



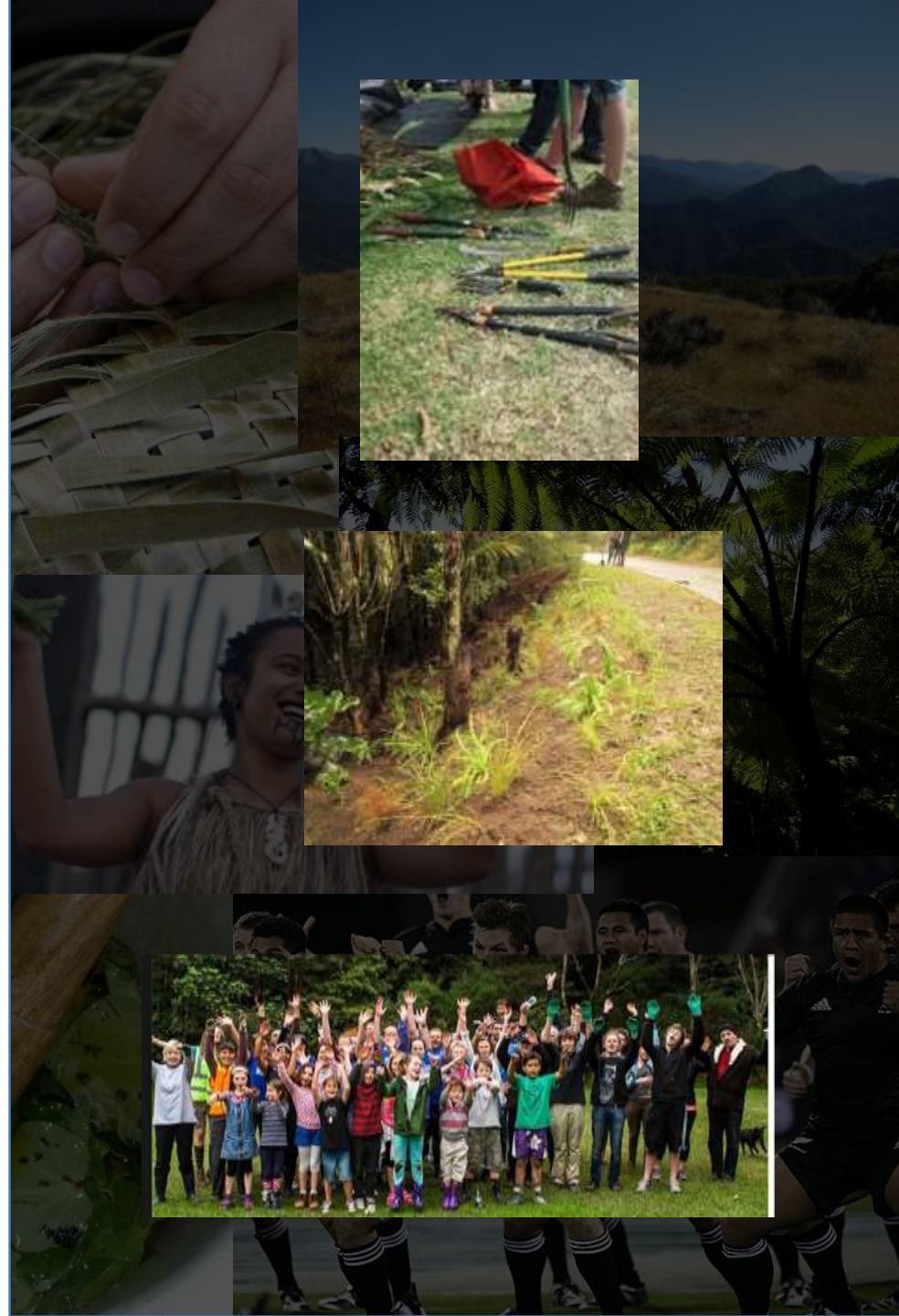
People Healing Nature Healing People

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Teaming up – collaborating with Communities of Place



**‘People healing
nature healing
people’**

Communities capability
Biodiversity turn-around
Local landscapes



SOUTH TITIRANGI NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK (STNN)

Supported by Gecko Trust

Growing as a “living neighbourhood”.
*“taking action to improve the wellbeing of
people and nature in South Titirangi”.*

