



GBIF Overview

GBIF-NZ Workshop 25 August 2025

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Global Biodiversity
Information Facility

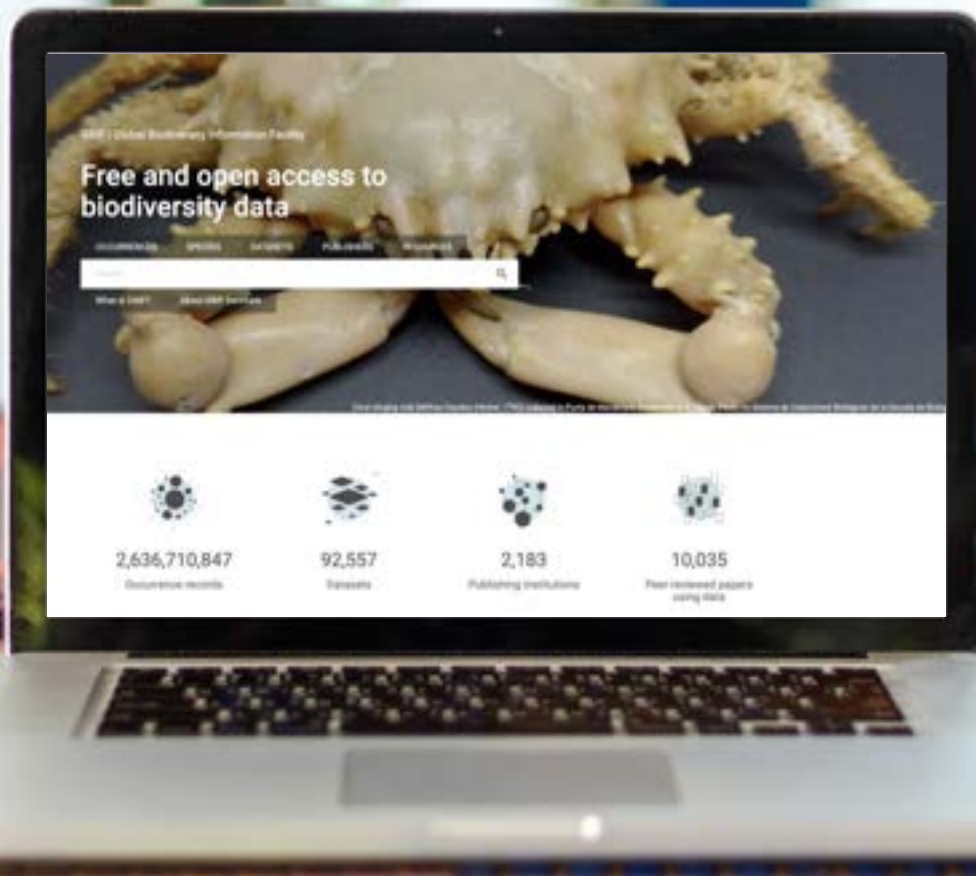
What is GBIF?

Intergovernmental network and data infrastructure

Provides anyone, anywhere, free and open access to data about all types of life on Earth

Voluntary collaboration through Memorandum of Understanding

Participant nodes, Secretariat in Copenhagen, DK



GLOBAL
CORE
BIODATA
RESOURCE

GBIF is a Global Core Biodata Resource

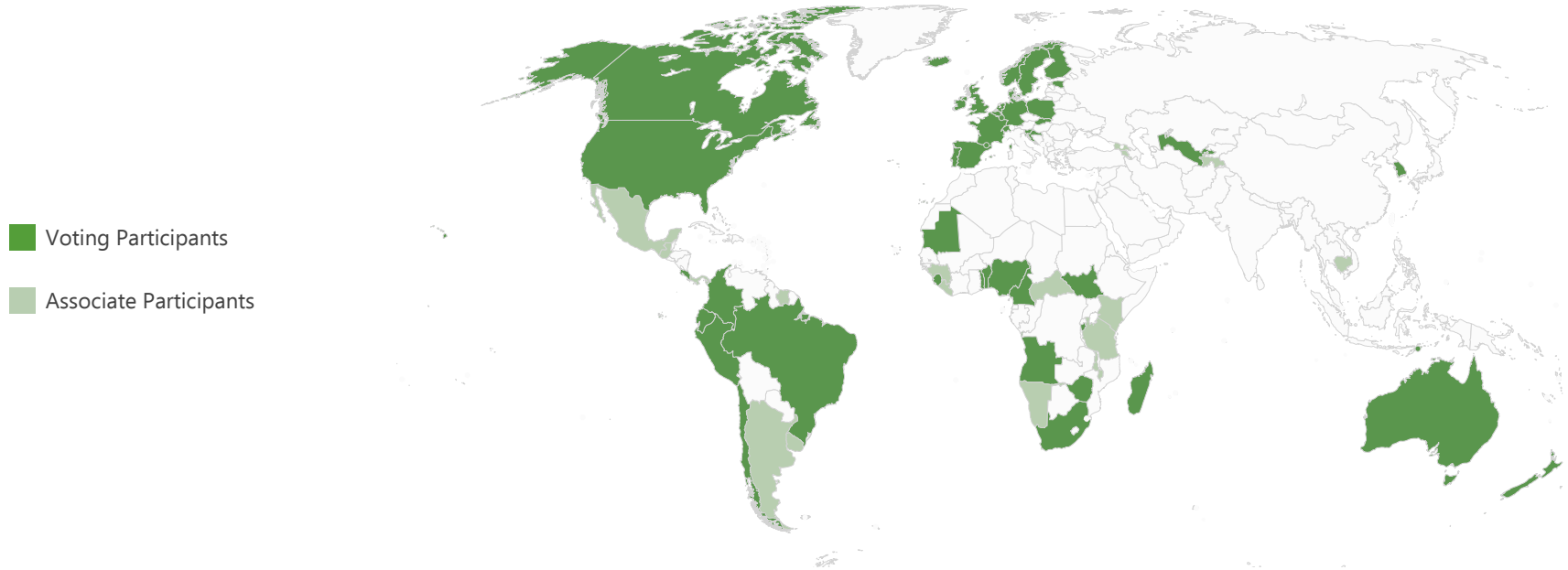
<https://www.gbif.org/> <https://www.gbif.org/news/6PHdgoyIF6RmI7u4VOouuD/gbif-named-a-global-core-biodata-resource>

• Vision

A world in which the best possible biodiversity data underpins research, policy and decisions.



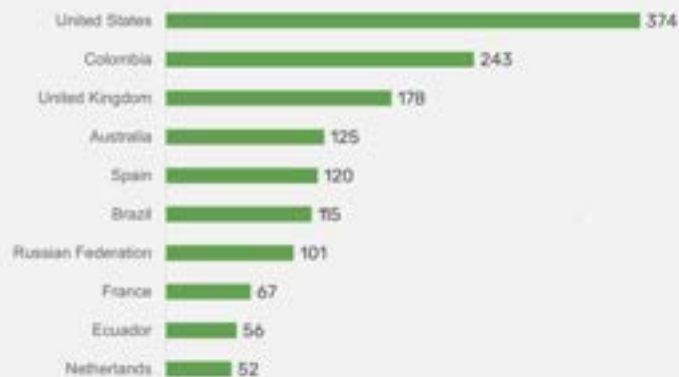
GBIF Participant countries



GBIF network of data publishing institutions

146

countries/areas with institutions
sharing data through GBIF





*Free and Open
Access to
Biodiversity Data*

GBIF New Zealand





- **Lead Agency: MBIE:** Jane Baxter
- Leads GBIF participation on behalf of the NZ Government



- **Head of Delegation:** Meredith McKay
- Provides national leadership, ensures commitments are met, and represents New Zealand's position in GBIF decision-making.



- **Node Manager:** Aaron Wilton
- Connects stakeholders, mobilises biodiversity data, and drive technical and community collaboration across the GBIF network

Why:

- Enables excellent science through access to world-class infrastructure
- Delivers benefits to agencies, councils, CRIs, and universities
- Single portal access makes data searchable and shareable
- Cost savings – no need for each organisation to host data

What:

1. Funds NZ's annual GBIF membership @ \$45K NZ
2. Appoints NZ representatives
3. Supports programme delivery
4. Funds Node Manager attendance at global meetings and some tech activities

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1. Node Manager time - BIS
 2. HoD time and travel - ECAN

GBIF Oceania

GBIF also has six regional networks.

Purpose

- Coordinate and support collaboration
- Build capacity and alignment
- Amplify regional voice in GBIF governance

GBIF Oceania;

- Australia
- New Zealand
- SPREP
- Tonga
- *Timor-Leste



Oceania Regional Nodes Meeting | Engagement meeting for BID Pacific



Representations		
Role	Name	Participant
Node regional representation co-ordinator	Wentworth, Peggy	Ministry of the Environment, Australia
Node regional representation co-ordinator	Wilson, Aaron	New Zealand
Participants		
Participant	Membership	Invited status
Australia	Invited participant	2021
New Zealand	Invited participant	2021
Minister of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme	Chief executive participant	2021
Pacific Region of GBIF	Invited participant	2021

GBIF Global Role

Interconnected collaboration with leading biodiversity and sustainability organisations



Uses GBIF data to model trends and gaps in biodiversity observations.



Draws on species observations essential for assessments

GBIF contributes data essential for SDG tracking and reporting (especially SDG 15).



GBIF supports businesses' growing interest in nature-related data public data facility



Convention on Biological Diversity

Collaborates with GBIF on policy frameworks and biodiversity targets.



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Supports agrobiodiversity data sharing and sustainable development integration.



Draws on GBIF data for global biodiversity assessments and indicators.

GBIF and The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

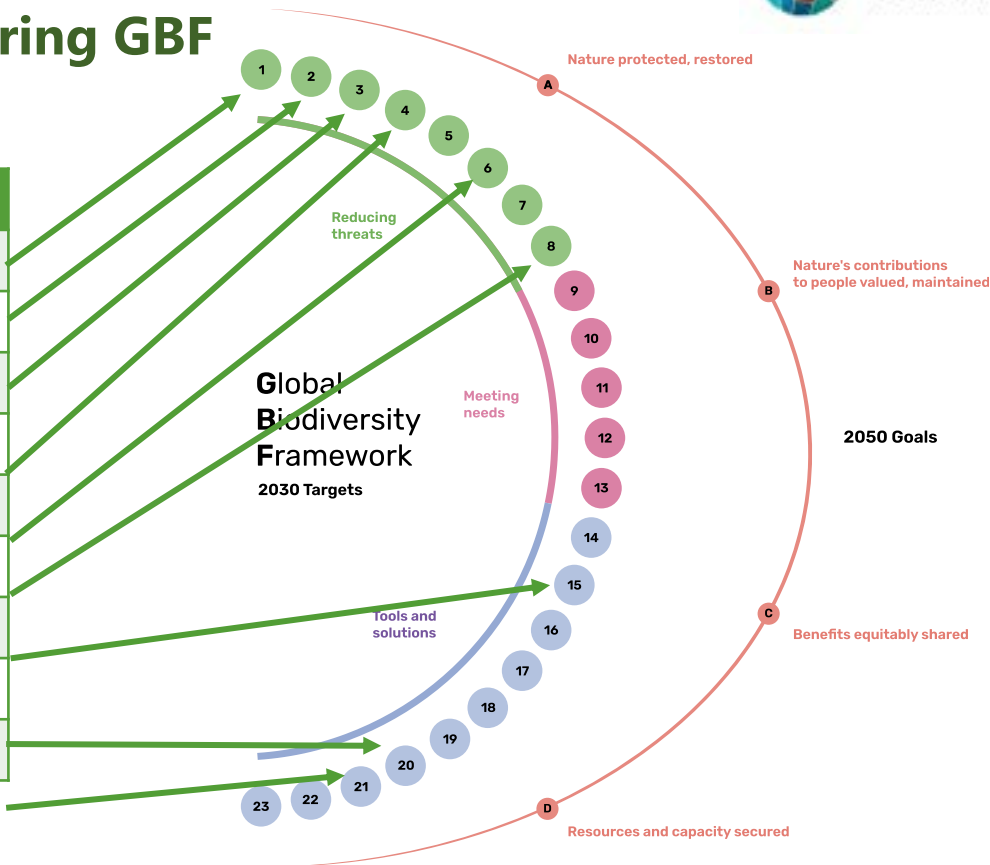


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Platform for sharing EIA data	
Capacity programmes for data mobilization and use	
Making data available for implementation	



One example

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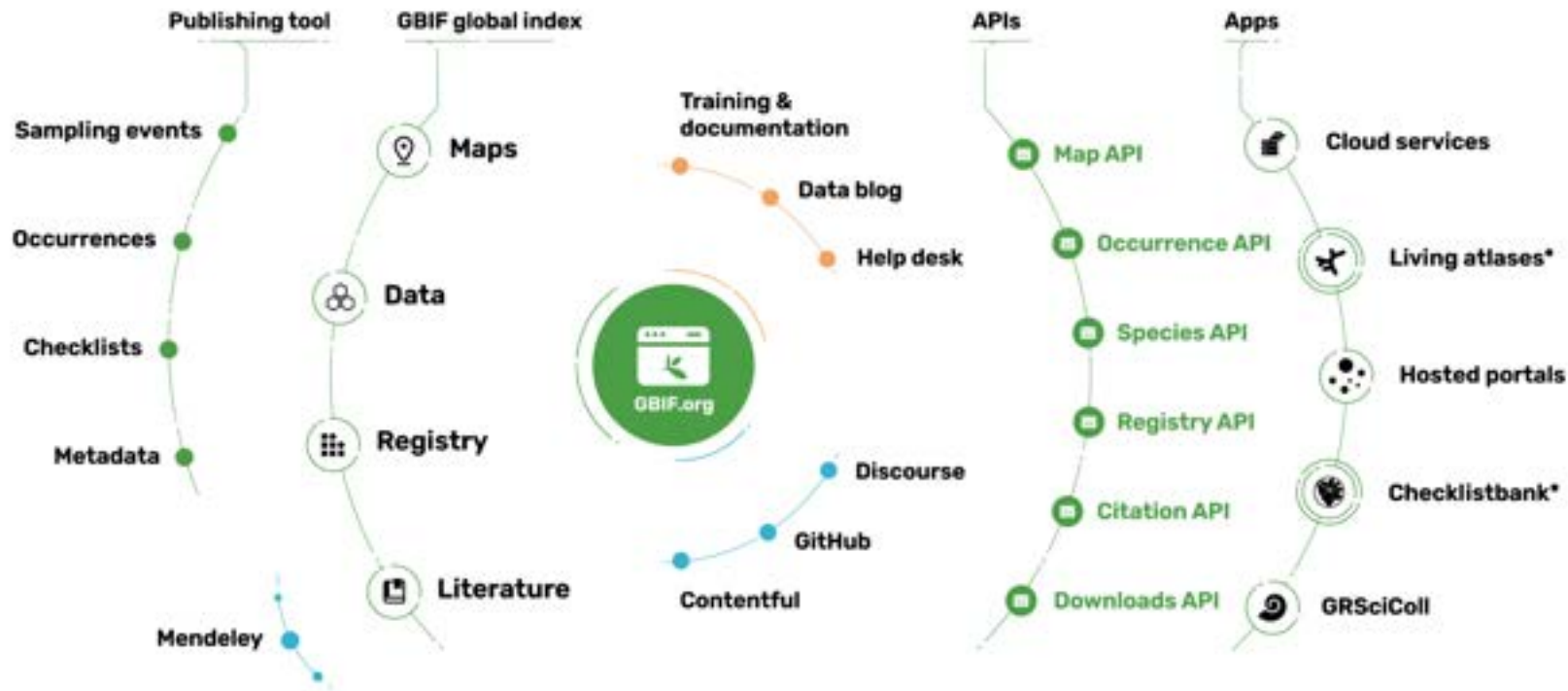


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How GBIF works



GBIF Infrastructure



*Collaborative development

Data richness levels supported by GBIF

FULL TITLE
BOS Arthropod Collection of University of O
events subset

DESCRIPTION

In this study, we analyse the relevance of the opportunistic, unplanned, and non-standard of the BOS Arthropod Collection of the University of Oviedo, we compared these and periodic collections with pitfall traps in the BOS Arthropod Collection in 1977, including

