

# *Monitoring sector performance - how do we know we are meeting expectations under the RMA?*

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# Overview

- Monitoring – Generally
- RMA monitoring requirements
- Monitoring strategy
- Integrated monitoring
- Compliance
- Conclusion – key points

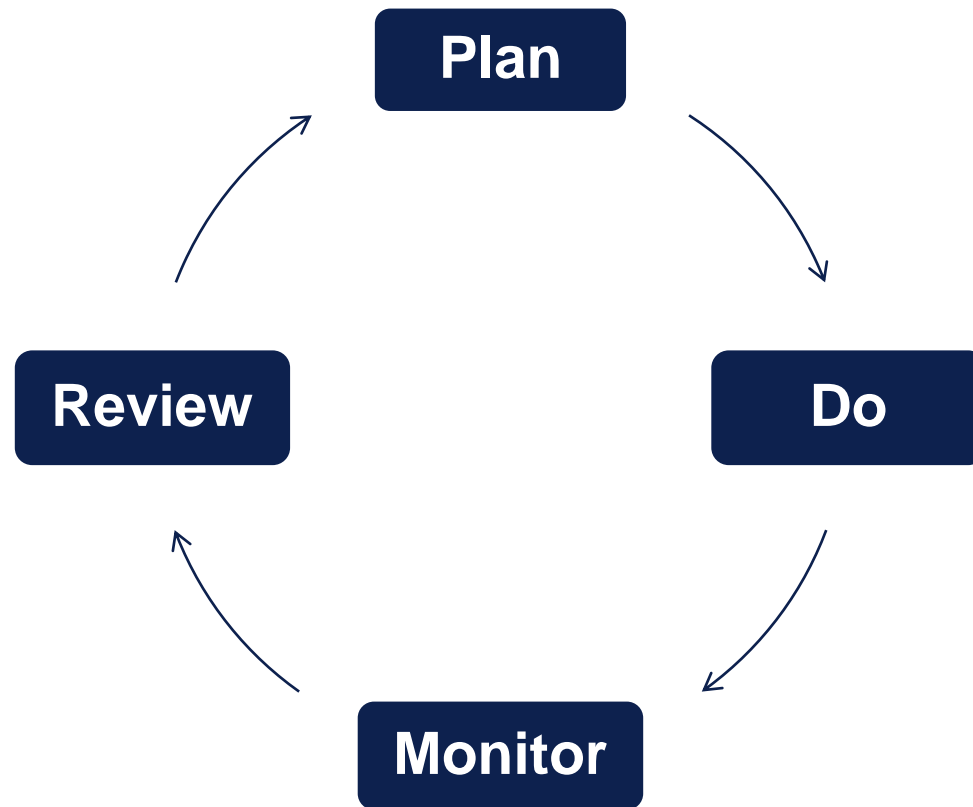


# What is monitoring?

- Deliberate act of observation and surveillance over time with a defined purpose
- Allows us to measure progress and guides policy-making
- Essential part of the planning process
- Tells the story of state of the environment, level of compliance, where we need to improve



# The planning cycle



# Monitoring under the RMA

RMA section 35(2)

State of the Environment

Plan and Policy Statement  
Suitability and Effectiveness

Exercise of Transfers of Power and Delegations

Exercise of Resource Consents

TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION



# RMA survey of local authorities

- 2010/11 survey is the tenth survey since 1995
- Minister used his s27 power
- Data from local authorities were collected through an online survey
- All 78 local authorities participated in the survey



# RMA survey of local authorities

- Helps the Minister for the Environment monitor how the RMA is being put into practice
- Highlights trends over time in implementing the RMA
- Promotes good practice under the RMA
- Enables local authorities to compare performance with others



# 2010/11 survey key facts



Lowest number of resource consents processed to a decision from all survey years: **36,154**



Proportion of publicly notified consents: **3.7%**



Percentage of resource consent applications processed on time: **95%**



Proportion of consents where further information was requested (s92): **35%**

# 2010/11 survey key facts



Percentage of consents with timeframes extended under s37:  
**15%**



Proportion of monitored consents that complied with consent conditions: **72%**



Local authorities with written criteria or set policy for staff to determine if iwi/hapu should be considered an affected party: **51%**



Local authorities who ran customer satisfaction surveys: **82%**

# Monitoring and Review Project: Towards an Integrated Monitoring Framework for the RMA

- Improve how we monitor the RMA
- Increase our understanding of the implementation and effectiveness of the RMA and its tools
- Support RMA policy processes
- Consistent and comparable information



# Monitoring & Review Project

- Develop a clear and transparent national monitoring framework to coordinate and manage the collection of information on the implementation and effectiveness of the RMA
- Improve the availability, consistency and comparability of RMA information
- Streamline the systematic collection of information



