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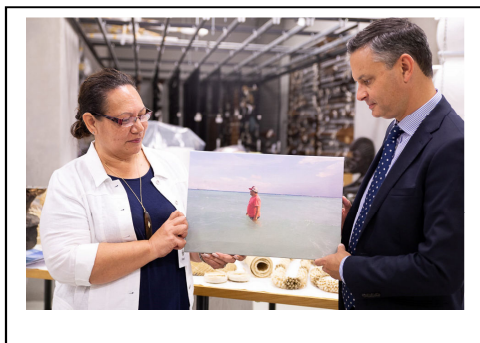
Ministry of Climate, Oceans, and Resilience (MiCORE)



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This morning, Tokelau Climate Change Programme Manager, Ms Paula Faiva, from the Ministry of Climate, Oceans, and Resilience (MiCORE) joined New Zealand Minister for Climate Change James Shaw and Te Papa officials at their head office to celebrate Te Papa CEMARS (Certified Emissions Measurement and Reduction Scheme) certification, cementing Te Papa's commitment to further reduce the museum's carbon footprint.

Te Papa Senior Curator Pacific Cultures, Sean Mallon, spoke of a 2017 co-collecting trip to Tokelau, as part of "Project IKA: Innovation – Knowledge – Atoll Life." The aim of Project IKA is to activate Te Papa's core philosophy of Mana Taonga and be innovative in highly visible ways among New Zealand communities and stakeholders. Project IKA and the objects collected highlight the experiences of Tokelauans and how they are responding to, and living with, the effects of climate change. In the photo below, Paula and James are holding an image of Atonio Tuia standing where his childhood rugby field once was in Nukunonu.



Ms Faiva spoke of Tokelau's climate challenge, and their response to it. She said Project IKA is a prime example of how crucial it is that everyone plays their part – whether they be a small island nation, or a national museum. Added together, small actions can make important differences.

The highly cultural valued items collected during the co-collecting trip to Tokelau in 2017 will become part of the climate change component of Te Papa's new exhibition to be launched in May 2019.

In attendance: Ms Paula Faiva, Minister James Shaw and Sean Mallon were joined by Geraint Martin, CEO, Jamie Taylor, Executive Assistant to CE, Lisa Tipping, Chief Finance, Dean Peterson, Director Strategy & Performance, Peter Cumminghame, Head of Property, Facilities and Security, Chris Boaden, Programme Coordinator, Esme Taylor, Partnerships & Business Development, Jack Fisher, Social Media Adviser and Ellie Campbell, Senior Communications Adviser (Te Papa), Stuart Dymond, private Secretary, Climate Change – International (NZ Ministry of Climate Change), Dr Ann Smith, Chief Executive, Shannon Ball, Technical Account Manager (Enviro-Mark Solutions) and Penehuro Lefale (Climate Advisor, MiCORE).