Descriptive information

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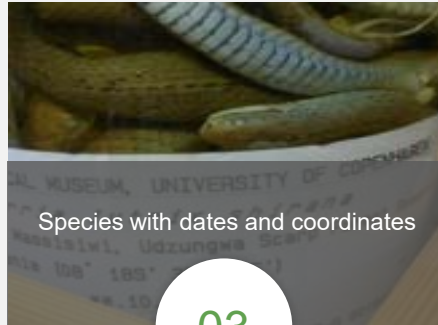
Dataset metadata



Species in countries and areas

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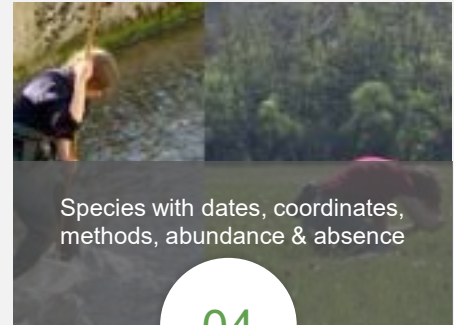
Species checklists



Species with dates and coordinates

03

Occurrence-only data



Species with dates, coordinates, methods, abundance & absence

04

Sampling-event data

Data Types

				
Introduction	eDNA metabarcoding	Camera trap	Tissue samples	Automatic moth trap
				
Global malaise programme	iNaturalist	Specimens with media	Environmental and community measurements	Taxonomic treatments in literature
				
Malaise trapping for reference barcode collection	Taxonomic checklist	Ecological survey data exchange specification	Biotic interactions	Glossary

Guidance and Documentation



Generalizing Sensitive Species
Occurrence Data



Georeferencing Best Practices



Georeferencing Quick Reference Guide



Guide to cleaning biodiversity data with
OpenRefine (available in Spanish only)

Publication



GBIF NZ

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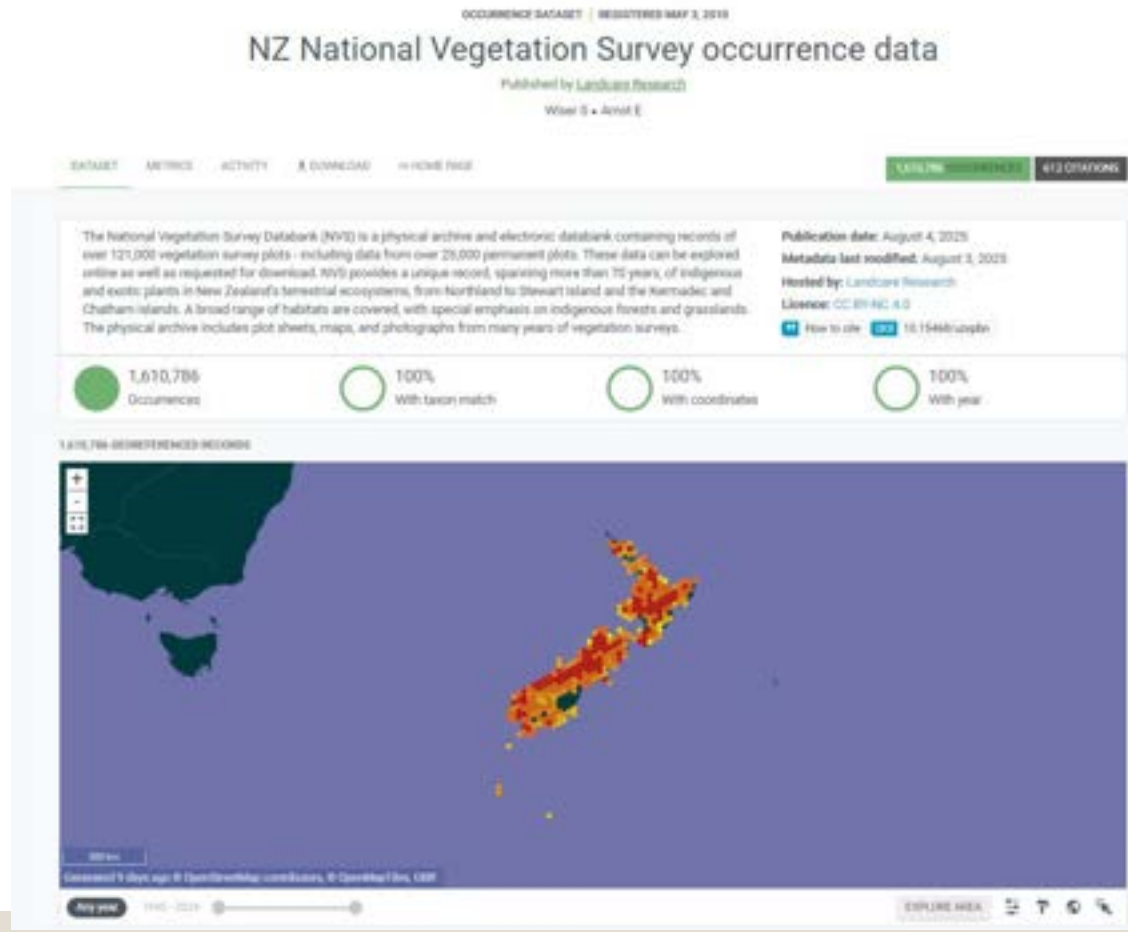
Home

Hosted resources available through this IPT

11 resource(s) currently available

Logo	Name	Organisation	Type	Subtype	Records	Last modified	Last publication	Next publication
	Auckland Council Regional Park Post Plant Observations 2005-2024	Auckland Council	Observation		26,420	2024-11-07 17:46:22	2024-11-07 17:46:22	
	Eight-Spots shuffler underwater videos	Wildlife at	Observation	Observation	12	2024-04-04 17:51:02	2024-04-04 17:51:02	
	Environment Canterbury Biodiversity Weed and Pest Data on Public Land 2023	Environment Canterbury	Observation	Observation	1,600	2024-11-04 02:13:50	2024-11-04 02:11:36	
	Environment Canterbury Threatened Wetland Plant Occurrences on Public Land	Environment Canterbury	Observation	Observation	134	2024-11-08 02:16:11	2024-11-08 02:16:14	
	Environment Canterbury Wetland Plant Occurrences on Public Land	Environment Canterbury	Observation	Observation	8,876	2024-11-08 23:31:28	2024-11-08 23:31:25	
	Kaitiaki Historical Biodiversity assessment	Wildlife at	Observation	Observation	72,369	2023-04-22 08:48:47	2023-04-22 08:48:51	

One example



In summary GBIF Provides



- Standards
- Federation
- Repository
- Data access
- Tools
- Data use tracking
- Citation tracking
- A community of practice



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Questions?

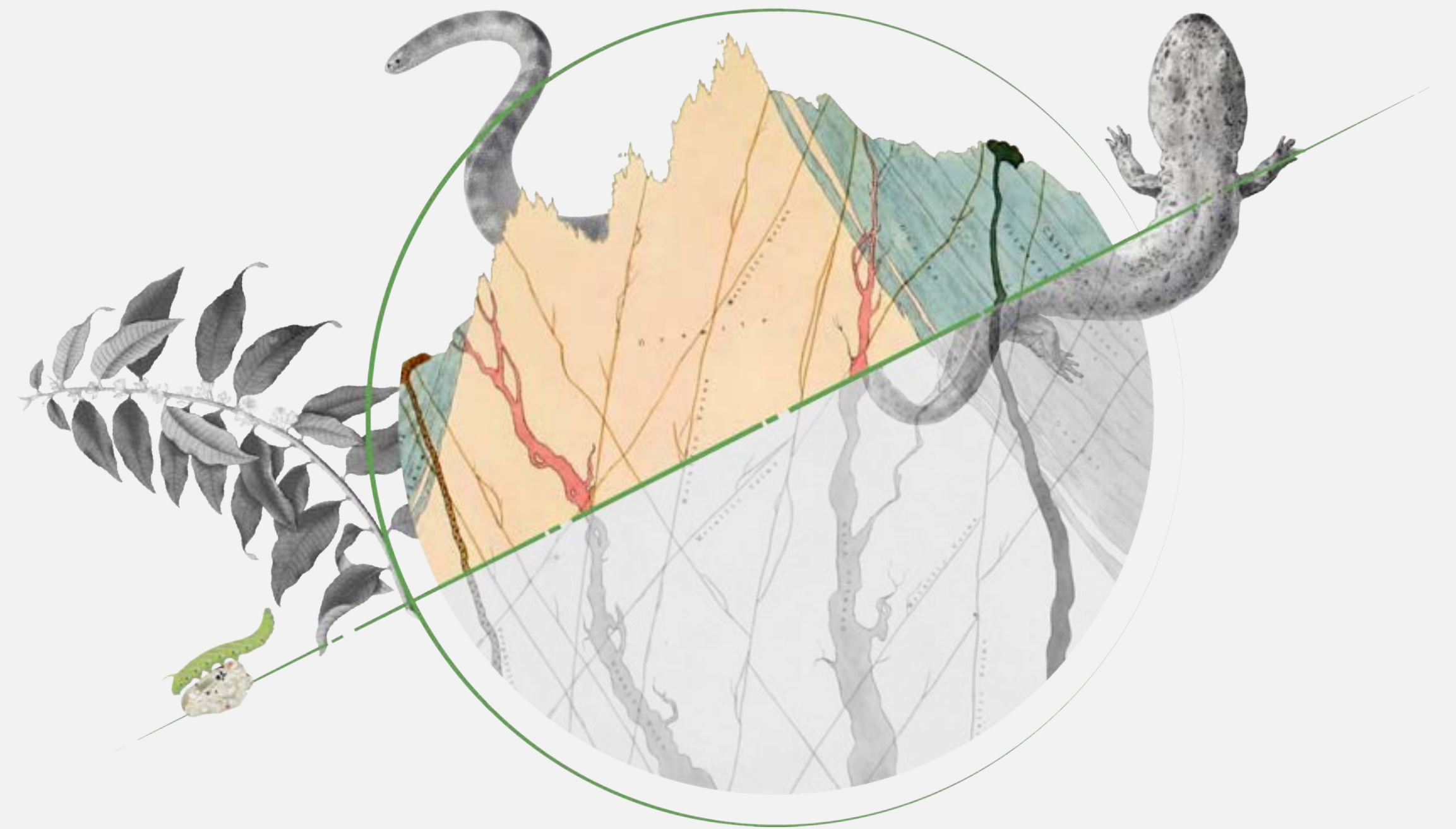


The value of GBIF



GBIF expands the scope of what is possible

Almost **half of GBIF users** would have found it **impossible to achieve** the same outcome in the absence of GBIF.



Economic dividend from GBIF -mediated data



For every **€1 invested** in GBIF
there are **€3 of benefits to users**
and up to **€12 to society**

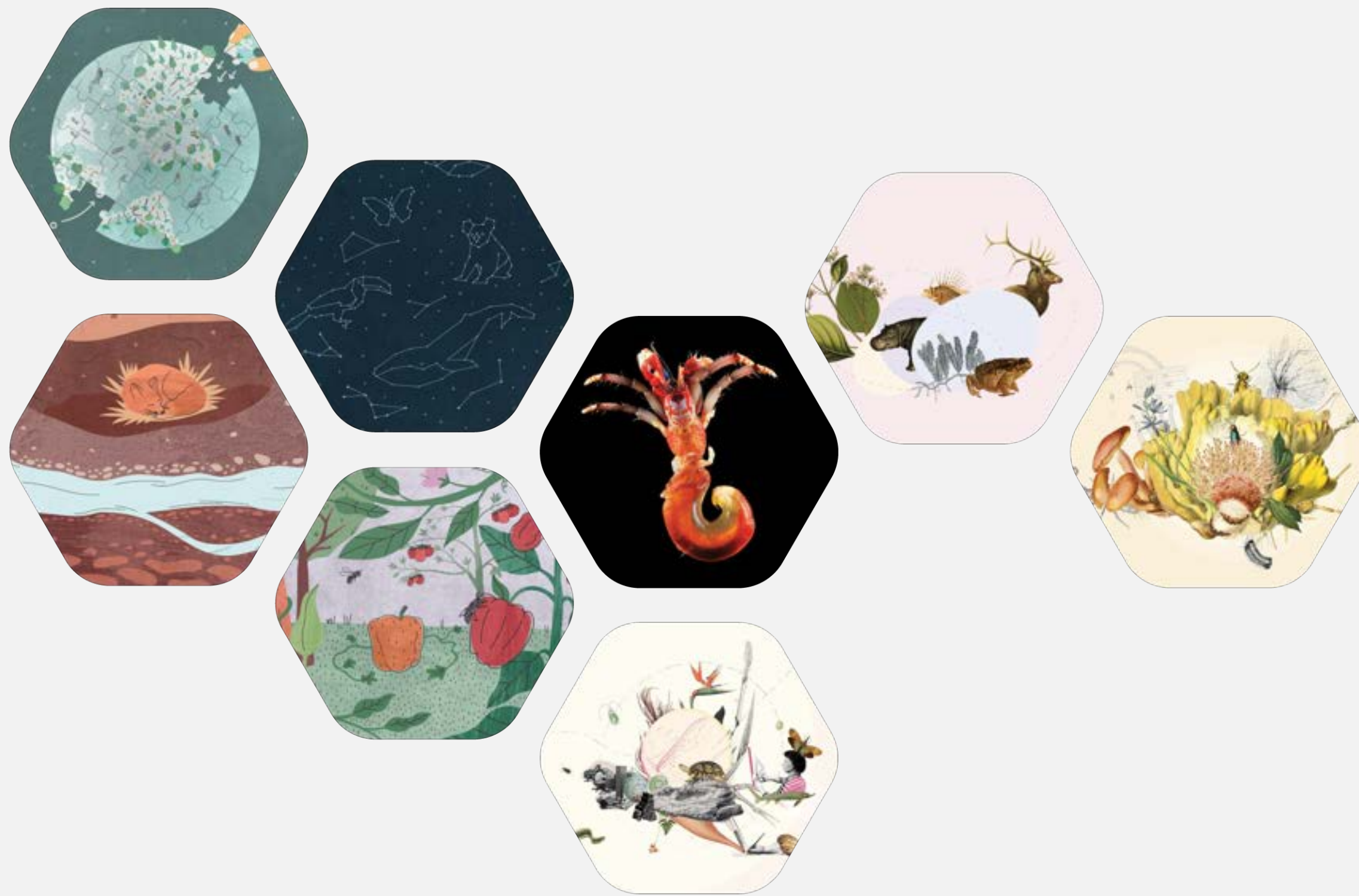


GBIF and a sustainable future

Almost all GBIF users , 92%,
identified that their use of GBIF -
mediated data was linked to
achieving Sustainable
Development Goals



Thematic communities



Fostering **focused collaboration** and **knowledge exchange** among experts in specific biodiversity domains, these communities serve as dynamic hubs where **people come together** to address **shared challenges**.



Research and policy

GBIF empowers its community of users to unlock new insights, enabling ground - breaking **scientific studies** and facilitating evidence - based **policy decision - making** .