# Monitoring and Review Project

- Improving transparency for what is monitored and why
- Coordinating when and how information is collected
- Create efficiencies across existing monitoring systems
- Help identify and fill gaps in monitoring systems
- Provide for the story to be told locally, regionally and nationally

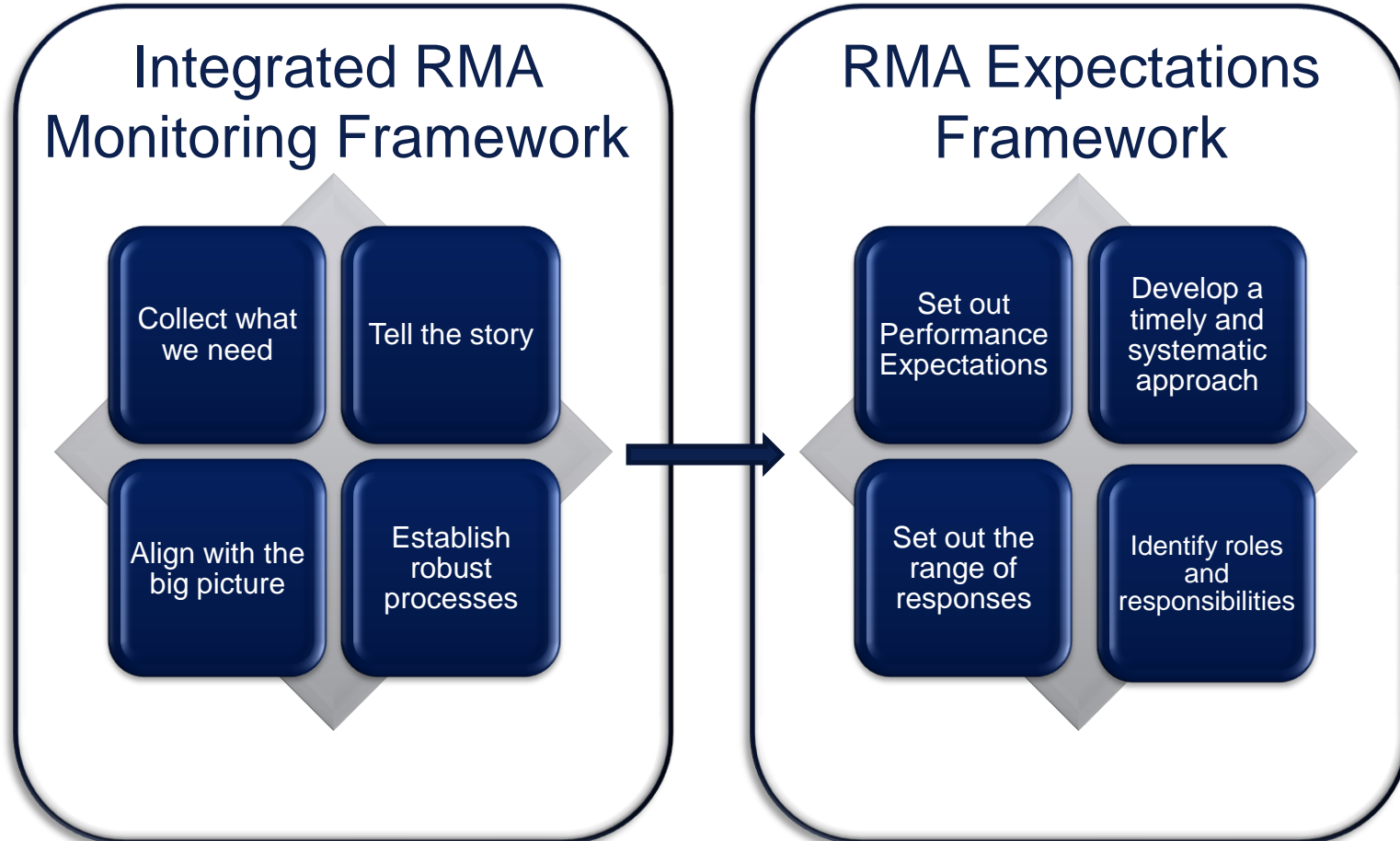


# Monitoring and Review Project

- Four year project
- Collaborative process, working with a number of councils, LGNZ and other government departments
- Stage One - Scoping - defining the monitoring context
- Stage Two – Design a framework (2012)
- Stage Three – Implementation (2012 - 2014)



# Monitoring & Expectations



# Conclusion – key messages

- Improving transparency for what is monitored and why
- Coordinating how and when information is collected
- Create efficiencies across existing monitoring systems
- Help identify and fill gaps in monitoring systems
- Allow the story to be told locally, regionally and nationally