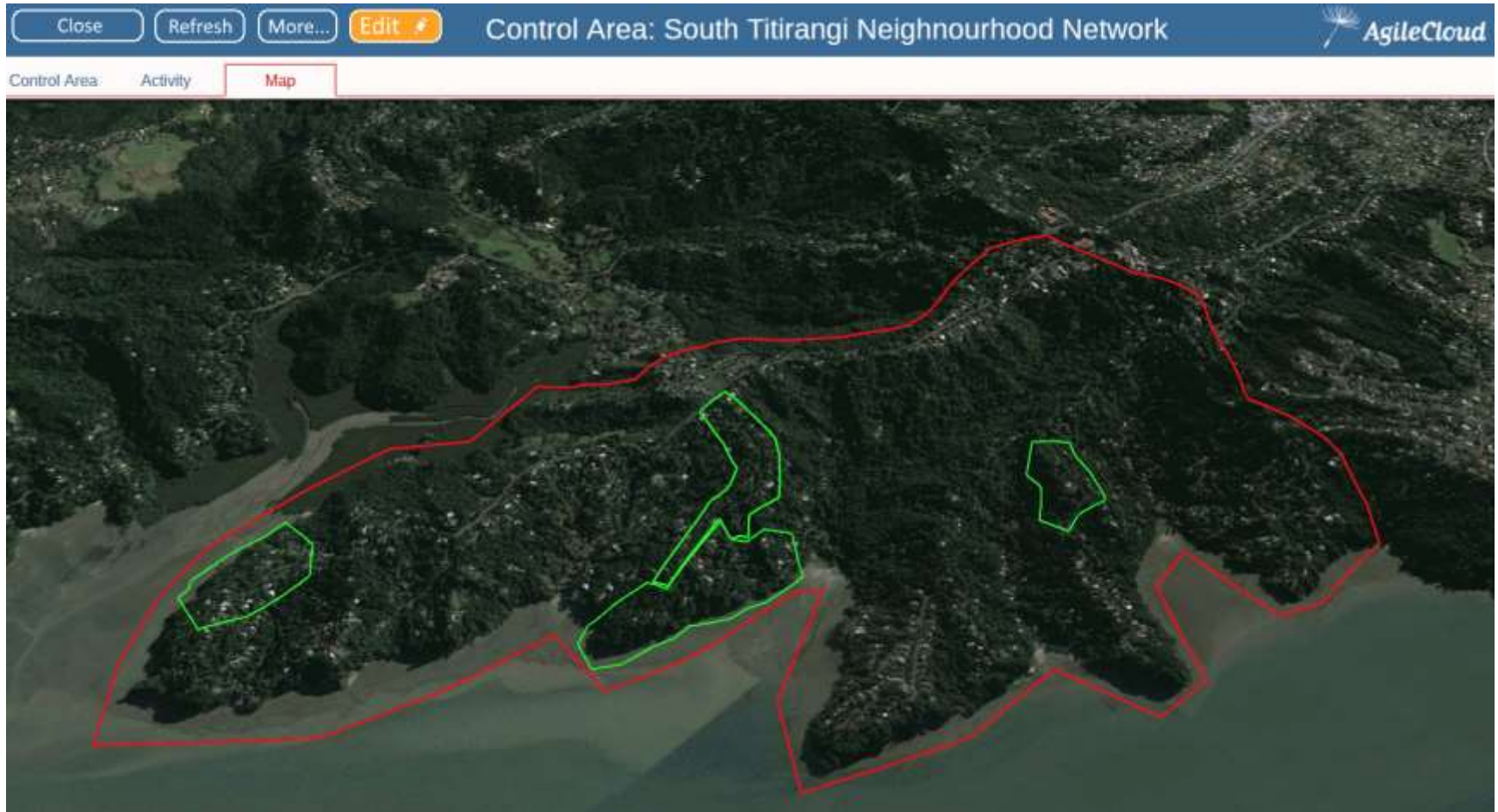


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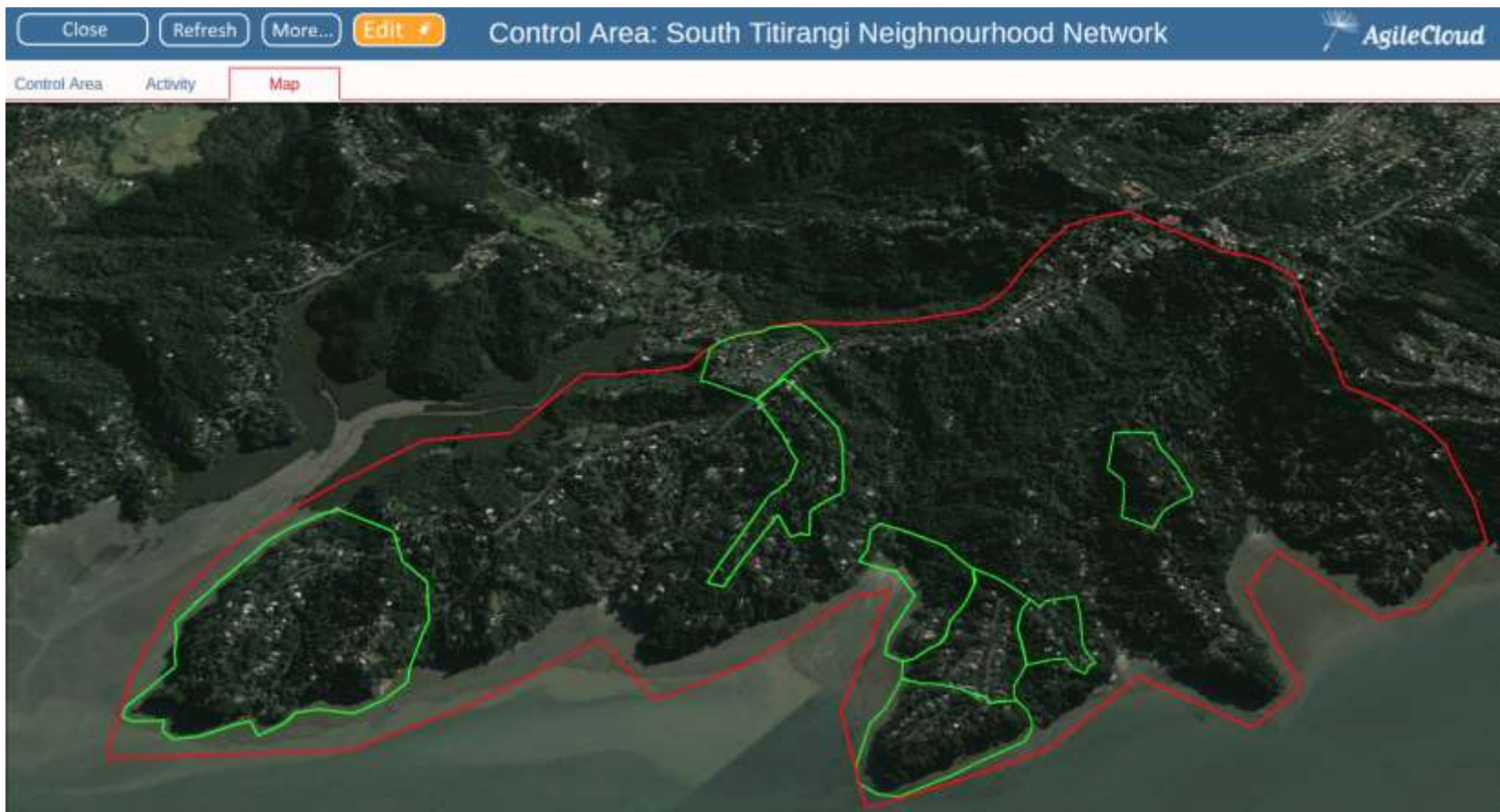
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- Strategies being implemented for pest and weed control
- Community nursery
- “Meeting my neighbours” - resilience
- Developing ‘expert community capability’
- “Sustained a vision & belief in restoration”



Wicked problem – moving from 'within' to 'across'



Early in 2016 Gecko assisted STNN to structure around 'neighbourhoods'
Neighbourhood co-ordinators assembled and scope of action increased