Capacity enhancement

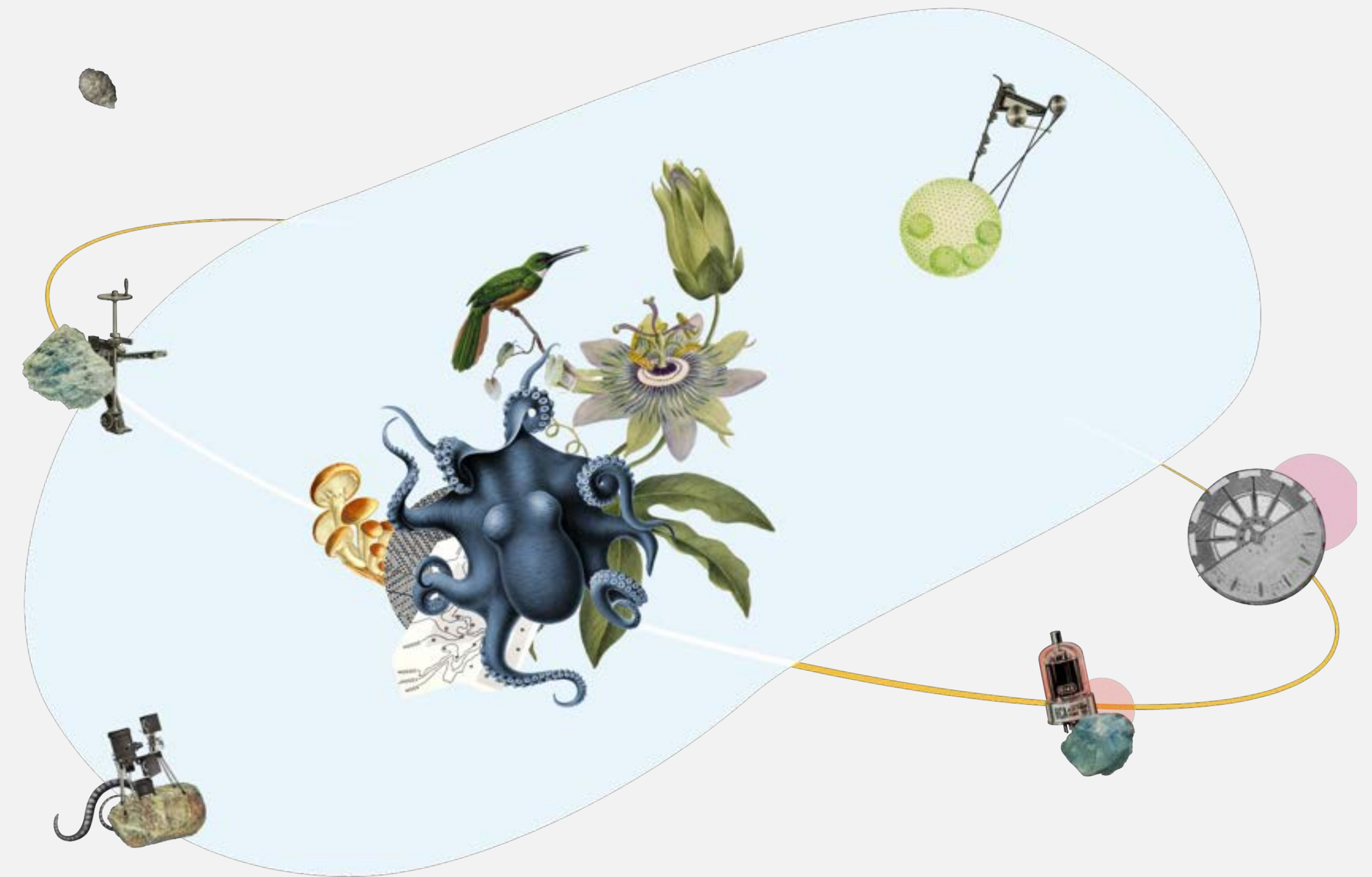


By **focusing on people** , GBIF recognises that the success of data sharing and conservation efforts relies on individuals' skills, knowledge, and engagement at various levels.



Shared infrastructure

By embracing a hosted framework, GBIF's infrastructure **democratises access to biodiversity data**, promotes collaboration, facilitates data harmonisation, and fosters innovative research.



Shared infrastructure

“the most comprehensive, openly available, application - agnostic (most unbiased), **easiest-to-use, and modern access point** to known digital species occurrence data.”

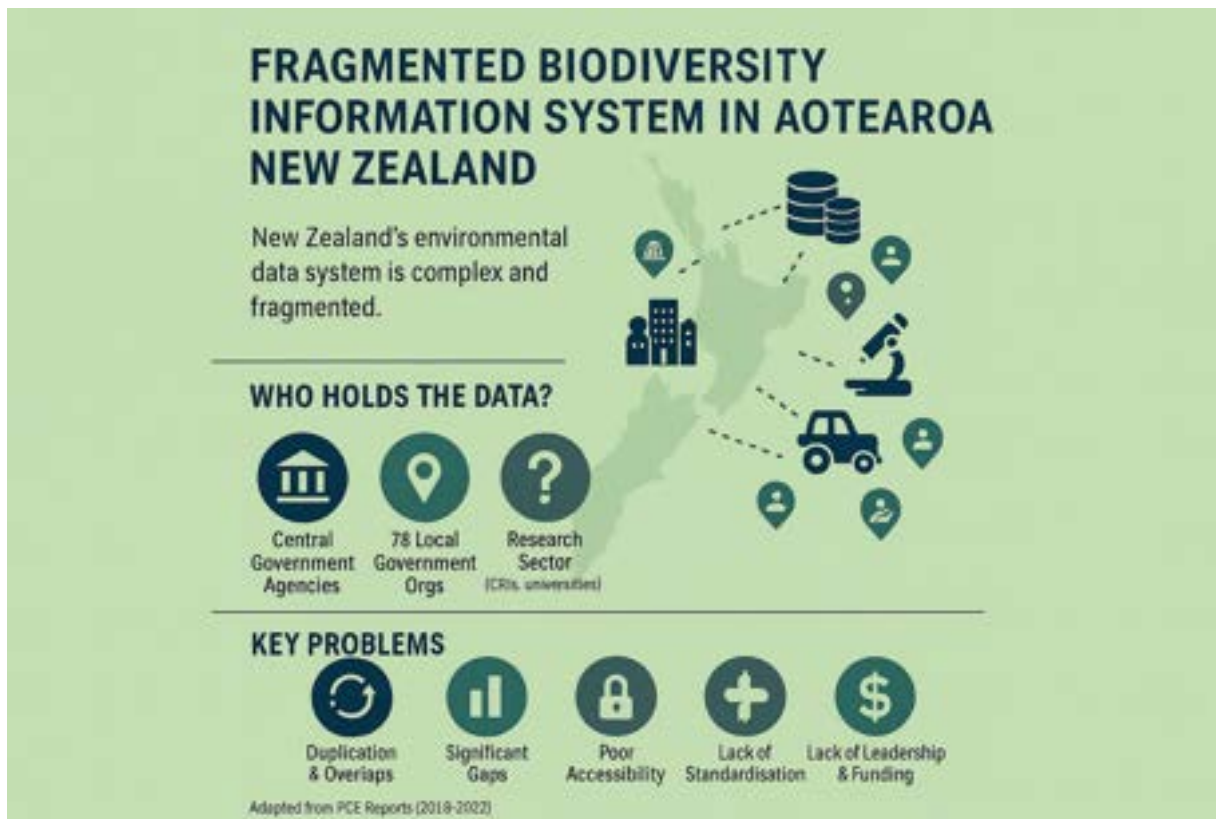
Committee on Data of the International Science Council (CODATA)



GBIF - Current NZ issues and emerging needs



Current Biodiversity Data Challenges



Recent Example

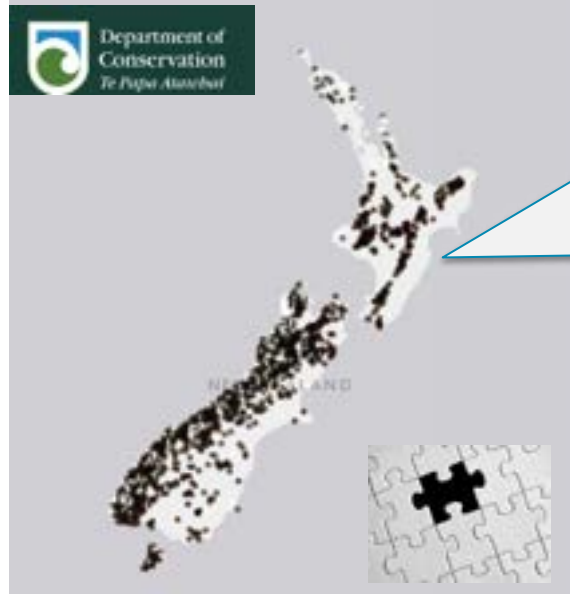
Abundance and distribution of ungulates



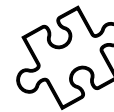
[our-environment-2025.pdf](#)



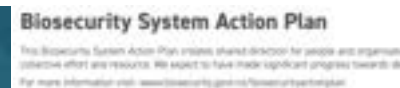
Hooved animals increased in occupancy (distribution) on public conservation land



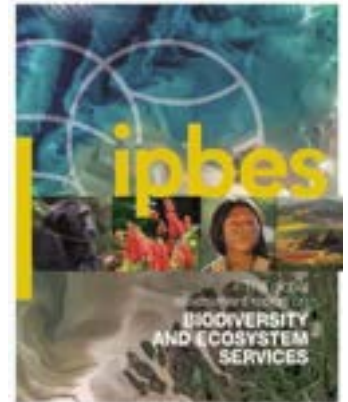
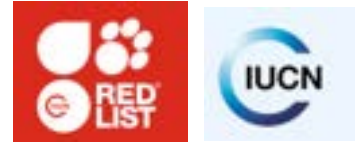
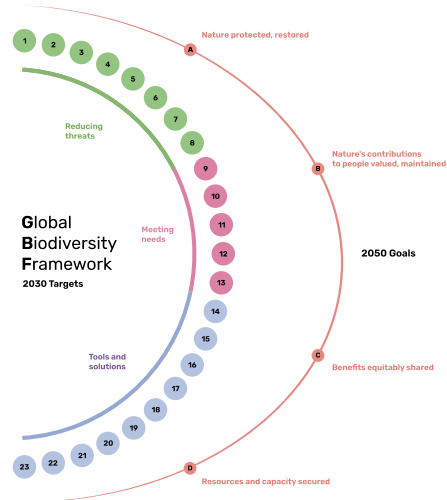
Data gaps across domains limit understanding of environmental systems and hinder effective modelling and decision-making.



Domestic drivers

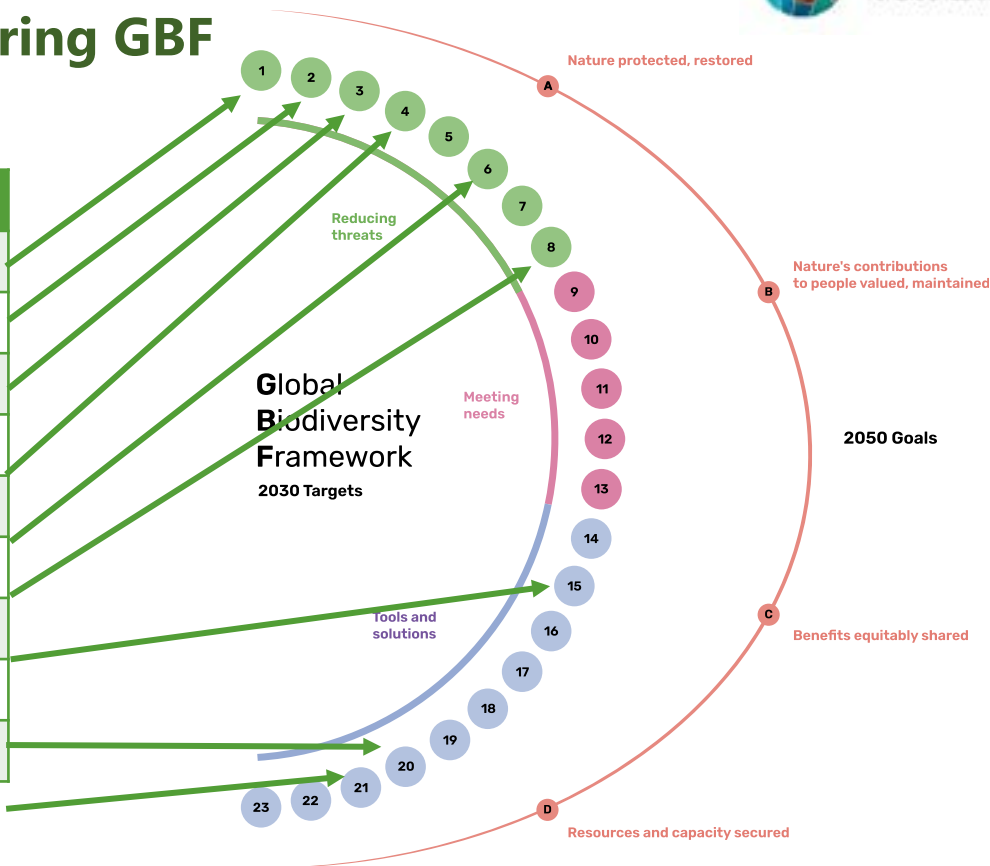


International Drivers



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GBIF and The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

The screenshot shows the GBIF website interface. At the top, there is a dark green navigation bar with links for 'INFORMATION' and 'ABOUT THE SECRETARIAT'. On the right side of this bar are links for 'LOGIN', 'ENGLISH', and a 'Search' button. A dropdown menu is open on the left, showing links for 'CONTACT US', 'TERMS OF USE', 'PRIVACY POLICY', 'CREDITS', and '© CBD SECRETARIAT'. Below the navigation bar, there is a horizontal menu with links for 'BIODIVERSITY CONVENTION', 'CARTAGENA PROTOCOL', 'NAGOYA PROTOCOL', 'COUNTRIES', and 'PRT'. The main content area features a green header for 'Notification 2025-037' followed by the title 'Invitation to join the Global Biodiversity Information Facility and to make use of its information for monitoring and implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework'. The body of the notification begins with 'Dear Sir or Madam,' and mentions 'In its decision 15/5, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In decision 16/25, it endorsed technical updates to the headline and binary indicators and welcomed the guidance on the monitoring framework provided by the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Indicators in documents CBD/COP/16/INF/3/Rev.1 and CBD/COP/16/INF/4. Based on the analysis contained in those documents, there are data gaps for many of the headline indicators for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. In decision 15/25, the Conference of the Parties invited Parties and other stakeholders to support exchanging information and build capacity for operationalizing the monitoring framework.'

2025-03-25

Subject(s): Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, indicators

Full text: [English](#)

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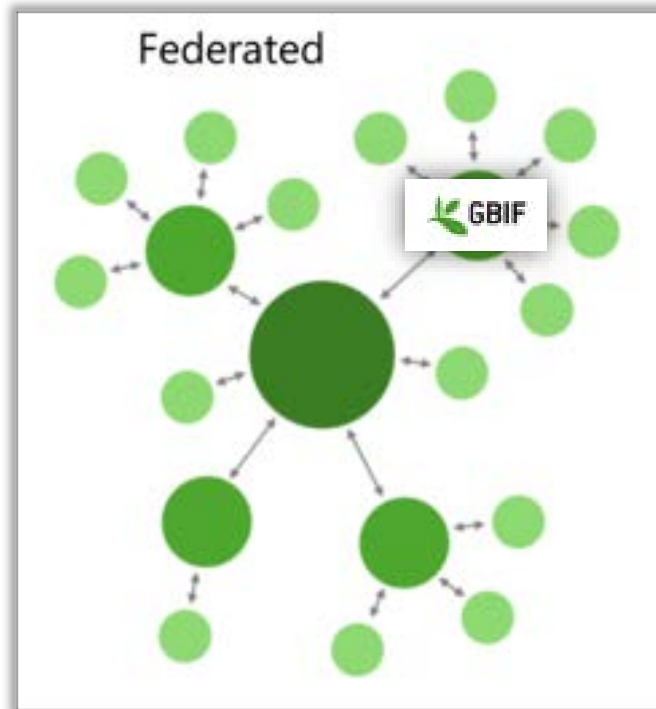
Our Q – Can GBIF help to...

Strengthen biodiversity knowledge and reporting through a trusted, global platform?

We think so as

- Proven Global Infrastructure - avoids reinventing the wheel
- Federation of Data
- Free and Open Access
- Standards & Best Practices
- Full-Service Ecosystem
- Promotes national coordination/collective action

We look forward to exploring this with you today



Pātai | Questions?





