



# Māori People, The New Zealand Government, and Land Use

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# Māori Terms and Definitions

- Iwi- a Māori community or people
- Aotearoa- New Zealand
- Tangata whenua- land
- Papatūānuku- the earth mother
- Pepeha- way of introducing oneself
- Haka- dance

Many Māori stories  
about and connect  
with the land  
around them- most  
significantly  
Papatūānuku

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Land could not be taken for granted- many islands would sometimes be lost to the sea



# Introduce yourself with a pepeha

| Māori phrase          | English phrase                           |
|-----------------------|--|
| Ko _____ te waka      | My canoe is [name of your waka]          |
| Ko _____ te maunga    | My mountain is [name of your mountain]   |
| Ko _____ te awa       | My river is [name of your river]         |
| Ko _____ te iwi       | My tribe is [name of your tribe]         |
| Ko _____ te hapū      | My sub tribe is [name of your sub tribe] |
| Ko _____ te rangatira | [Name of your chief] is the chief        |
| Ko _____ te marae     | My marae is [name of your marae]         |
| Ko _____ ahau         | I am [your name]                         |

The haka, a war dance, is a well-known symbol of Māori culture and is performed at many major events



# THE HAKA



Warriors at Te Pā Tū ,  
Rotorua

By Te Pā Tū (formerly  
known as Tamaki Maori  
Village)

# All Blacks perform their haka before a match



## Ka Mate (English)

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I die! I die! I live! I live!

I die! I die! I live! I live!

This is the hairy man

Who summons the sun and makes it shine

A step upward, another step upward!

A step upward, another... the sun shines!

## Kapa o Pango (English)

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Let me go back to my first gasp of breath

Let my life force return to the earth

It is New Zealand that thunders now

And it is my time!

It is my moment!

The passion ignites!

This defines us as the All Blacks

And it is my time!

It is my moment!

The anticipation explodes!

Feel the power

Our dominance rises

Our supremacy emerges

To be placed on high

Silver fern!

All Blacks!

Silver fern!

All Blacks!



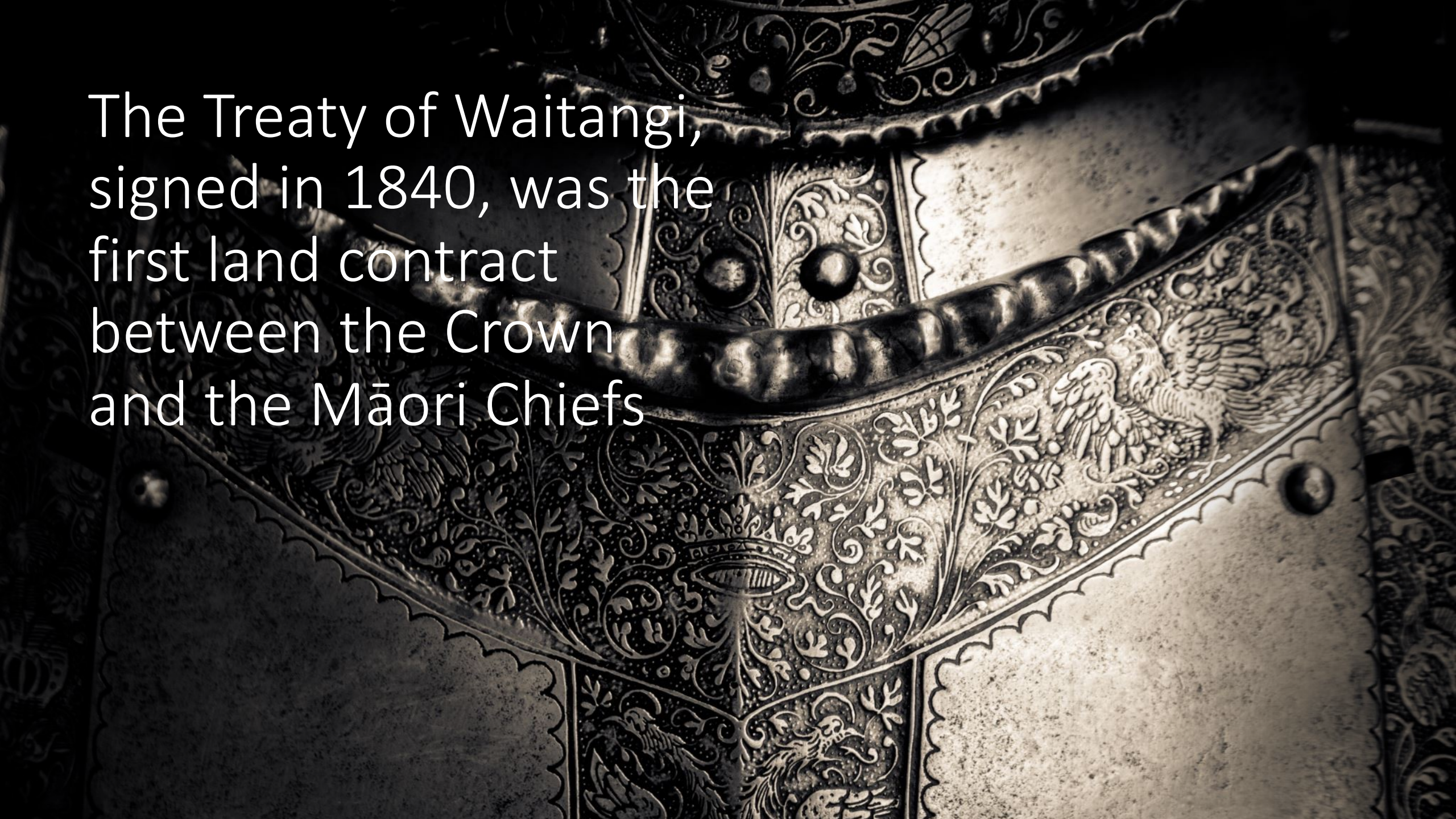
Māori arrived in Aotearoa in the 1300s around the country