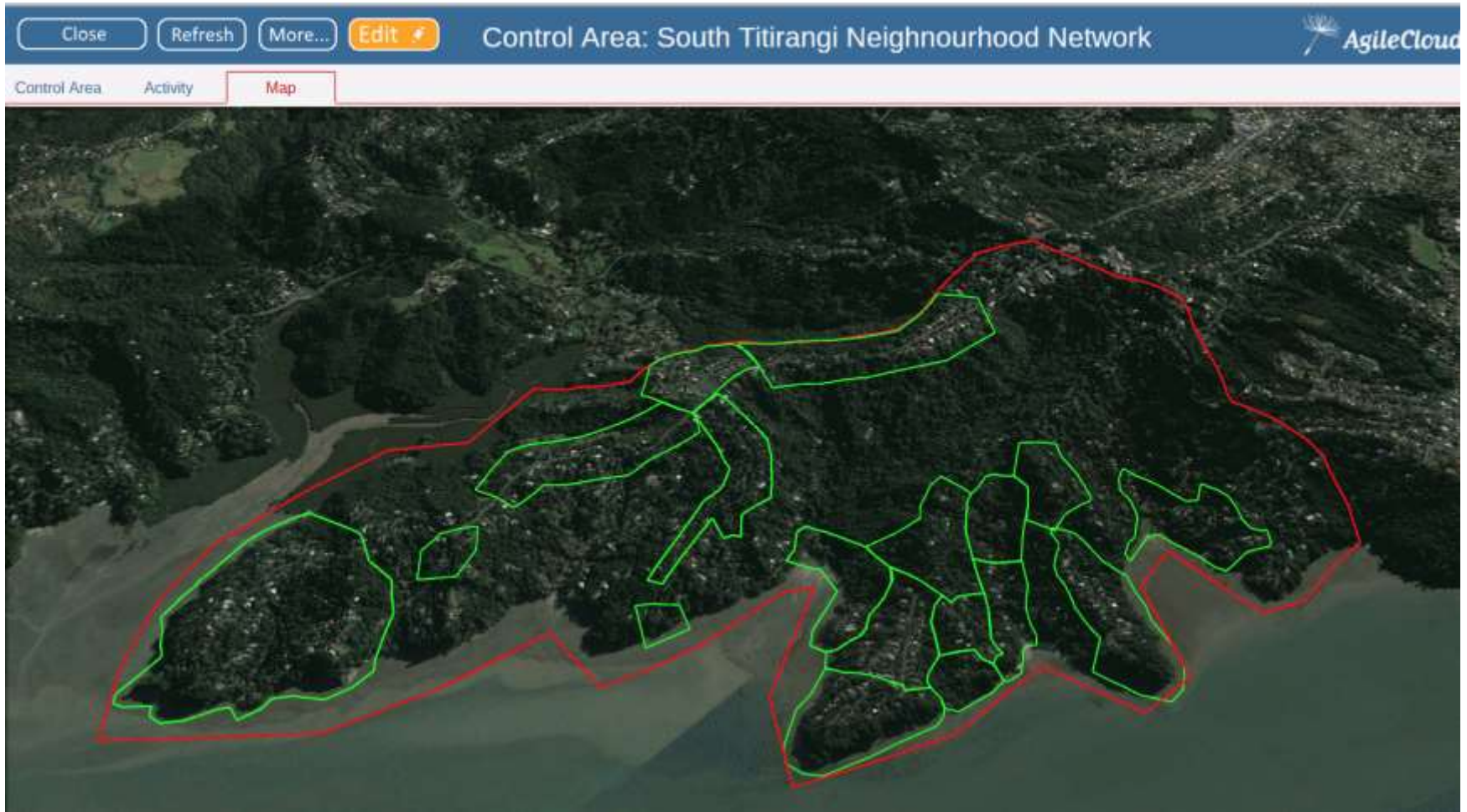


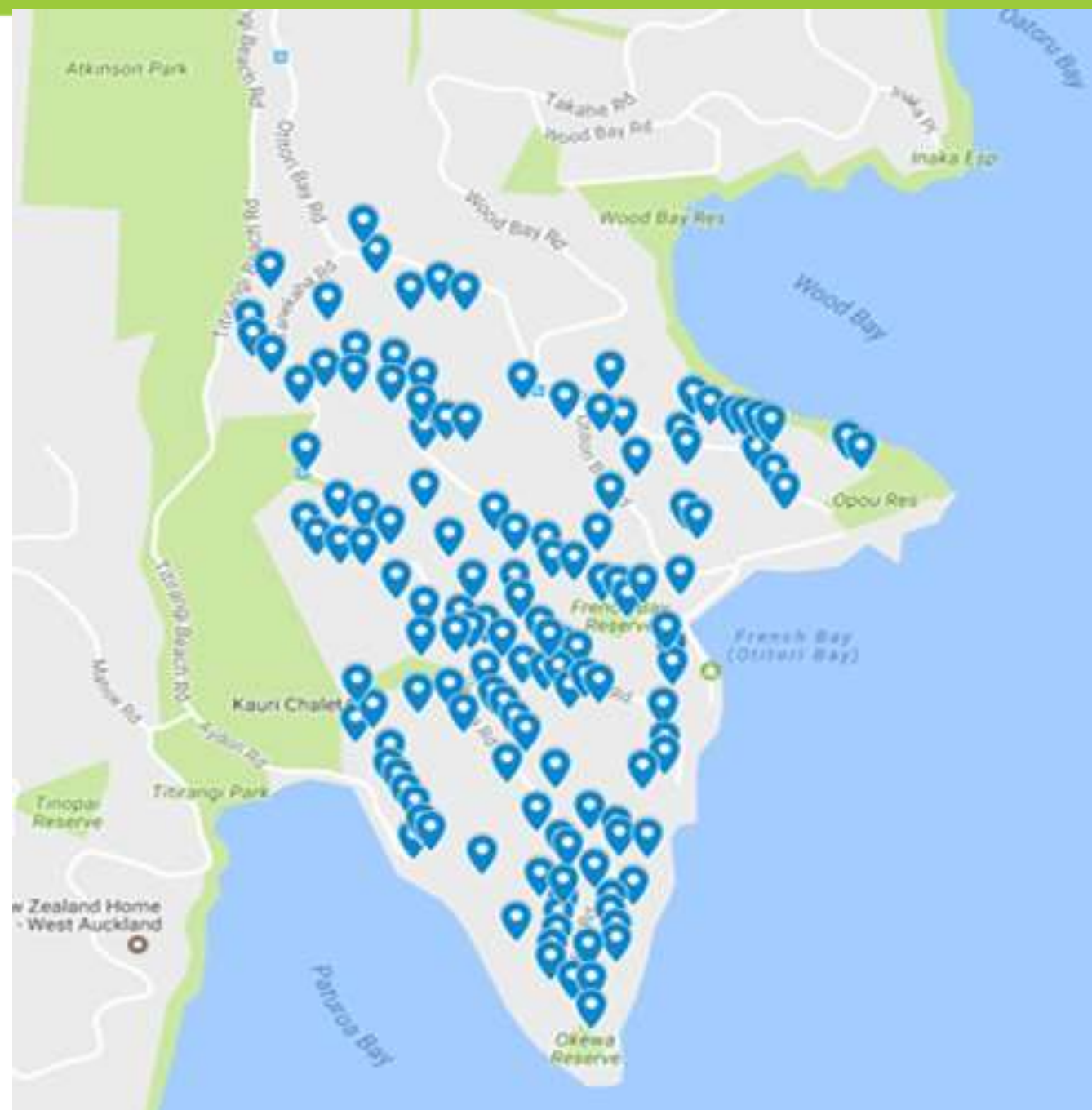
Milestone: Belief.

Formed management groups and rolled out pest control programmes