GBIF Strategy and Mobilisation Workshop

Geoffroy Lamarche – Chief Science Advisor

25 August 2025



Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment

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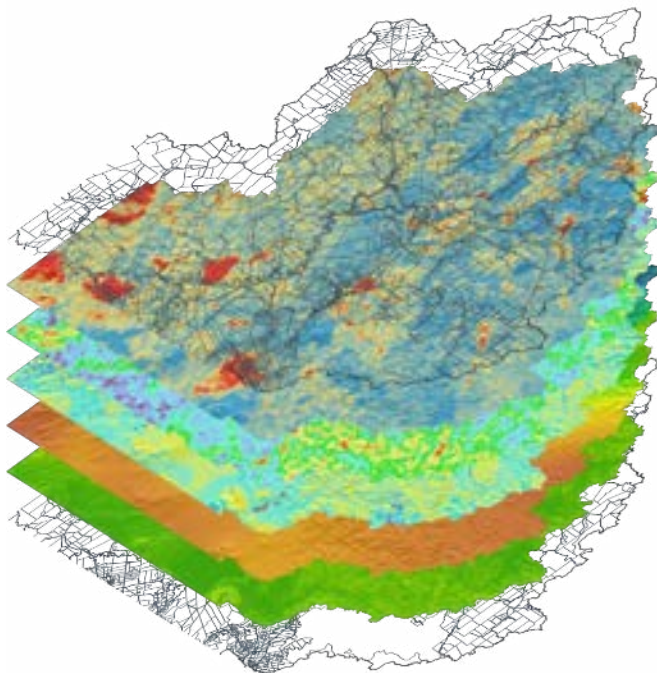
Dataset

→ **Database**

→ **Model output**

→ **Data portal**

→ **Collection**



Shortcomings of New Zealand's environmental information system

- Complex, Fragmented and Dispersed
- Plagued by duplication and overlaps
- Plagued by significant gaps
- Opaque
- Poorly accessible
- Lacking in strong leadership
- Lack of standardisation or compatibility

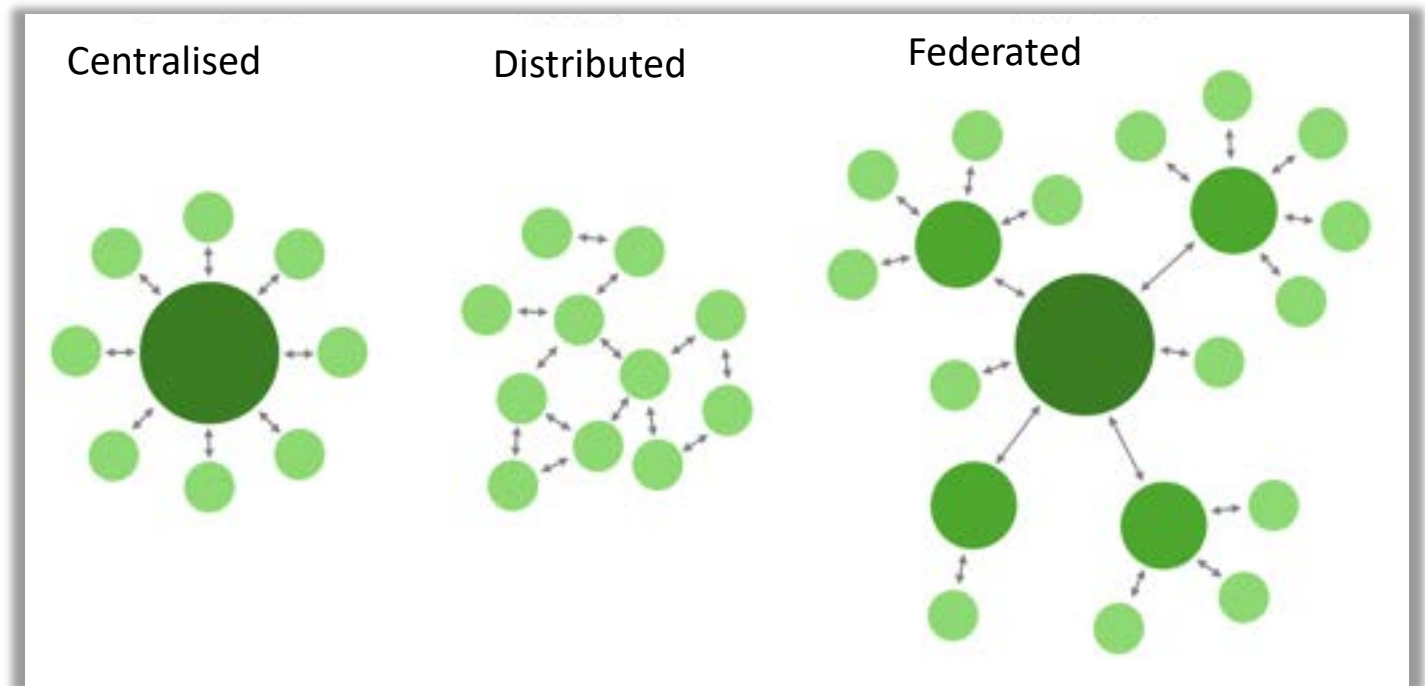


What makes a well-functioning data ecosystem?

- ✓ Reliable, scalable and maintainable
- ✓ Trustable
- ✓ Quality assurance processes
- ✓ Data sovereignty



- ☐ Governance
- ☐ Infrastructures
- ☐ Engagement
- ☐ Technology





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GBIF – NZ; History and work to date



Global Biodiversity
Information Facility

GBIF New Zealand 2001–2021

- 2001 – GBIF Formed and NZ joins
- Significant progress in early years
- 2004 – New Zealand's main collections and databases mobilized
- 2004- NZ hosts GBIF Global meeting and GB9
- 2005 – Dr David Penman elected GBIF Chair



EVENT | 4 - 8 OCTOBER 2004
2004 9th GBIF Governing Board (GB9) Meeting



- By 2021 New we had 7 publishers and 141 datasets!
- And we had plateaued

GBIF New Zealand Reset 2022–present

- 2022 – Workplan reset under current HoD & Node Manager
- 2023 – GBIF releases Economic valuation - Oceania lowest data use/downloads

Table A.4 Summary of data downloads by region, 2021

Region	Number of downloads
North America	41,675
Europe	69,127
Latin America	73,812
Asia	56,907
Africa	7,059
Oceania	4,438
Total	253,029



2023 Gap Analysis



15,036,460

Occurrences



7

Species lists



15

Publishers



148

Datasets

Top data contributors about biodiversity in New Zealand

Rank	Country or area	No. of occurrences
1	New Zealand	10,939,768
2	United Kingdom	1,280,396
3	United States of America	870,367
4	Australia	142,952
5	Germany	58,056
6	International organization or unknown country	53,757
7	Estonia	52,362
8	Netherlands	39,179
9	Sweden	19,207
10	France	16,729

Table 1. Ranking of countries or areas contributing data about New Zealand

Top datasets contributing data about New Zealand

EOD – eBiod Observation Dataset. 5,070,851 occurrences in New Zealand. (Last updated 20 Aug 2023)

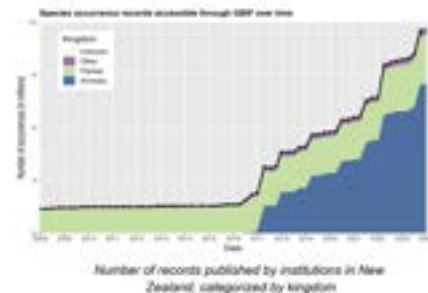
NZ National Vegetation Survey occurrence data. 1,578,543 occurrences in New Zealand. (Last updated 5 Jun 2023)

Naturalist Research-grade Observations. 1,236,027 occurrences in New Zealand. (Last updated 2 Jan 2024)

New Zealand fish and squid distributions from research bottom trawls 1964-2008. 488,186 occurrences in New Zealand. (Last updated 14 Feb 2020)

New Zealand research tagging database. 405,406 occurrences in New Zealand. (Last updated 8 Aug 2018)

Data mobilization



Most recent datasets from publishers in New Zealand

First record of male freshwater eels (*Anguilla dieffenbachii*) caught at sea. Published by The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA)
<https://doi.org/10.15468/pvnc7n>

Recent (post-1930) changes in the extent of subtidal seagrass (*Zostera muelleri*) beds of the eastern Bay of Islands, New Zealand. Published by Southwestern Pacific Ocean Biogeographic Information System (OBIS) Node
<https://doi.org/10.15468/a5ybtw>

Three recorded *Ostreopsis* spp. (Dinophyceae) in New Zealand waters from 1967 to 1997. Published by The National Institute
<https://doi.org/10.15468/h3au0n>

New Zealand Arthropod Collection - Synonymy
<https://doi.org/10.15468/gkxhgy>

New Zealand Garden Bird Survey 2018-2019
<https://doi.org/10.15468/bllmftz>

New Zealand Garden Bird Survey 2020-2021
<https://doi.org/10.15468/q2mkok>

Biggest
Mobilisation & Use
Gaps??

Central Govt
Regional Govt
Private Sector



Kickoff - Strategic alliances (e.g. ANZBS - DOC/MFE/MPI)



1. New Zealand has a solution for open access to primary biodiversity data through the genetic infrastructure already in place by GDS.
2. New Zealand's biodiversity information infrastructure is structured to access its GDS networks and tools that facilitate modelling of datasets.
3. New Zealand government agencies, researchers and communities actively access and use GDS-mediated biodiversity data.
4. New Zealand's biodiversity information infrastructure is designed to facilitate use and contribution to GDS to evaluate and re-assess.
5. Open coverage, completeness and resolution of New Zealand's biodiversity information are identified and priority datasets maintained.
6. New Zealand has open access that is support research and decisions, addressing biodiversity loss and climate change from local to global scales.

Phase	Theme	Indicative timing
Establish	Transfer processes, programmes and infrastructure to support GBF New Zealand	2012-2013
Engage	Building participation in, and awareness of GBF New Zealand	2012-2014
Initiative	Articulation of priority data	2012-2014
Expand	Capacity building and increased mobilisation	2013-2016
Monitor		ongoing

Case 9:22-cv-01001-WCM-PLA-M

Priority Gap filling Projects

Priority Gap filling Projects

- DOC Mobilisation Bio Data (& Clearing House Mechanism)
- MFE / Reg Councils
- MBIE / Envirolink
- MPI/DOC weeds (SWAT)
- DOC Tier 1 & MFE LUCAS
- DOC/MFE Monitoring Network Catalogue
- DOC & PF2050
- MFE/DOC/NZOR – Checklists

Priority data: monitoring & eDNA



Progress made



- ✓ GBIF-NZ hosted portal
- ✓ IPT – Mechanism
- ✓ 11 new publishers – Regional councils and DOC
- ✓ Many more occurrences records



GBIF NZ Work Programme

Our Strategic initiatives

- ✓ GBIF Oceania
Regional meeting
- ✓ GB31 – NZ
interventions
approved
 - ✓ Working group on
Indigenous Data
Governance and
 - ✓ Local Context pilot



Indigenous data governance



Partner Perspectives – Next Steps



- MFE
- Regional Councils
- MPI
- DOC
- OBIS

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GBIF Future Plans and Opportunities

25 August 2025



GBIF New Zealand Priority Areas & Activities

- Aligned with the **GBIF Global Work Programme**.
- Translates global priorities into a **New Zealand-specific plan**.

GBIF Work Programme 2025 Annual Update and Implementation Plan to the Strategic Framework 2023–2027



- Ensures NZ's biodiversity data mobilisation and use reflects both **international obligations** and **domestic needs**.

GBIF New Zealand Priority Areas & Activities



Priority Area 1: Science and Research

Improving biodiversity evidence for scientific research and understanding



Priority Area 2: Policy and Partnerships

Developing partnerships that benefit policy and society



Priority Area 3: Community and Capacity

Developing the GBIF network to meet future needs and challenges



Priority Area 4: Infrastructure and Data

Products; Maintain and evolve infrastructure to advance biodiversity-related knowledge

Science and Research

Mobilize and use biodiversity data in priority thematic areas

Initial focus on those supporting regional, national and international reporting (e.g., RMA, ANZBS, CBD-GBF)



Advance biodiversity modelling.

Scope modelling pilots using GBIF data cubes and workflows (e.g. species distribution - Bon in a Box).



Increase capacity to share survey and monitoring data.

Mobilise monitoring datasets (E.g. National Biodiversity and Carbon Monitoring programme (Tier 1/LUCAS))



Improve integration of taxonomic data - DNA/eDNA data/Camera/ARD....

Mobilise eDNA data (E.g. Wilderlabs) working with Oceania Instance of MDT



Policy and Partnerships

Support the science-policy interface

Develop a strategy with agencies for GBIF NZ contribution to national efforts to fulfill the commitments within the Kunming-Montreal GBF



Kunming-Montreal
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

Develop specific indicator/use-case pilots with agencies (e.g., Target 6 and GRIIS lists)

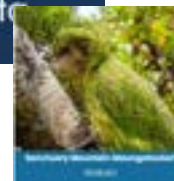
Target 6

Reduce the Introduction
of Invasive Alien Species
by 50% and Minimize
Their Impact

GRIIS
GLOBAL REGISTER OF
INTRODUCED AND INVASIVE SPECIES

Support nature-positive outcomes for business, finance, and production sectors.

Develop specific NZ pilots; NZ Biodiversity Credits, TNFD and EIAs data publication.



Community and Capacity

Support and strengthen nodes.

Expand GBIF-NZ Node capacity to provide technical, coordination, and governance support.



Develop skills and capacity

Develop Ambassador programme —sector representatives to champion GBIF-NZ in their domains.



Expand and strengthen participation.

Explore funding and investment (direct and in-kind) to support mobilisation of priority datasets (collective action)



Infrastructure and Data Products

Strengthen support services for publishers and users

Indigenous Data Governance (IDG) guidance:
Publish GBIF guidance / develop NZ-specific guide



Local Contexts labels; Support NZ pilot testing application of Local Contexts Traditional Knowledge and Biocultural Labels



Strengthen support services for publishers and users cont...

- Sensitive Data: develop NZ-specific guidance for managing sensitive species data.
- Intellectual Property & Licensing: create NZ-specific guidance to support clear licensing and IP management.



ChecklistBank adoption; develop data pipelines for NZ taxonomic checklist to ChecklistBank



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MfE perspective and priorities on GBIF and environmental data systems

Cross-Agency Workshop – 25th August 2025

Our Why?

Our strategic priority is improving environmental evidence and reporting as a foundation for better decision-making.

We want **interoperability, consistency, and accessibility...**

So GBIF is the natural ready-made solution for biodiversity data

Active work areas requiring good data:

- Environmental reporting (including carbon accounting)
- Biodiversity Credits Market Policy
- RM including NPS-IB, NPS-FM, and new system development (limits)
- Red-listing (of naturally uncommon ecosystems)

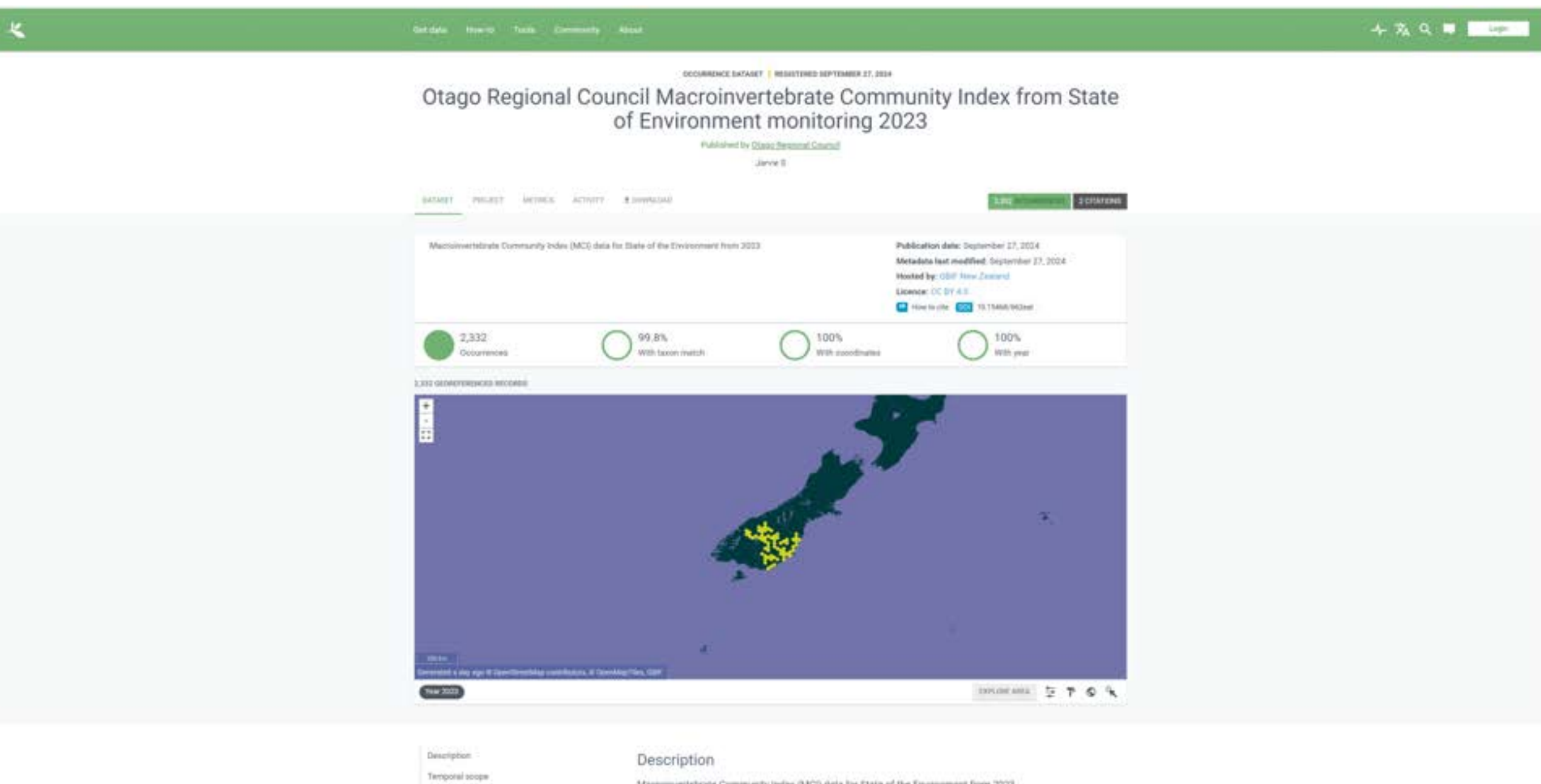
What we have done so far:



What we have done so far? The Council Pilots

Council	Contact	Data
Auckland Council	Craig Simpkins	Regional Park Pest Plants 2005-2024
Environment Canterbury	Miles Burford	Wetland plant occurrences from public land Biosecurity Weed and Pest Data on Public Land 2003-2024
Nelson City Council	Philip Cochrane & Todd Dennis	Avian point data in Nelson reserves
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Otago Regional Council Macroinvertebrate Community Index from State of Environment monitoring 2023

What we are doing now?