Abel Tasman, a Dutch explorer, was the first European to arrive in New Zealand in 1642

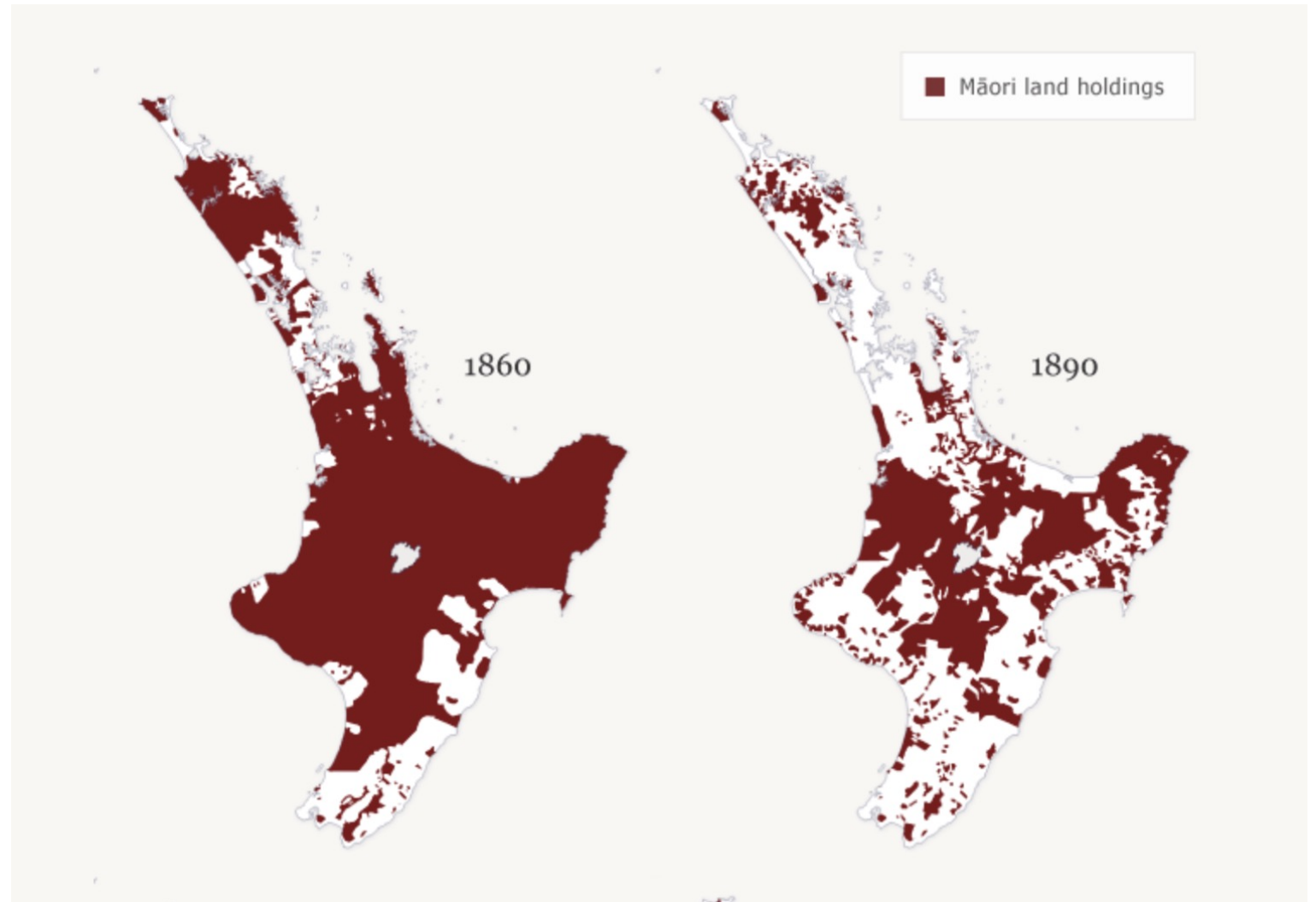


The Treaty of Waitangi,  
signed in 1840, was the  
first land contract  
between the Crown  
and the Māori Chiefs

