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# Disrupting & Deconstructing approaches to drug policy, research and practice

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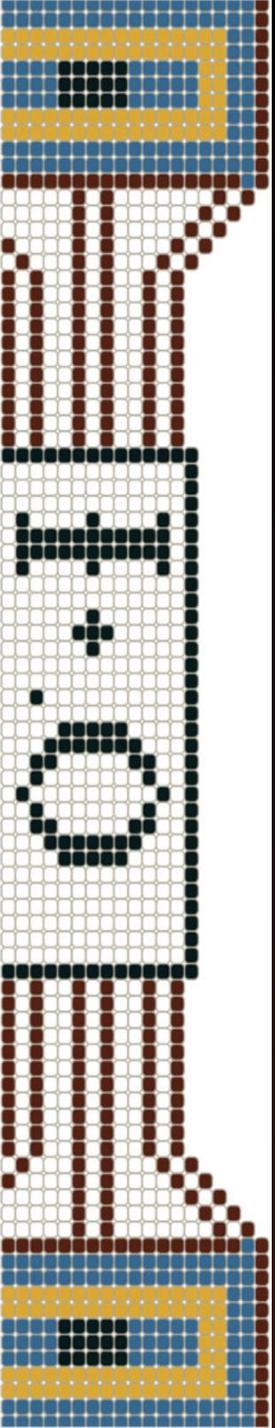
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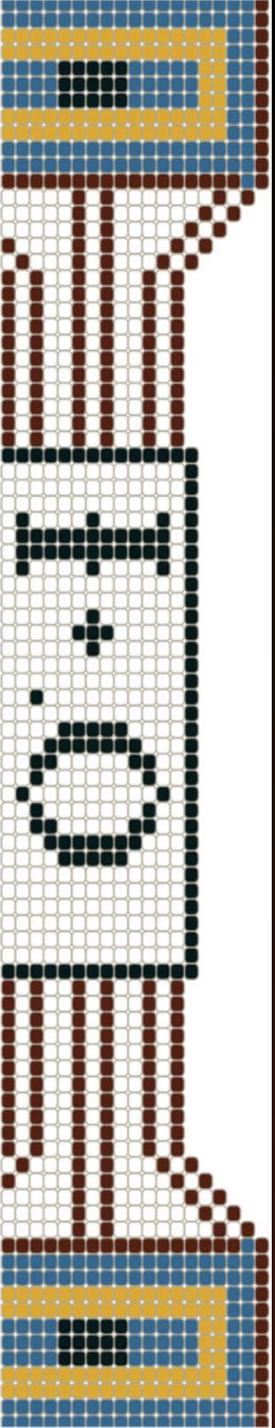


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# Presentation Overview

- Introductions
- Historical Context
- Global Drug Policies
- Impacts on Indigenous Peoples
- Charting a New Course: Indigenous Policy Responses



# IIDPA Timeline

- Launched at HOSW Eight Gathering in 2018
- Submitted the International Indigenous Intervention to 2019 UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs
- Presented on Indigenous-Led Harm Reduction at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