Neighbourhood engagement in pest control took off

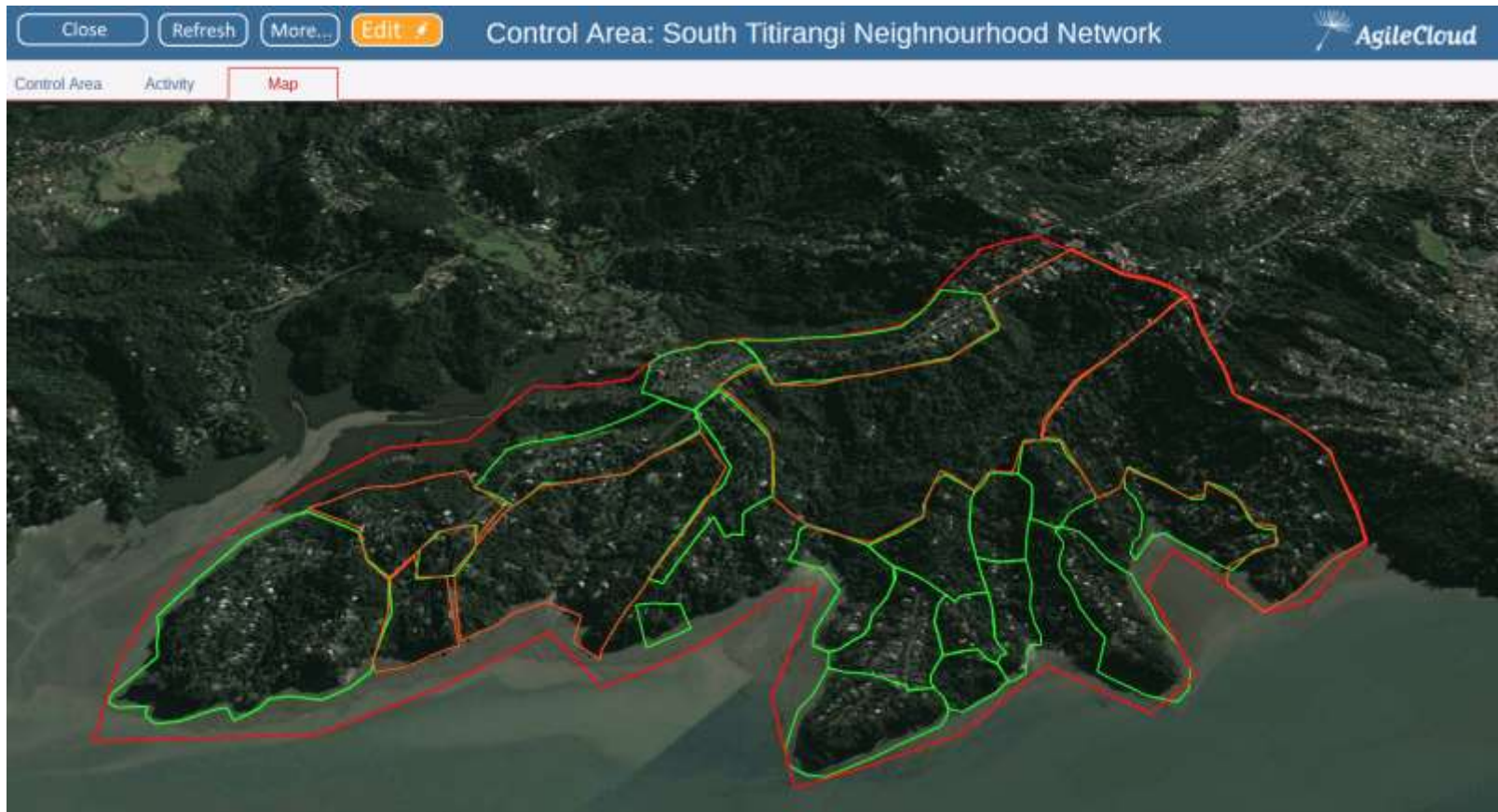
Oct 2017 25% of households were engaged.



