

## Sir Tipene O'Regan, GGGL Guest Speaker, Fall 2008

### Sir Tipene Background:

- Currently Assistant Vice Chancellor at the University of Canterbury
- Member of the Ngai Tahu Tribe of the Maori
- 1993 voted New Zealander of the Year by National Business Review
- Made a Knight Bachelor in 1994
- An advocate for marine mammals and maritime research
- Has made enormous achievements in securing rights for the Maori concerning land and sea fisheries



### CIA World Fact Book on New Zealand:

- NZ = size of Colorado
- Earthquakes are common, though usually not severe; volcanic activity
- Population: 4,173,460 (July 2008 est.)
- 7.9% Maori (2001 census)
- English (official), Maori (official), Sign Language (official)
- The Maori people are the indigenous people of New Zealand.