1. Engaging the Community
2. Building an eDNA Bridge
3. Getting Over It (the eDNA Bridge)
4. Getting the Taxonomic Foundations Right (NZOR)
5. Walking the Talk (by mobilising MfE data)
6. Scoping next FY work program



What we are doing now?

1. Engaging the Community

Engaging with GBIF NZ, NZOR, Wilderlab, researchers, DOC, MfE, MPI, HBRC, ORC, Biodiversity SIG, and Environmental Data SIG to ensure buy in and shared vision.

2. Building an eDNA Bridge (*Epi*)

Enabling eDNA data uploads directly from lab (Wilderlab) to GBIF to save on transaction costs and make it easier to share data.

3. Getting Over It (the eDNA Bridge)

Understanding decisions around sharing (or not sharing) eDNA data to identify how MfE can best support local government to share.

4. Getting the Taxonomic Foundations Right (*TBD MWLR*)

Exploring the integration of national taxonomy into GBIF, with a pilot focused on freshwater biodiversity to support consistent and authoritative species data.

5. Walking the Talk

Working towards mobilising MfE LUCAS plot data (from private land) from NVS to GBIF by updating land owner permission processes.



1. Setting up pipelines for NZ eDNA data to go onto GBIF

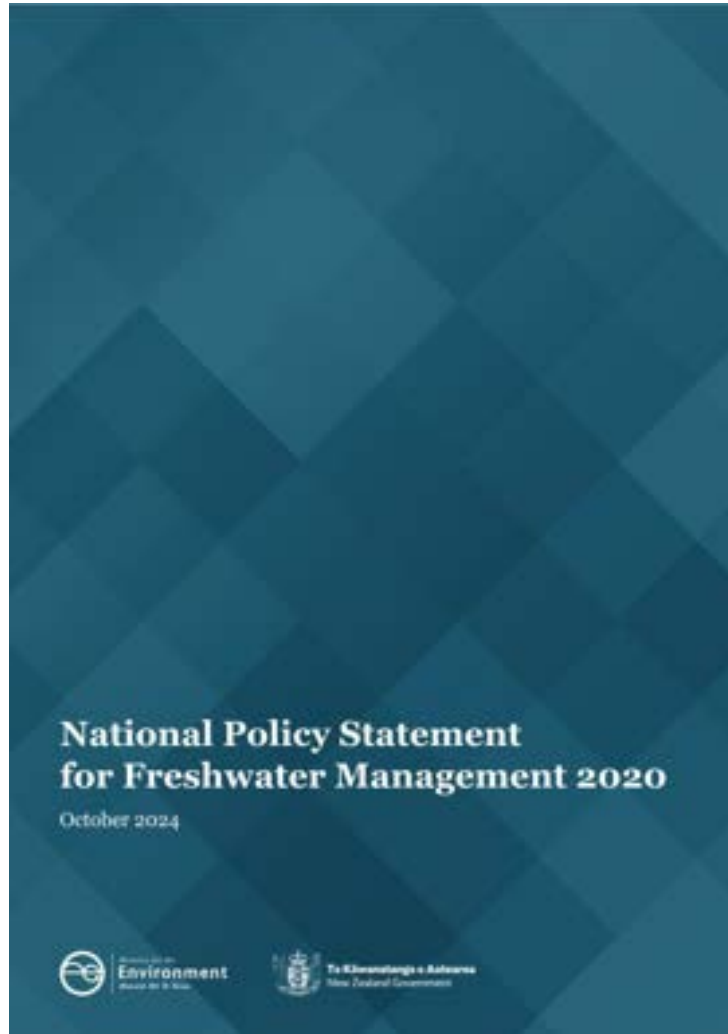


Create standards and code to automate the upload of eDNA data (water samples) analysed by WilderLab (a private company that analyses almost all NZ eDNA) up to GBIF.

Use the eDNA samples collected from Hawkes Bay for Cyclone Gabrielle as a test case to create standards and code to upload existing eDNA data to GBIF.

Present the work to an online session to interested stakeholders including eDNA data holders that may wish to also mobilise.

2. Uploading NZOR MCI taxonomy into GBIF checklists



Upload the NZOR macroinvertebrate taxonomy required for the macroinvertebrate community index (MCI) into the GBIF checklist bank and explore how this affects existing and new MCI data in GBIF.

Present the work to an online session to interested stakeholders that may be interested in mobilising MCI data to GBIF, or working on NZOR and taxonomy in general.

Note MCI is an attribute in the NPS-FM National Objectives Framework and councils are required to monitor and report on this.

We have summarised their findings in a four page PDF I can share.

Summarised findings from councils piloting uploading biodiversity data to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) in 2024 Context Across New Zealand, regional and unitary councils collect extensive biodiversity and biosecurity data. Sharing this data through GBIF could improve ease of access and greatly contribute to a fuller national picture of biodiversity in New Zealand. The GBIF New Zealand Node recognised the regional sector as a key gap for GBIF and made it a strategic focus. Subsequently a Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) Evidence report¹, released in November 2023, highlighted the interest of councils in this space, and the likely feasibility of uploading local government biodiversity datasets to GBIF. To build on this momentum, the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) funded five councils to pilot uploading biodiversity data they hold to the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)². The pilot aimed to both improve local government's biodiversity data management and facilitate broader access and use of their publicly funded biodiversity data. This included a variety of biodiversity data types. The table in the Appendix 1 shows for each council the technical lead(s), data type, and the link to the uploaded data in GBIF. Process The following are the major steps that were followed during this pilot: Regional/unitary council participation was invited by MfE. ¹https://www.mbie.govt.nz/assets/Document-Upload/2023/06/Evidence-on-access-to-data-for-GBIF-to-access-and-share-biodiversity-occurrence-data.pdf ² https://www.gbif.org/en/what-is-gbif ³ https://www.mbie.govt.nz/assets/Document-Upload/2023/06/Evidence-on-access-to-data-for-GBIF-to-access-and-share-biodiversity-occurrence-data.pdf	- Council participants registered as users on GBIF (if not already registered) then registered their council as a data publisher. - Each participant was sent a unique token by GBIF. This publishing token is required to enable a data holder to publish data to the GBIF network. - The GBIF NZ Node Manager registered the participants as users on the GBIF NZ instance of Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT), and once received, registered the publishing token for their council. - Council participants began extracting and preparing of their data and metadata. - Data sets were published to GBIF by the participant. Observations and learnings Council participants were quickly able to start the process of mapping their data to the Darwin Core standard and using the IPT tool to create metadata. For most participants this entailed three sessions with the GBIF Node Manager (initial session, clarification session, review session). It's relatively easy... Setting up accounts and signing up to the toolset part. Publishing data sets to GBIF was described as "quite simple and intuitive" and "low effort and low skill process". However, it's still additional work and needs the internal support from senior staff within councils to enable technical staff to prioritise this. The format of your data matters... The format of the data determined how easy or hard it was to upload. GBIF uses the data standard Darwin Core to ensure consistency of data and enable federation. Darwin Core includes two standardised ways of recording individual organism observation and sampling events (Sampling Event core). Most New Zealand databases do not use Darwin Core standard (e.g. The Integrated Regional Information System (IRIS) databases do not use Darwin Core). As a result there were challenges in some cases in uploading data to GBIF from the format of the data. In addition there were challenges in some cases from the use of common names instead of scientific names, lack of persistent identifiers, and the lack of spatial co-ordinates. All pilots found work arounds to manage this in existing data (e.g. translating common names using a look up sheet in the excel data file, manual transformations of data). While these work arounds are useful for existing data, there were suggestions for how to avoid these in the future to facilitate easier upload of data into GBIF.	These suggestions included that councils should collect and store the data in a format easy to publish in GBIF, such as using Darwin Core Standards. This would have wider benefits to increasing consistency in data across the agencies and making data sharing easier. Recommendations from council pilots included entering contracts that require data in a GBIF friendly format, and that this should be considered in the development of IRIS Next Gen. Summary of outcomes from the pilots - All of the data sets were able to be mapped to the Darwin Core and related standards. - Nine data sets were published to GBIF by the council participants, adding 51,718 species occurrence records to GBIF for New Zealand. - Five regional councils are now registered as data publishers in the GBIF network. Acknowledgements of Funders and Participants These pilots were funded by the Ministry for the Environment (co-ordinated by Peta Hedges, with support from the GBIF New Zealand Node (Meredith McKay and Aaron Wilson). The pilots built off the Evidence report led by councils. Advice was also provided by MBIE, DOC, Predator Free 2050 and the Aotearoa Environmental Monitoring Consortium. Five councils voluntarily participated in the pilots, and contributed time and energy to the project. We especially thank the council staff who took on this project on top of their ongoing regular workloads: Craig Simpkins, Mike Burford, Philip-Cookman, Todd Dennis, Scott Jarvis, Kerry Lukins, Halima Jamison. 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Release of Envirolink report:

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Potential for regional councils to use GBIF to access and share species occurrence data

Envirolink Grant: 2340-ORC006

Prepared for: Otago Regional Council

November 2023



Regional and unitary councils collect biodiversity and biosecurity data under the Resource Management Act 1991 and Biosecurity Act 1993



Resource Management Act 1991

Public Act	1991 No 69
Date of assent	22 July 1991
Commencement	see section 1(2)



Biosecurity Act 1993

Public Act	1993 No 95
Date of assent	26 August 1993
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Addressing New Zealand's Biodiversity Challenge

A Regional Council thinkpiece on the future of biodiversity management in New Zealand



General Wills

11/06/2020

Space invaders: A review of how New Zealand manages weeds that threaten native ecosystems

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Ministry for the Environment Funds Pilot Project to Upload Local Government Data to GBIF



Opportunities for GBIF to add value to council biodiversity, biosecurity, and environmental data mobilisation

Regional threat assessments



Informed by:



Current barriers or challenges where GBIF support could help

- **Benefits to regional sector**
 - Documents on why we should upload our species occurrence data and how we can benefit from it
- **Technological barriers**
 - Documents with accompanying pipelines on how to upload data
 - Documents for our IT and Environmental Monitoring Teams on how to overcome barriers
- **Data sovereignty and indigenous knowledge**
 - Documents for our councillors, managers, planners and policy makers

Pātai | Questions?



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**Data mobilisation and
digital enablement
for pest management**

New Zealand Established Pests Portal



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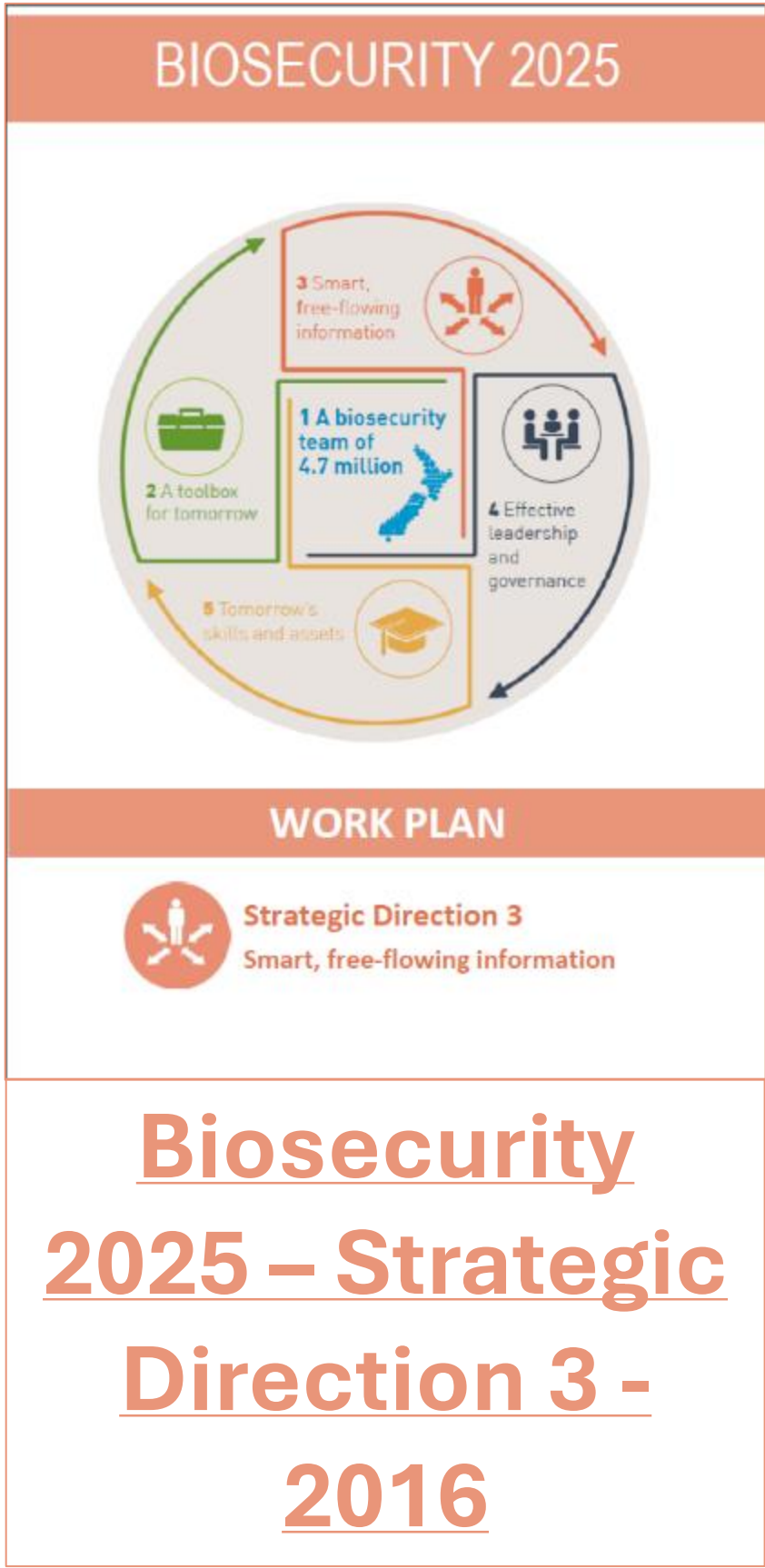


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Previous relevant pieces of work

Recommendation 6:

“MPI should work with DOC, MBIE, regional councils and relevant CRIs to develop, administer and maintain a single authoritative and publicly accessible database of all exotic plants in New Zealand”