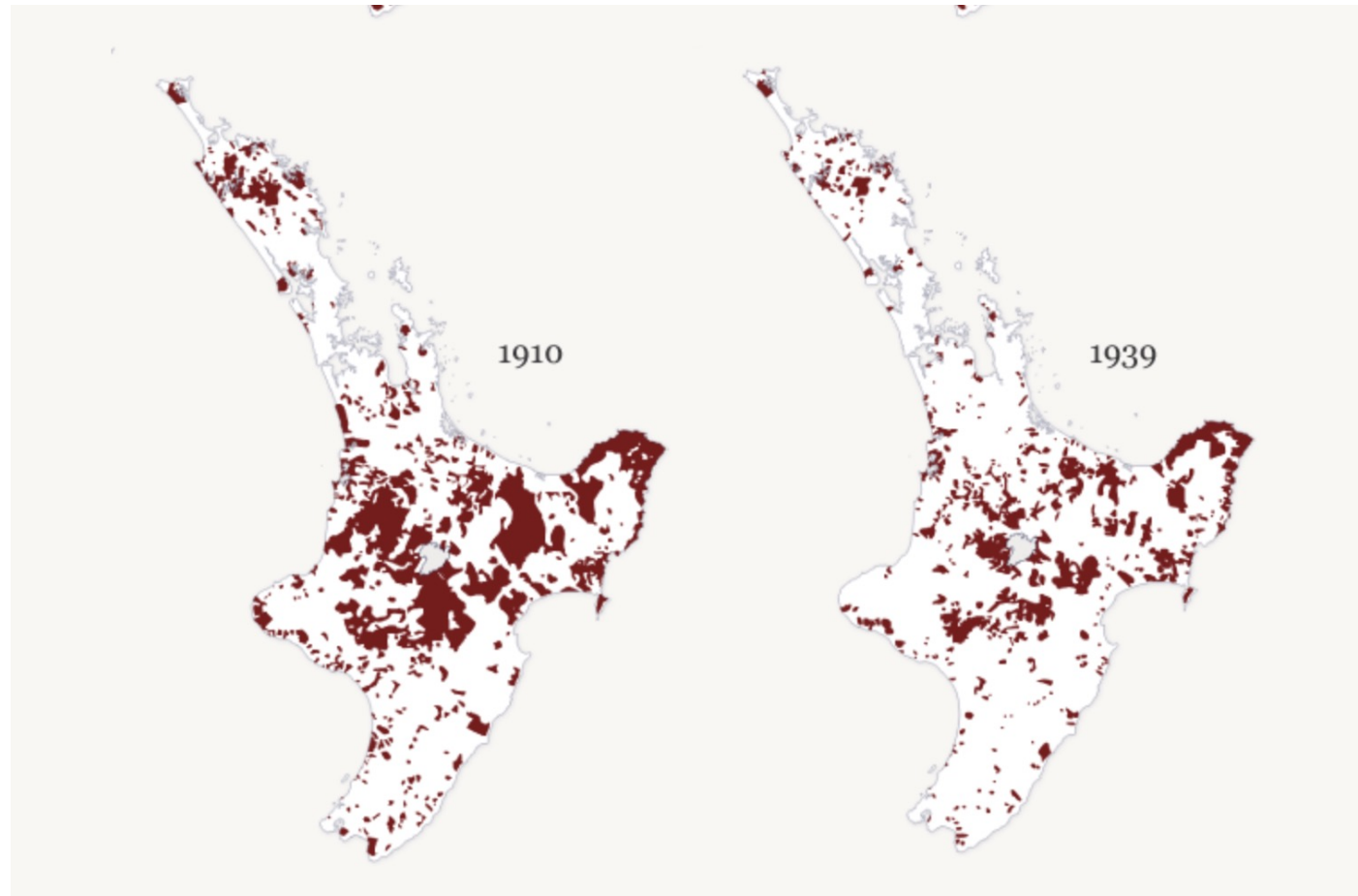


The Native Court Acts 1862 and 1865 was an attempt to allow Māori to claim their land

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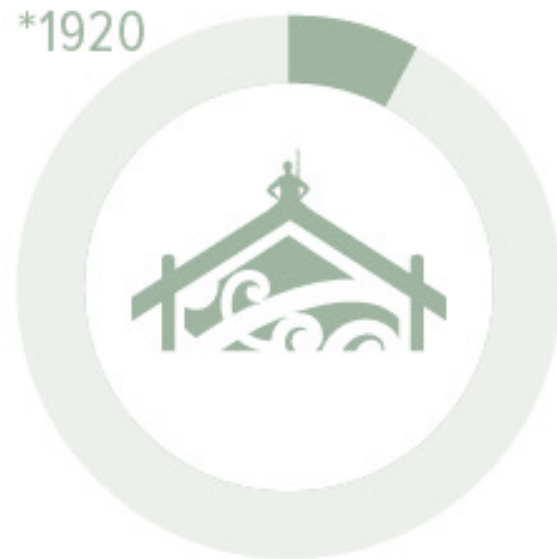
the New Zealand Settlements Act 1863 allowed the Crown to confiscate the land of any iwi that “engaged in rebellion” against the government