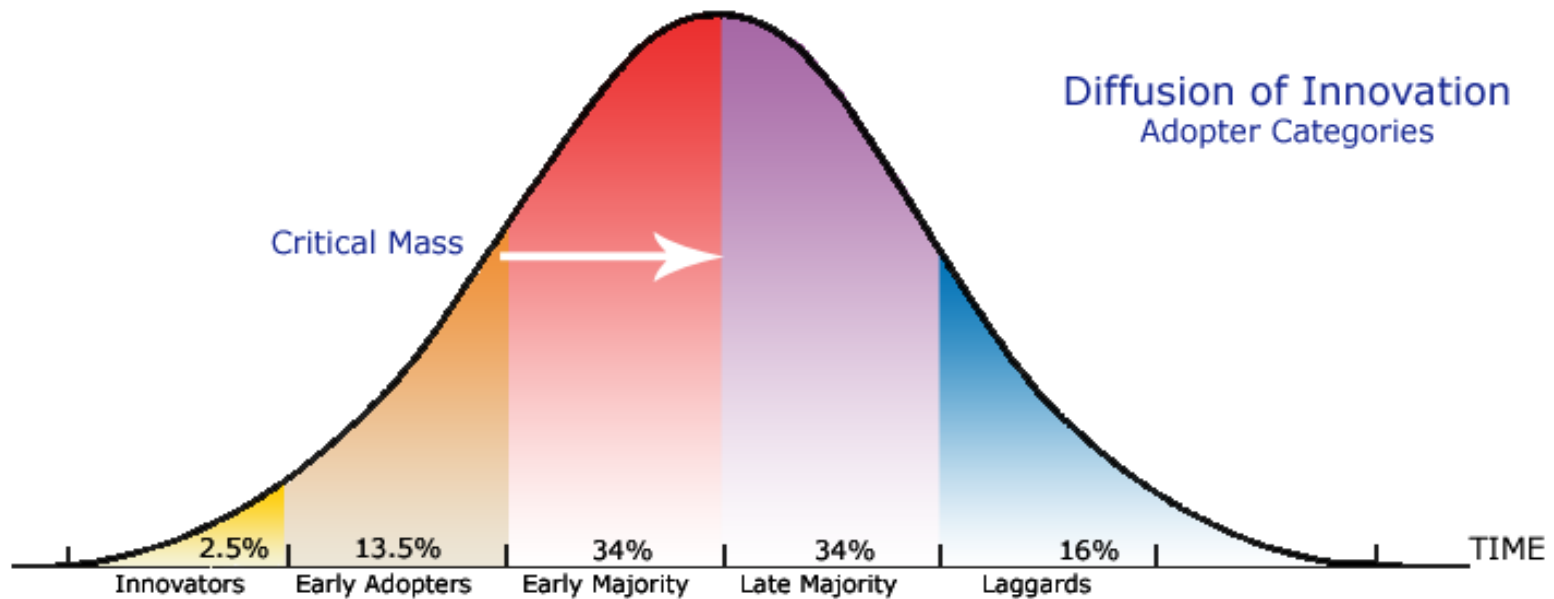


Looking forward. Achieving a **weed and pest free peninsula by 2022** (orange)