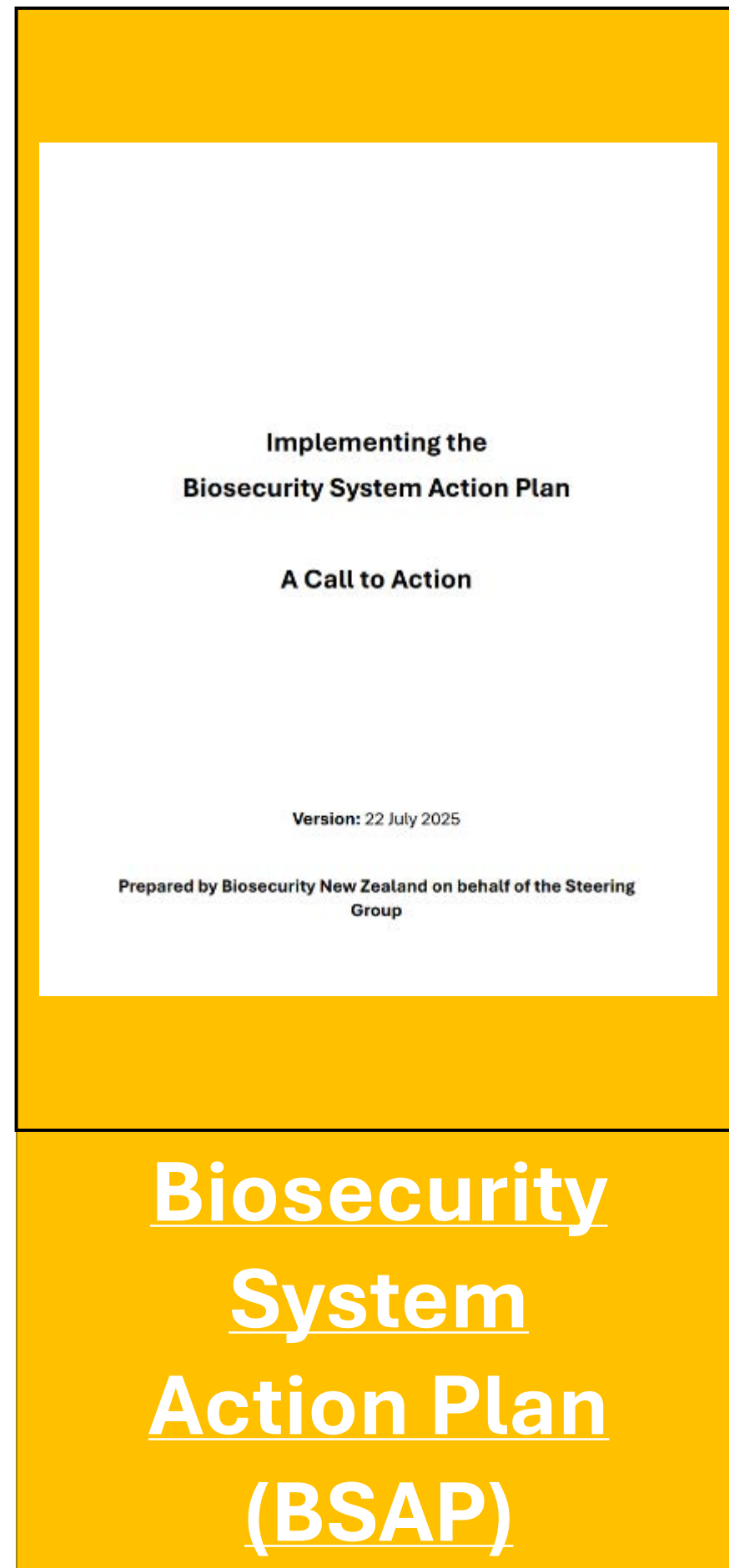


2025 Target to drive action:

“A publicly-accessible network enables electronic access to organism data held by central government agencies, regional councils and Crown research institutes.

Organism data, linked together from multiple sources and including information on species name, distribution and impact, is crucial to identify and manage biosecurity risks”

Alignment with overarching Biosecurity/Biodiversity frameworks



Actions 3

- Improve the integration, management and use of biosecurity data for continuous system improvement



Objective 4 and 2025 goals:

“Improved systems for knowledge, science, data and innovation inform our work.

4.2 National, agreed common data standards and open data agreements are ensuring that everyone has access to a federated repository of biodiversity information

MPI s12A Biosecurity Act responsibilities

Director-General

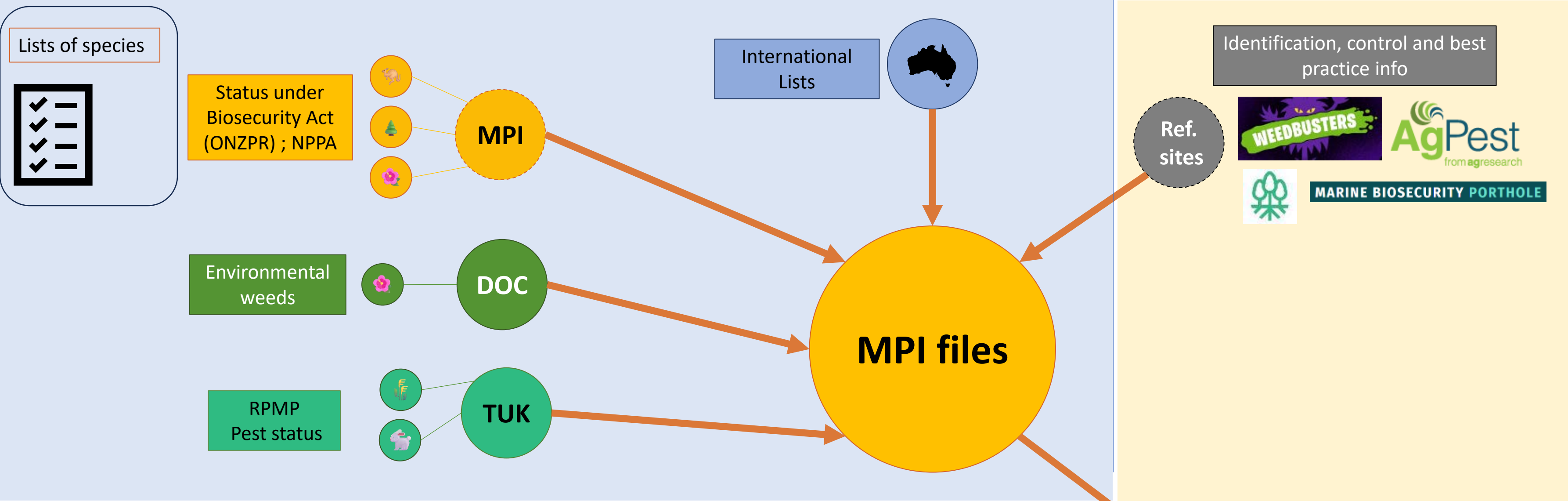
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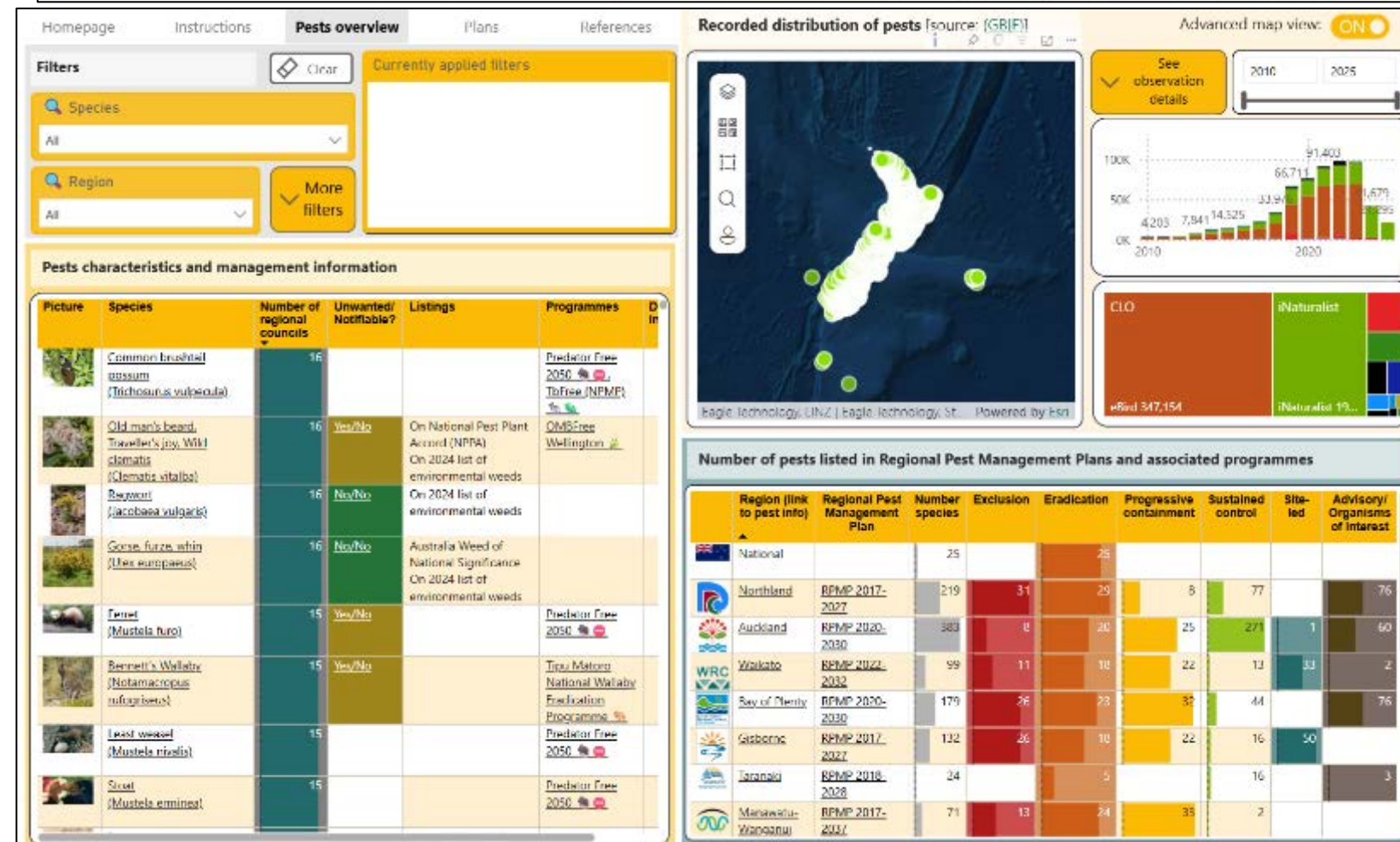
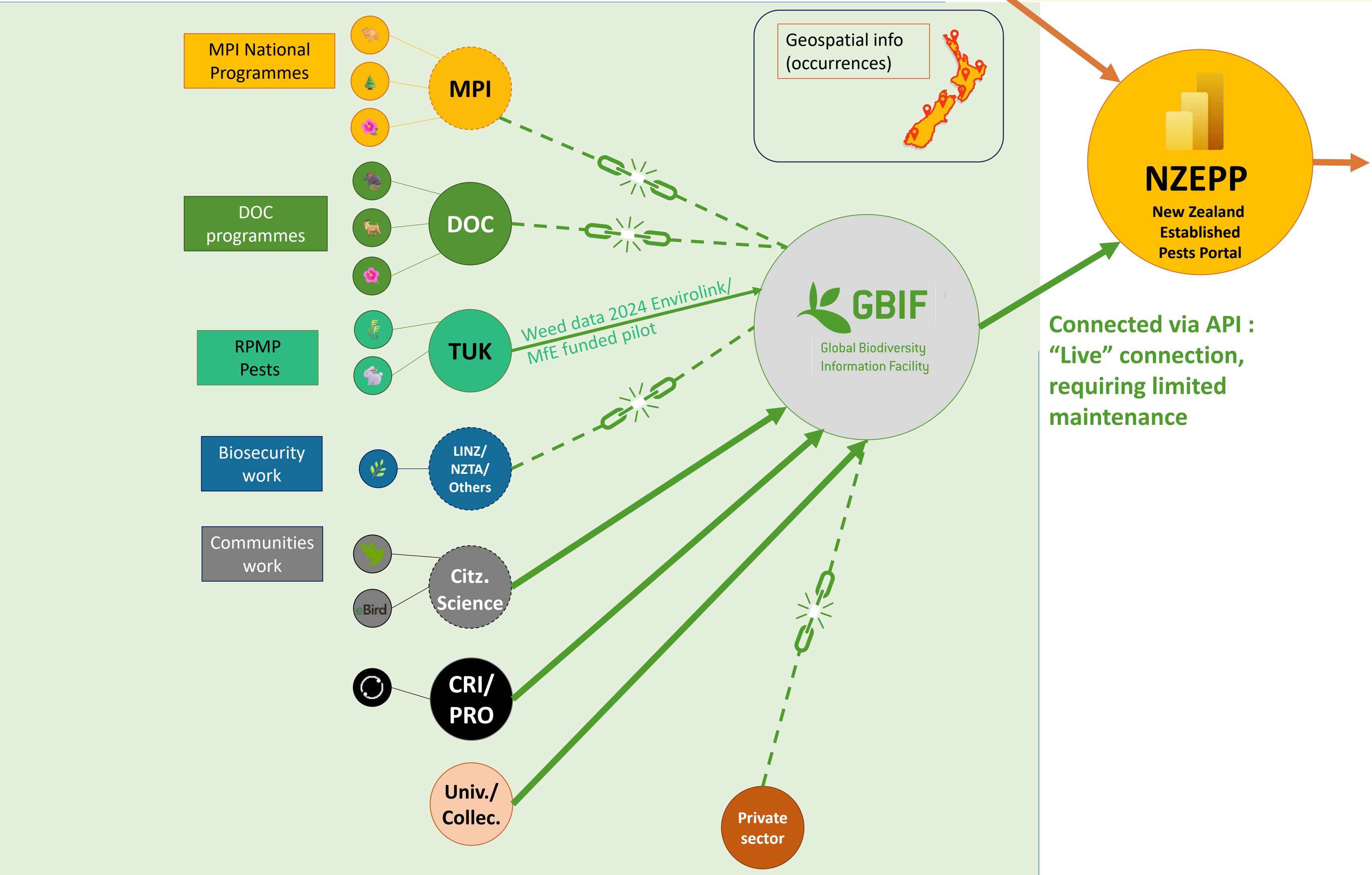
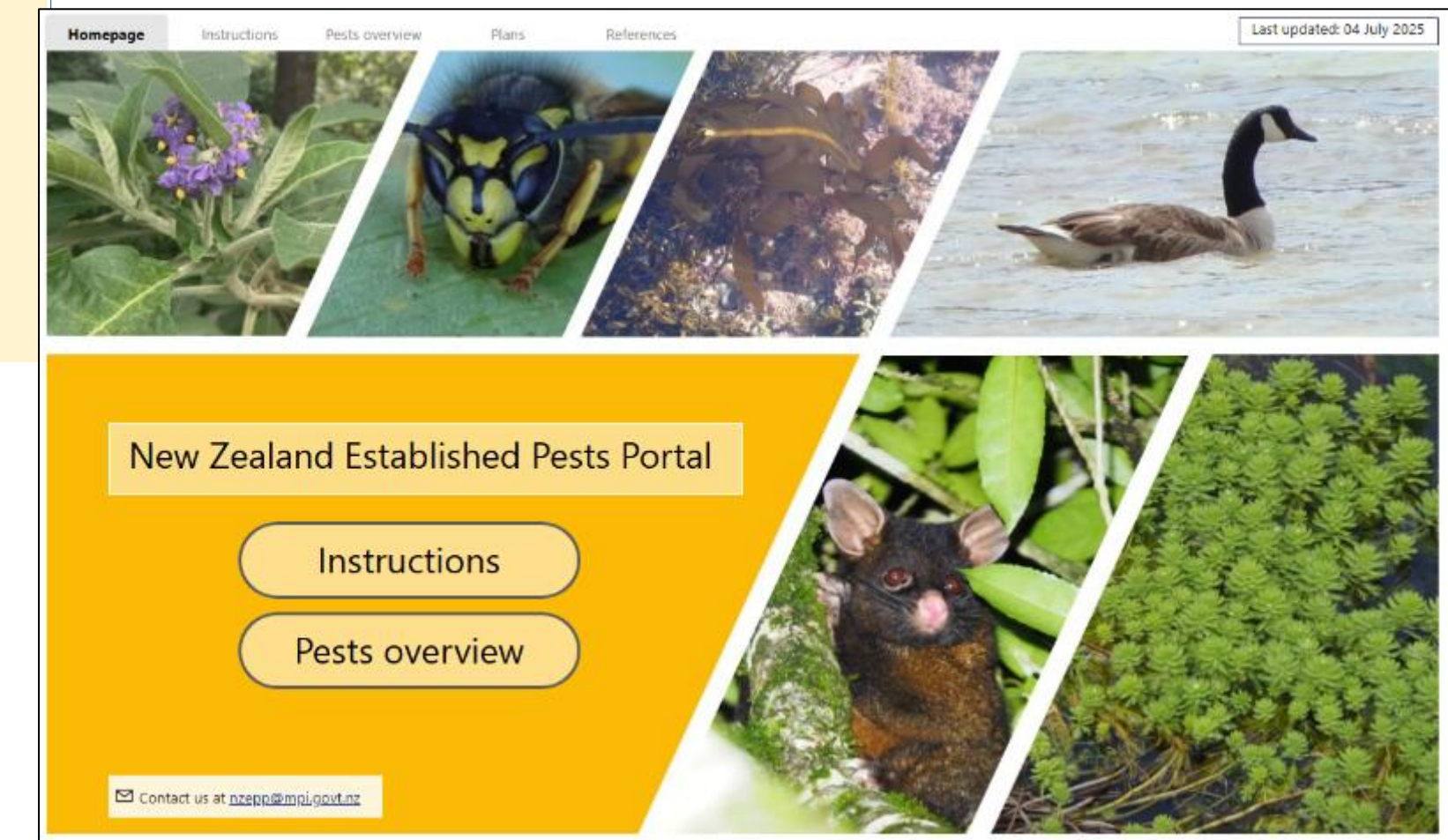
- (1) The Director-General provides overall leadership in activities that prevent, reduce, or eliminate adverse effects from harmful organisms that are present in New Zealand (**pest management**).
- (2) The ways in which the Director-General provides leadership include—
 - (a) promoting alignment of pest management within the whole biosecurity system:
 - (b) overseeing New Zealand's systems for pest management and measuring overall system performance:
 - (c) facilitating the development and alignment of national pest management plans and national pathway management plans:
 - (d) promoting public support for pest management:
 - (e) facilitating communication, co-operation, and co-ordination among those involved in pest management to enhance effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of programmes.