The Native Lands Rating  
Act 1882 allowed the  
Crown to tax Māori land



By 1920, most of the New Zealand land was claimed by the government

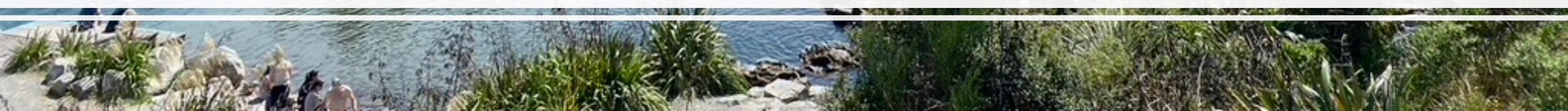


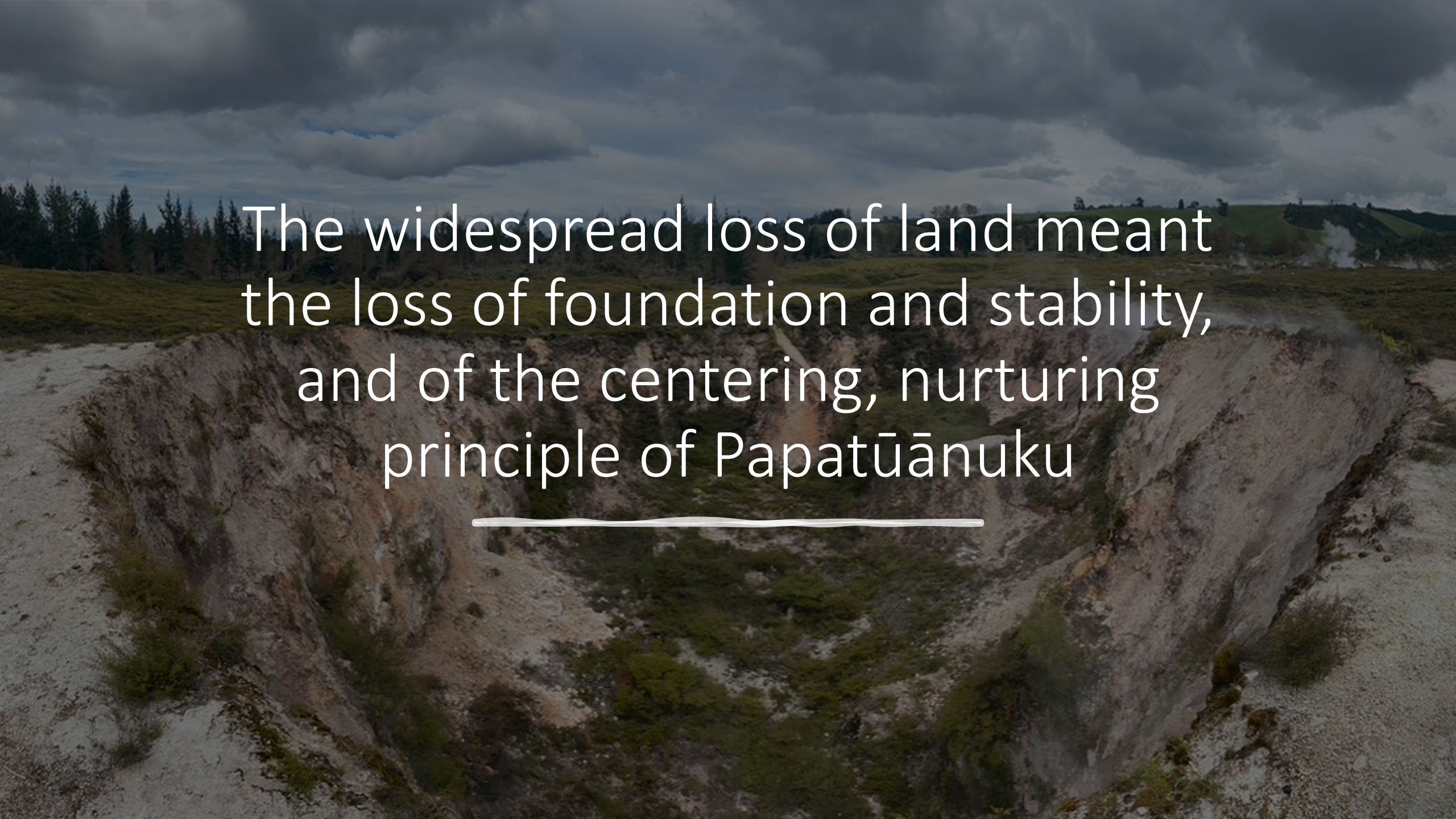
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of New Zealand  
land remained in  
Māori ownership.



The New Zealand Wars between the 1840s and 1860s was over land disputes





The widespread loss of land meant  
the loss of foundation and stability,  
and of the centering, nurturing  
principle of Papatūānuku

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Māori have a strong and deep connection with the land, there are many efforts to reconnect iwi with their whenua

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# Resources

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