

Talking fish: an embodied exploration of human-fish connection

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Freshwater fish in Aotearoa are something of a paradox. While fish are a key attraction of rivers and lakes around the country, many New Zealanders have never seen a native freshwater fish in the wild. As scientists and researchers, we often have unique opportunities to interact with freshwater and their more-than-human communities and learn about their dynamics, values and stressors. Some of these findings end up in research papers or theses, but our knowledge and experiences of fish typically exceed these mediums.

*In this session you will have the opportunity to connect *kanohi ki te kanohi* with a representative of our fish fauna and share your reflections on freshwater, fish and *whanaunga* in your research and beyond. We welcome anyone with an interest in talking fish – simply come along to our table in the atrium. This activity is part of the Fish Futures research programme, where we are exploring the use of novel methods for connecting people with fish in ways that exceed disciplinary boundaries and nature-culture binaries. We will provide you with information about our research at the time and request your consent to participate. Participation is voluntary, and you can withdraw at any time.*