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Pests characteristics and management information					
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	Old man's beard, Traveller's joy, Wild clematis (Clematis vitalba)	16	Yes/No	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) On 2024 list of environmental weeds	OMBFree Wellington
	Ragwort (Jacobaea vulgaris)	16	No/No	On 2024 list of environmental weeds	
	Gorse, furze, whin (Ulex europaeus)	16	No/No	Australia Weed of National Significance On 2024 list of environmental weeds	
	Broom (Cytisus scoparius)	15		Australia Weed of National Significance On 2024 list of environmental weeds	
	Chilean needle grass (Nassella neesiana)	14	Yes/No	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) Australia Weed of National Significance On 2024 list of environmental weeds	Chilean Needle Grass
	Nodding thistle (Carduus nutans)	14	No/No		
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Recorded distribution of pests [source: (GBIF)]

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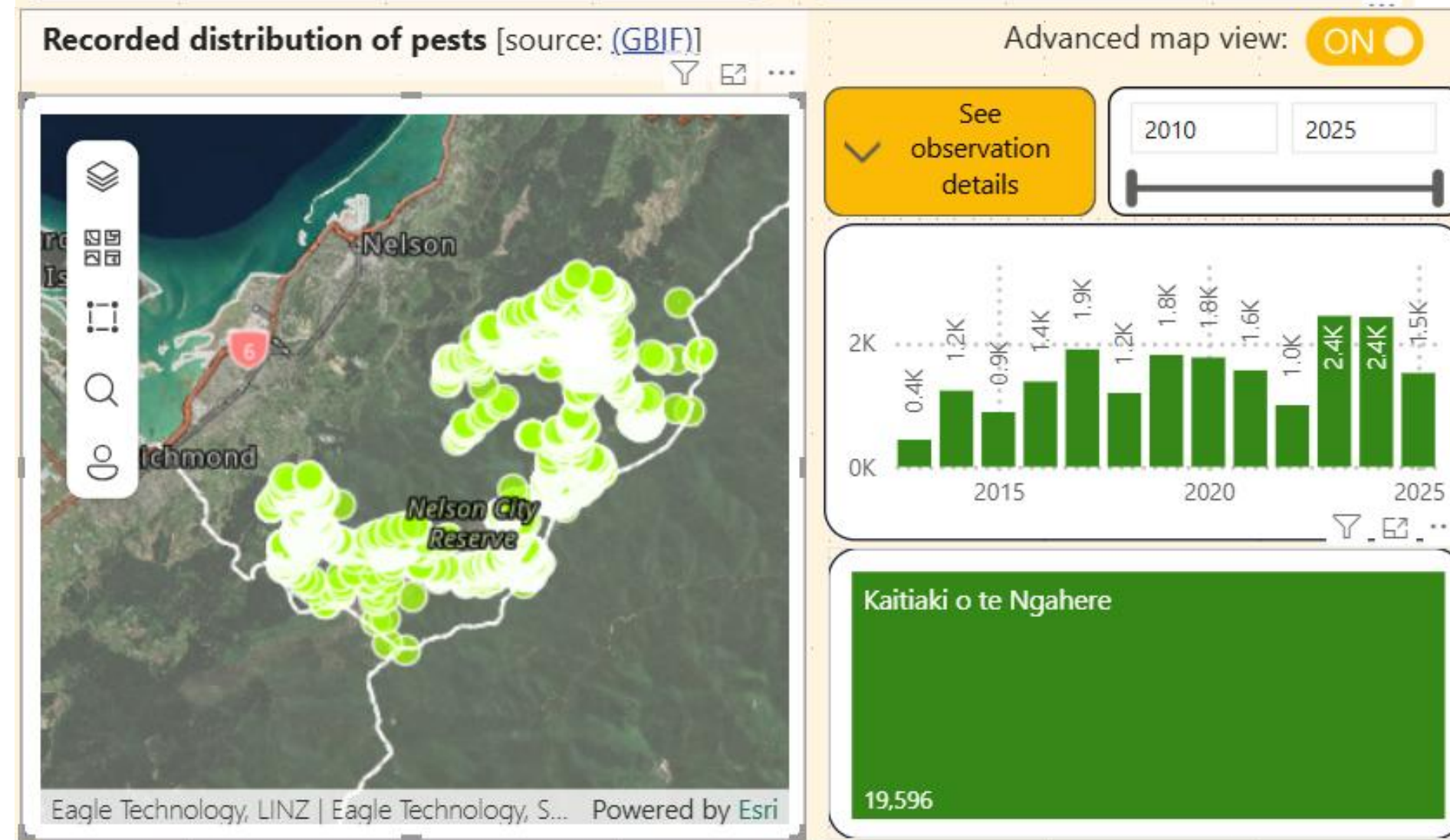
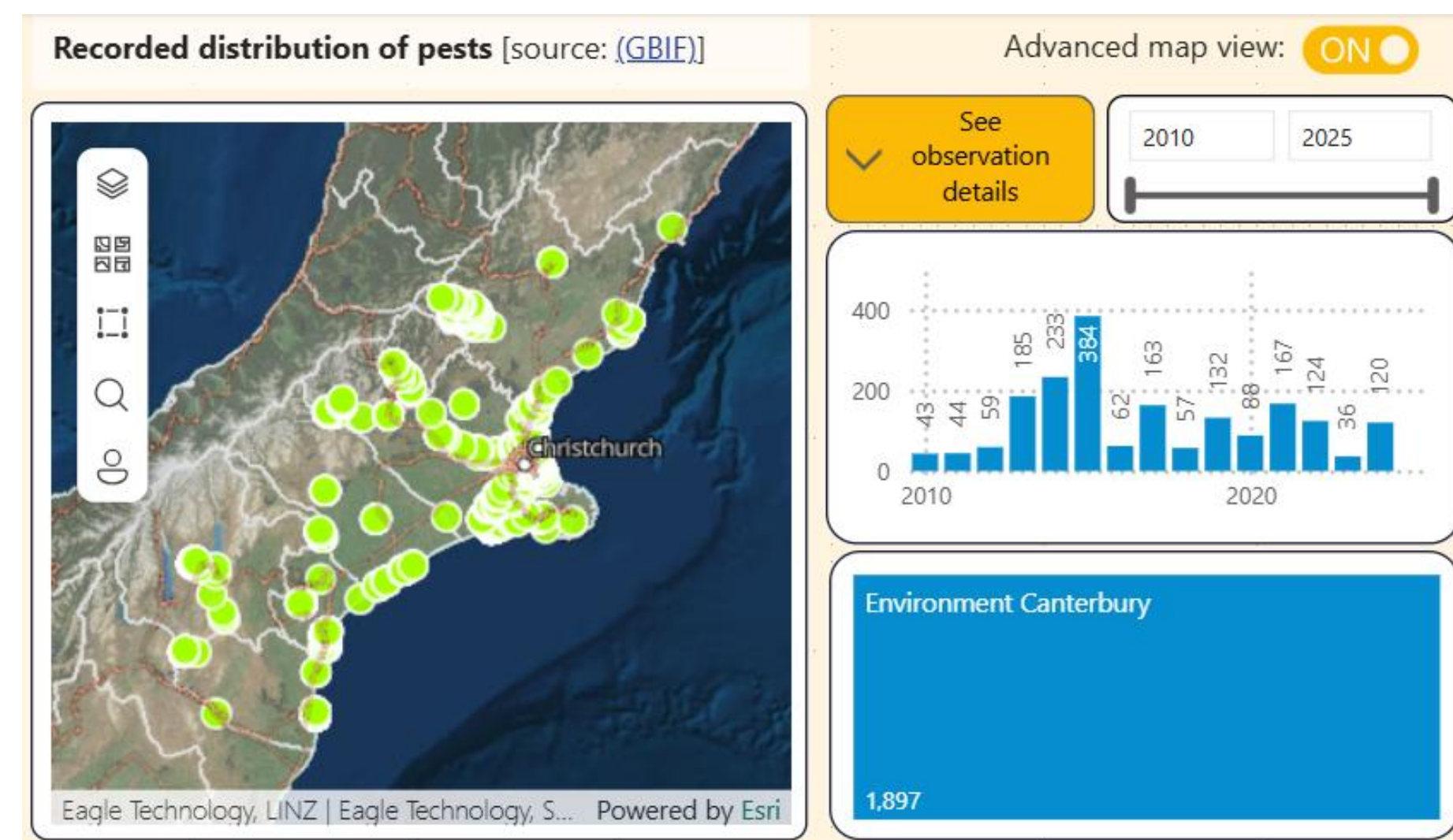
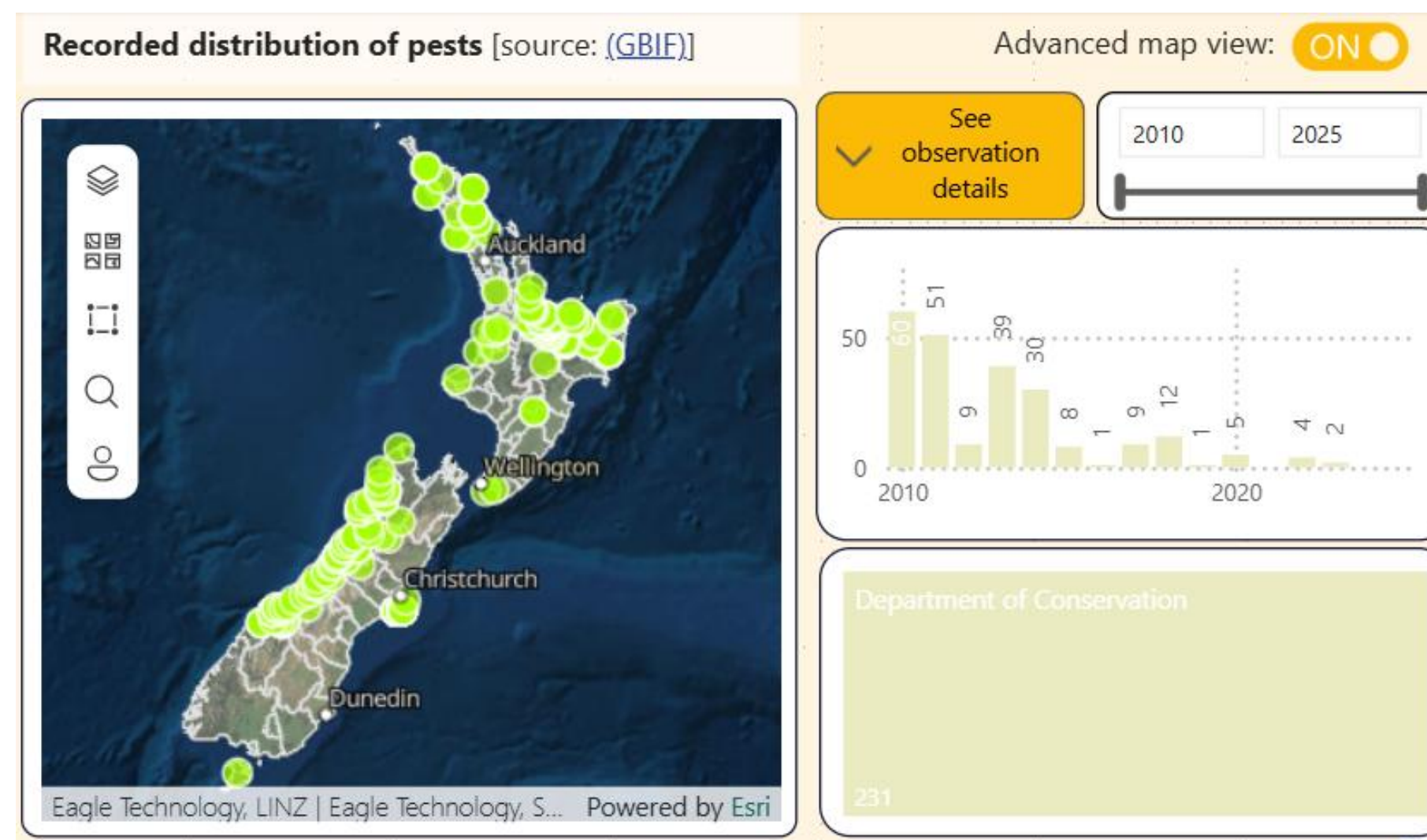
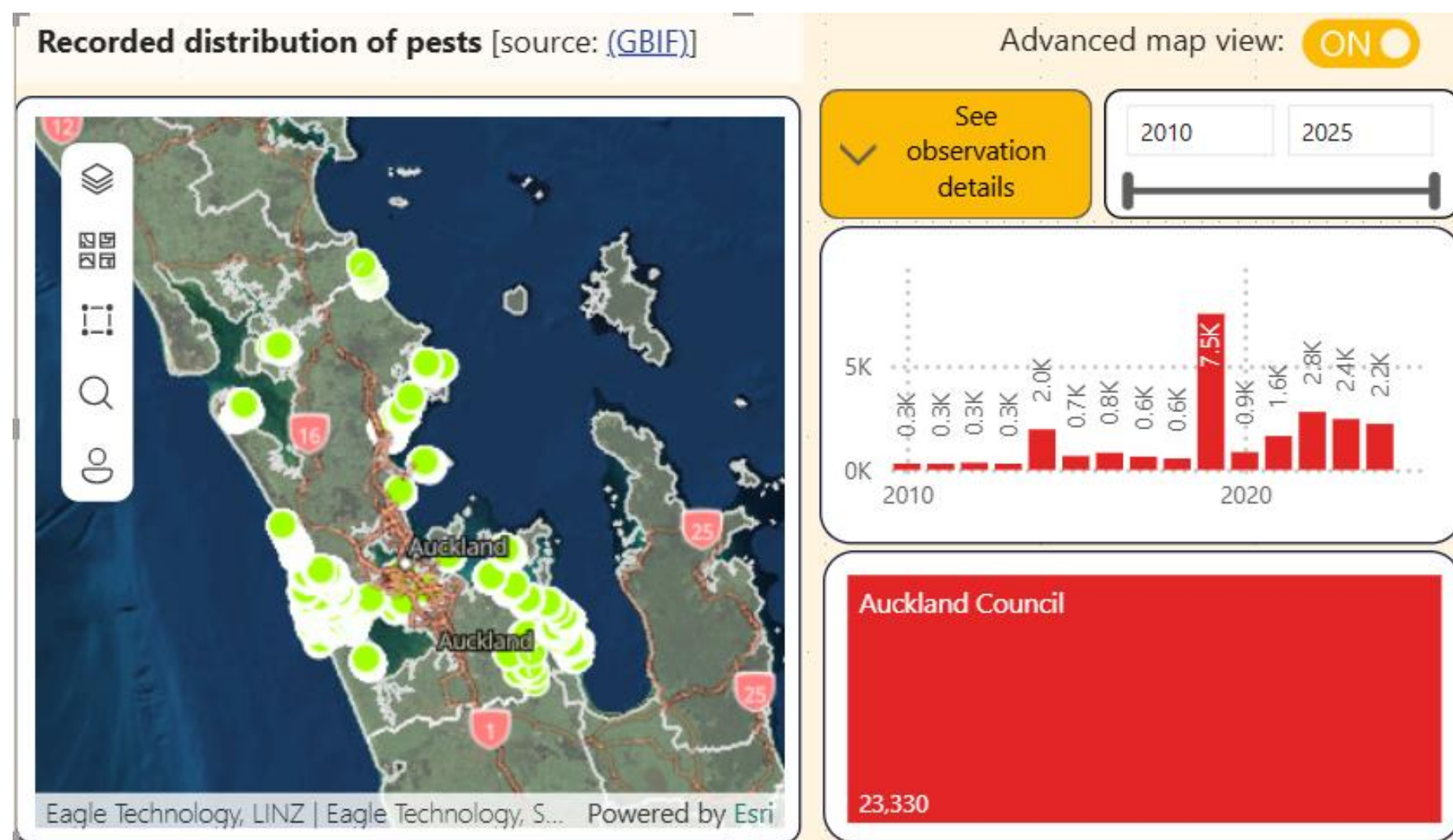
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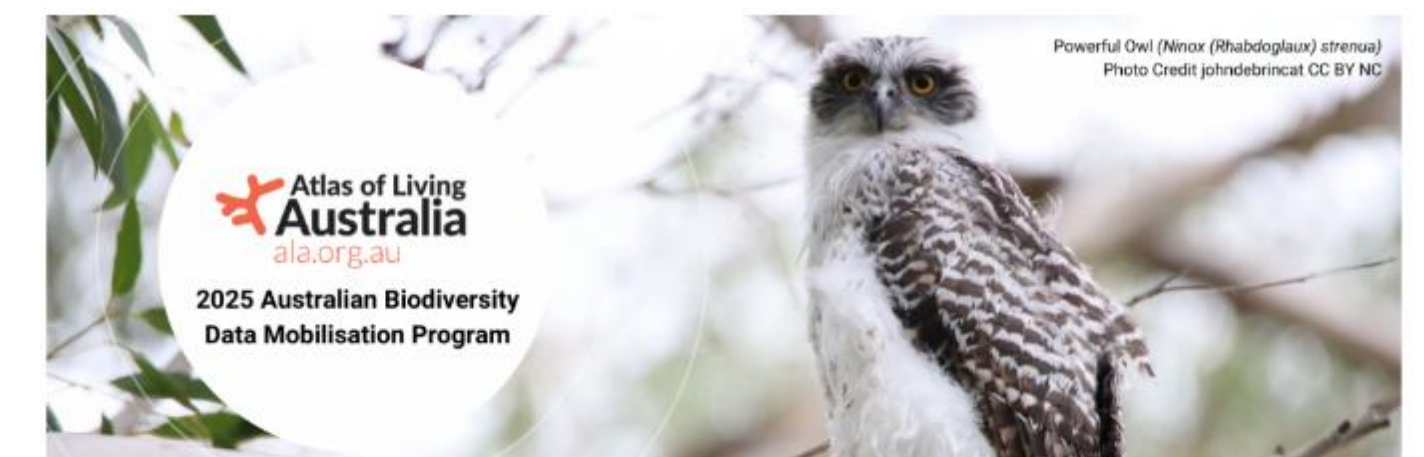
Number of pests listed in Regional Pest Management Plans and associated programmes									
	Region (link to pest info)	Regional Pest Management Plan	Number species	Exclusion	Eradication	Progressive containment	Sustained control	Site-led	Advisory/ Organisms of Interest
	National		11		11				
	Northland	RPMP 2017-2027	139	15	25	5	55		41
	Auckland	RPMP 2020-2030	316	1	20	19	219		59
	Waikato	RPMP 2022-2032	73	7	17	21	8	20	
	Bay of Plenty	RPMP 2020-2030	135	12	17	23	40		57
	Gisborne	RPMP 2017-2027	90	16	15	20	10	29	
	Taranaki	RPMP 2018-2028	19		5		12		2
	Manawatu-Wanganui	RPMP 2017-2037	66	11	23	33			



