Aquaculture is New Zealand’s fastest growing primary industry. With the introduction of the new marine aquaculture legislation and the uplifting of a moratorium that had been placed on new aquaculture development, there will be more opportunities for Māori arising for new and expanded marine-based aquaculture activities throughout New Zealand. Whether you are looking to enter the aquaculture industry, or expand your existing business, this information sheet provides some guidance on what you will need to know.

A first step for you should be finding out about:
- the aquaculture industry, including the market and the Aquaculture Strategy
- the Government’s position on aquaculture development in New Zealand
- who the key stakeholders involved in aquaculture are
- how to establish or grow a business
- the importance of science providers to the industry, and where to source them
- what entitlements for aquaculture assets you may have in terms under the Māori Commercial Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004
- the relevant approvals needed to establish or expand a marine farm

These topics are addressed in the following information sheets. These information sheets provide you general information on each matter, as well as letting you know where you can source further information:
1. The Aquaculture Industry
2. Roles and Responsibilities in Aquaculture
3. Business Services for Aquaculture
4. Aquaculture Science Providers
5. The Aquaculture Settlement
6. Planning for Aquaculture