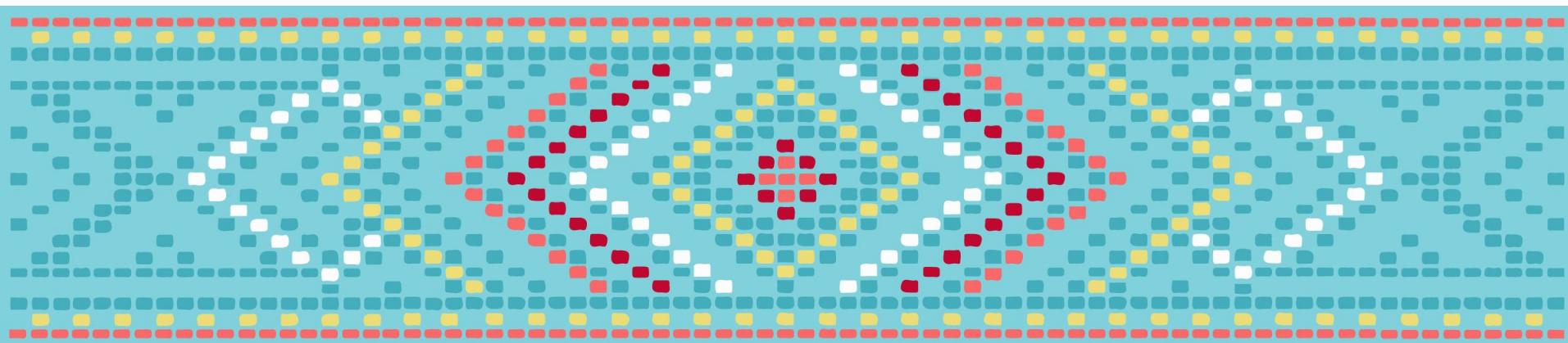
TOOLS

ORCID, ROR, RAiD, TK and BC Notices

DOI

TK and BC Labels

Break into groups



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