# Māori Land Loss in Te Wai Pounamu (South Island)

1844



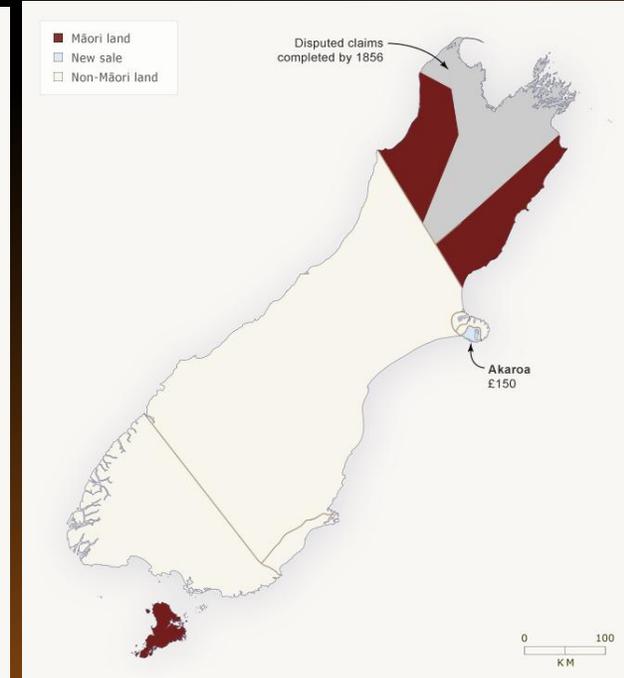
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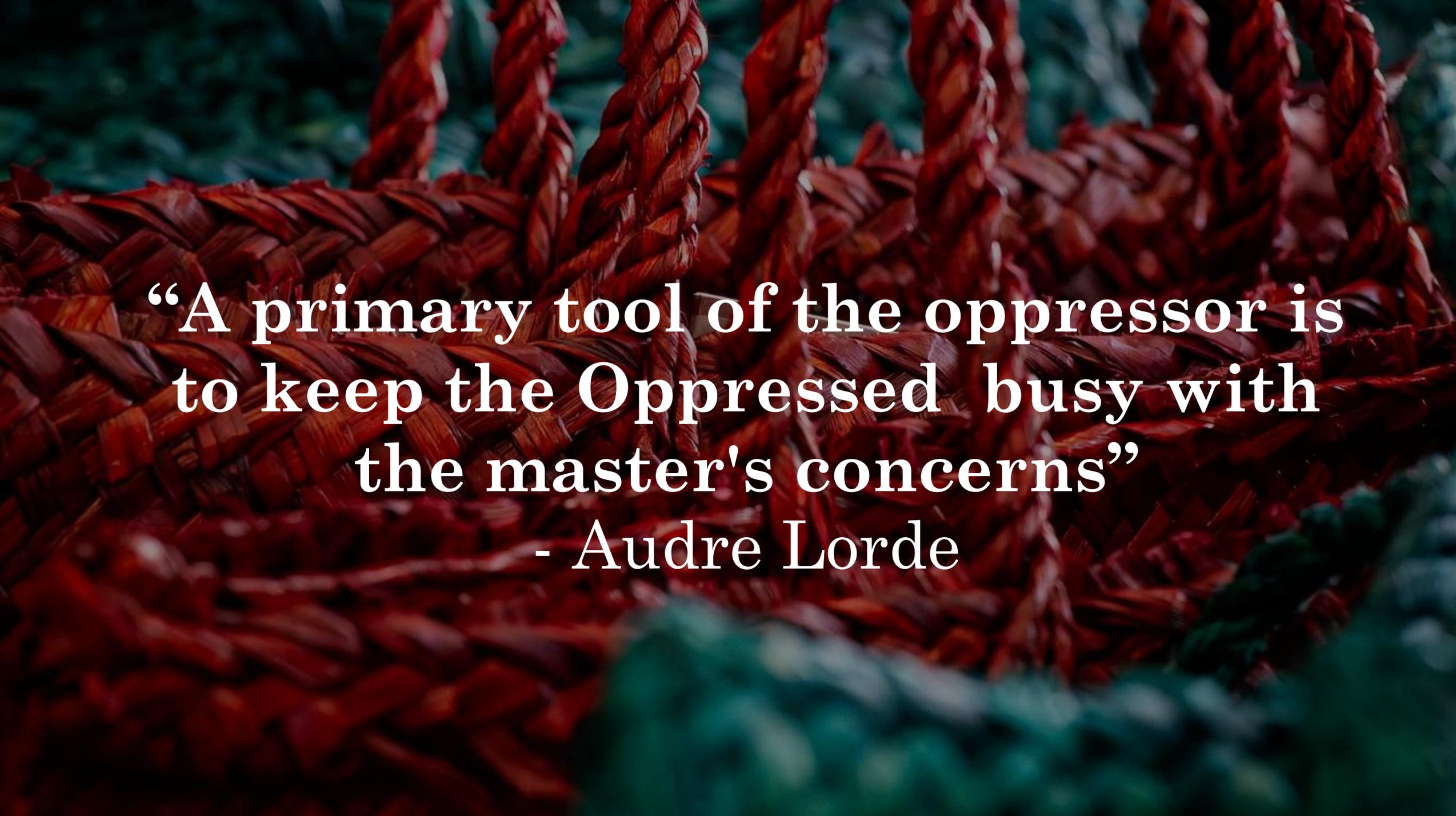
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**“A primary tool of the oppressor is  
to keep the Oppressed busy with  
the master's concerns”**

**- Audre Lorde**

Me mātau ki te whetū, i mua i te  
kōkiri o te haere

Before you set forth on a journey, be  
sure you know the stars



**Whare Tukutuku**

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