- Specific streets to canvas and engage during 2018 and 2019 for pest control.
- Contacts to engage in weed removal campaigns, after implementation of an STNN wide database system
- Funds of up to \$18,000 to raise for STNN to purchase self loading traps to ring fence in Atkinson Park (and repurpose across the peninsula long term).



Wicked problem - & solution



Diffusion of Innovation Model (Rogers 2010) from presentation by Dr Amabel Hunting

Relevance – Value based relevance

Relevance: People all relate to the environment:

- ✓ but with **different motivations**, therefore ...
- ✓ will do the same actions/tasks but for *different reasons*.

“ I want”:



Gecko NZ Trust – key words

- Healthy relationship between nature & culture → place based
- ‘Whole of’ – community, & landscape
- Community-led – 13 communities & 31 neighbourhoods
- Partnering. Not: ‘for’, ‘at’, ‘to’ but ‘WITH’
- **Facilitation: vision – structure – technical – strategise – broker → empower**
- Trust & ‘Friends of’



Good people do ...

1. 'All' people hold environmental values

Only real differences are:

- **Order of priority, &**
- **Degree of empowerment**

2. Daily behaviour affects environmental health and resilience

- Good people (and organisations) do good through caring ...
- ... and damage through ignorance & **systems** that make good choices difficult

Potential of communities

Reach land beyond agencies,
willingness beyond regulation.

Reach across sectors within community. Reach cause of environmental pressures, **build a 'we care'**

culture. Effective - affect daily

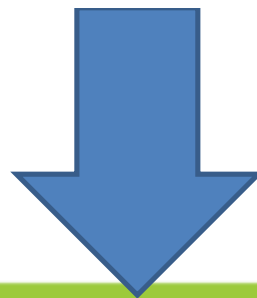
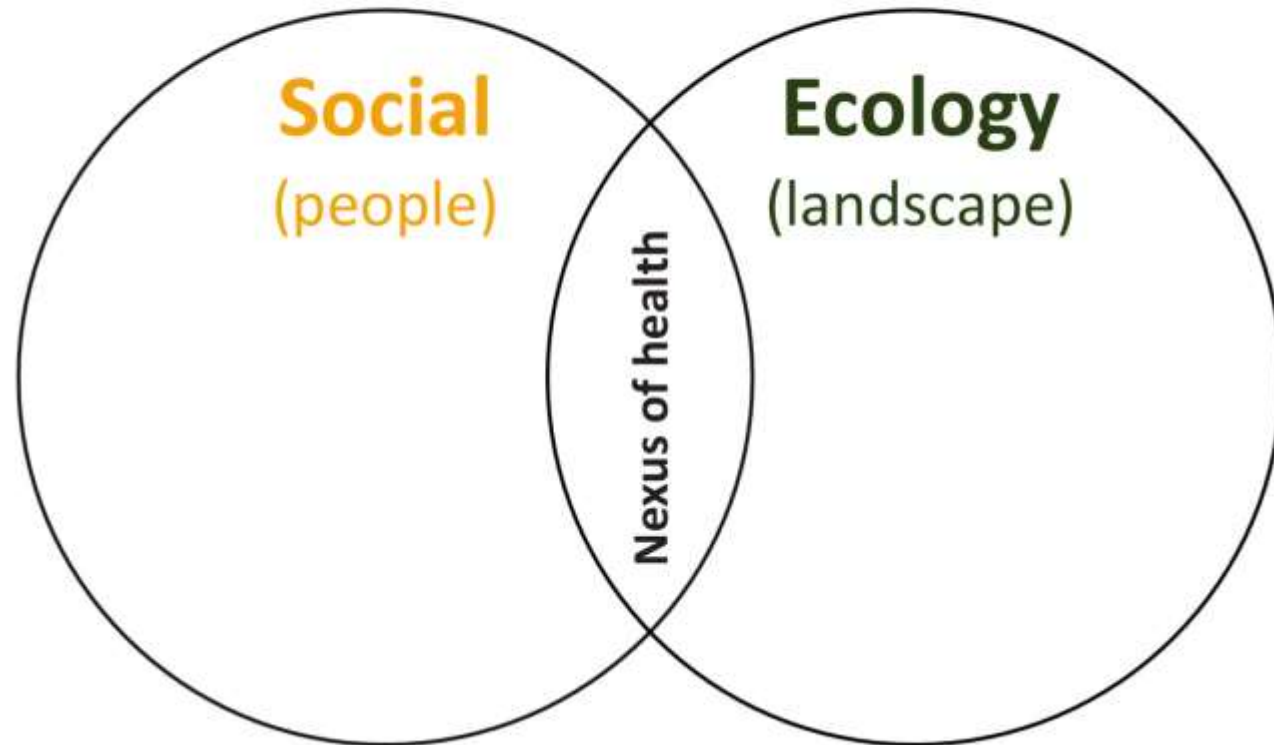
decisions. Efficient - gain and combine

resources. Strategic - enable, **constructive behaviour.**

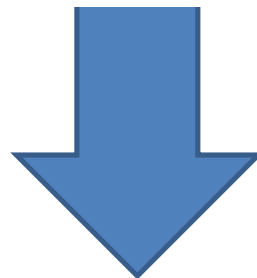
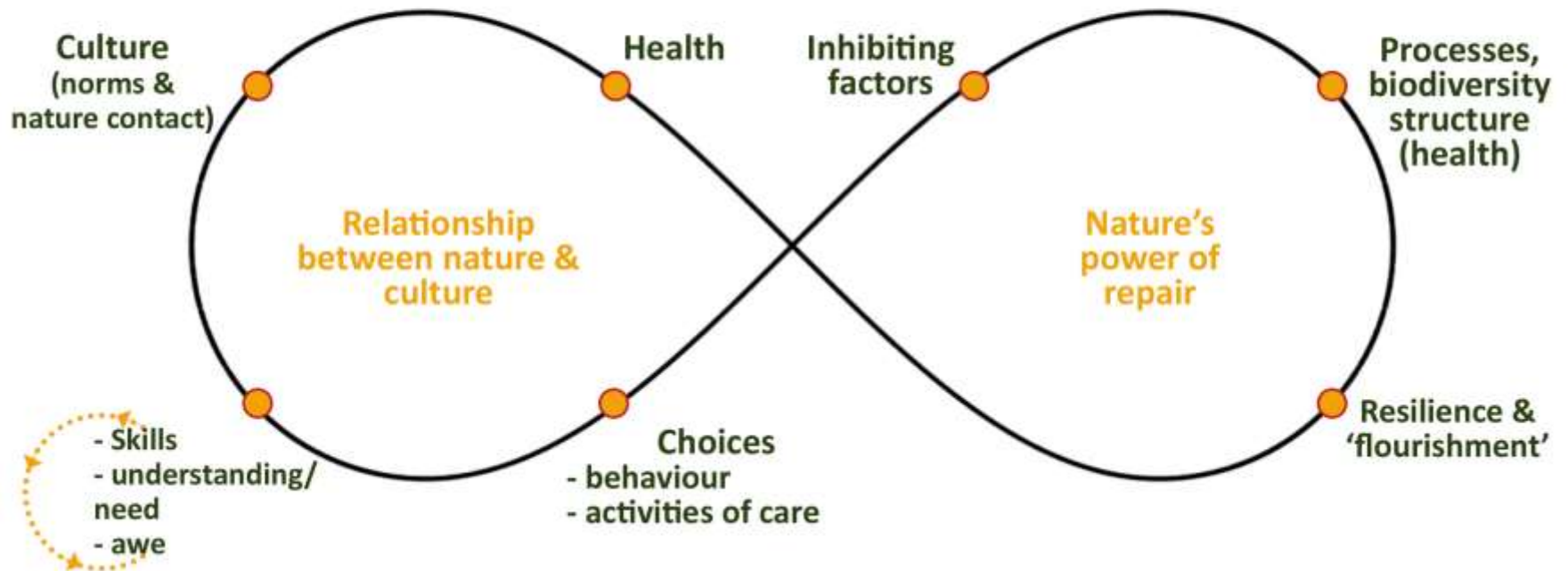
Ecological gains, engagement, support,

Identity, **Place**

The 2 Parts Of 'Place'



A System & Feedback Loop



Wicked Recommendations

- Engage with community – EIANZ & member orgs
 - Your projects
 - Their visions (strengths based)
- Whole of landscape
- EIANZ run workshops – working with communities of place
- Go to www.geckotrust.co.nz