Recently added weed datasets (2024 to 2025)

Which datasets next?

- Many possibilities, important to build focus and momentum to deliver practical benefits → weeds as good example of consistent “theme”
- Useful to explore data mobilisation programme similar to Australian example?



Applications for the 2025 round of the ALA Australian Biodiversity Data Mobilisation Program have now closed. Recipients will be announced soon, and we expect to launch the next round of the program in early 2026.

The Australian Biodiversity Data Mobilisation Program (ABDMP) funds projects that improve access to biodiversity data via the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA). By digitising and mobilising biodiversity records, we enhance:

- Conservation efforts – Supporting environmental management and policy decisions.
- Scientific research – Filling critical gaps in species distribution and ecological data.
- Public accessibility – Making biodiversity data freely available for future generations.

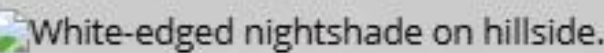
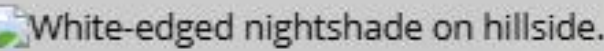
For the 2025 round, we are offering two funding streams:

- Main Funding Stream** – Supporting data mobilisation from institutions, researchers, and collections.
- Citizen Science Funding Stream – NEW!** Supporting community-driven biodiversity data contributions.

Details on the main funding stream appear first, followed by citizen science-specific information further down this page.

White-edged Nightshade

White-edged nightshade is subject to a **Sustained Control** programme as part of the Regional Pest Management Plan 2018 (RPMP). It has a relatively limited distribution with higher densities confined to a contiguous area of regenerating scrubland in Beatrix Bay. The long term goal is to ensure the infestations are maintained at low levels surrounding the containment area.



Land occupiers with white-edged nightshade on their property are required to destroy all plants before they produce seed each year. An exception of areas that fall within a Containment Area, where all plants within 50m of the Containment Area boundary must be destroyed before they produce seed.

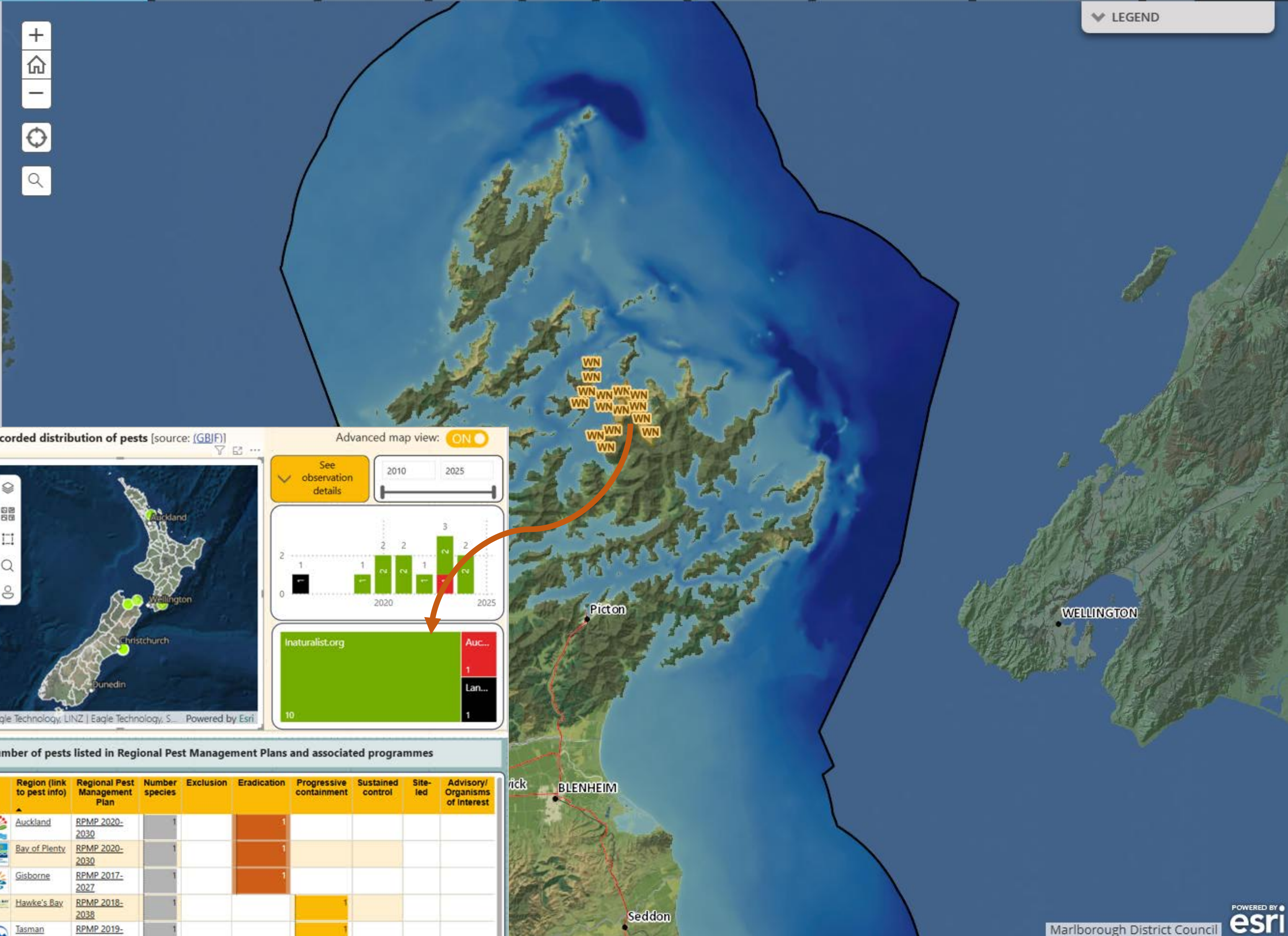
Council can work with occupiers to develop and agree on a Management Plan for their

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Recorded distribution of pests [source: (GBIF)]

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Number of pests listed in Regional Pest Management Plans and associated programmes

Region (link to pest info)	Regional Pest Management Plan	Number species	Exclusion	Eradiation	Progressive containment	Sustained control	Sited	Advisory/ Organisms of interest
Auckland	RPMP 2020-2030	1		1				
Bay of Plenty	RPMP 2020-2030	1		1				
Gisborne	RPMP 2017-2027	1		1				
Hawke's Bay	RPMP 2018-2038	1			1			
Tasman	RPMP 2019-2029	1			1			
Marlborough	RPMP 2018-2028	1				1		
West Coast	RPMP 2018-2028	1	1					
Canterbury	RPMP 2018-2038	1					1	

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Programme = National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
Programme lead = Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)

Pests characteristics and management information

Picture	Species	Number of regional councils	Unwanted/Notifiable	Listings	Programmes
	Phragmites (Phragmites australis)	7	Yes/Yes	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA)	National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
	Cape tulip (Moraea flaccida)	6	Yes/Yes	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) On 2024 list of environmental weeds	National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
	Manchurian wild rice (Zizania latifolia)	6	Yes/Yes	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) On 2024 list of environmental weeds	National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
	Water hyacinth (Eichhornia crassipes)	6	Yes/Yes	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) Australia Weed of National Significance	National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
	Salvinia (Salvinia molesta)	5	Yes/Yes	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) Australia Weed of National Significance	National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
	Hydrilla (Hydrilla verticillata)	4	Yes/No	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA)	National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
	Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense)	3	Yes/Yes		National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)
	White Bryony (Bryonia dioica)	2	Yes/Yes	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) On 2024 list of	National Interest Pest Responses (NIPR)

Recorded distribution of pests [source: (GBIF)]

Advanced map view: ON

See observation details

20102025

Number of pests listed in Regional Pest Management Plans and associated programmes

	Region (link to pest info)	Regional Pest Management Plan	Number species	Exclusion	Eradication	Progressive containment	Sustained control	Site-led	Advisory/Organisms of Interest
	National		9		9				
	Northland	RPMP 2017-2027	6	1	3	1			1
	Waikato	RPMP 2022-2032	1					1	
	Gisborne	RPMP 2017-2027	3	1	2				
	Manawatu-Wanganui	RPMP 2017-2037	2	2					
	Hawke's Bay	RPMP 2018-2038	6		1				5
	Wellington	RPMP 2019-2039	9						9
	Tasman	RPMP 2019-2029	4	4					

Build in MPI data on the National Interest Pest Responses Programme?

CBD and Global Biodiversity Framework

NZ's Monitoring and Reporting Obligations

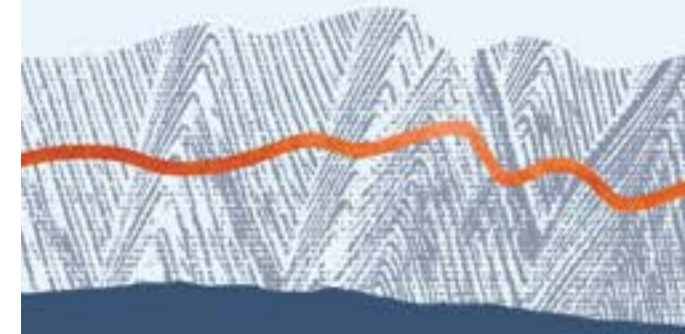
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Convention on Biological Diversity



- Adopted in 1992, the United National Convention on Biological Diversity promotes the development of global targets, strategies and action plans for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity.
- It has three main objectives (set out in Article 1):
 - **conservation of biological diversity**
 - **sustainable use of its components**
 - **fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from genetic resources.**
- With 196 Parties, the Convention has near universal participation among countries.

NZ's obligations under the CBD



As a party to the CBD, New Zealand is required to:

- have a **national biodiversity strategy and action plan (NBSAP)** as a statement of our national contribution to global efforts to sustainability manage biodiversity; and
- Submit a **national report** to the CBD on our progress towards our national strategy & action plan, and the global goals and targets (NZ's next National Report is due in **February 2026**, then July 2029).

Te Mana o te Taiao – Aotearoa NZ Biodiversity Strategy (ANZBS) is our NBSAP

Our NBSAP is the **primary mechanism** through which New Zealand delivers its obligations under the Convention – expressing our commitment to stem the loss of biodiversity worldwide.

A new Global Biodiversity Framework

- CBD Parties adopted the '**Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**' at the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) in Montreal, Canada on 19 December 2022.
- The new Global Biodiversity Framework will guide the **next decade of global action** on biodiversity.



- The GBF aims to catalyse, enable and galvanize **urgent and transformative action** by Governments and subnational authorities, with the involvement of all of society, to halt and reverse biodiversity loss.

The 23 targets cover the whole economy

1. Reducing threats to biodiversity

Target 1 – **Land/Sea-Use Change /**
Habitat Loss / Spatial Planning

Target 2 – **Ecosystem Restoration**

Target 3 – **Protected Areas**

Target 4 – **Species Conservation**

Target 5 – **Species Overexploitation**

Target 6 – **Invasive Alien Species**

Target 7 – **Pollution**

Target 8 – **Climate change**

* Informal target names only

2. Meeting people's needs through sustainable use and benefit-sharing

Target 9 – **Sustainable Species Use**

Target 10 – **Sustainable Agriculture /**
Productive Ecosystems

Target 11 – **Ecosystems Services,**
including **NBSs**

Target 12 - **Urban Green Spaces**

Target 13 – Fair and Equitable Benefit
Sharing from **Genetic Resources**

3. Tools and solutions for implementation and mainstreaming

Target 14 – **Biodiversity Mainstreaming**

Target 15 – **Sustainable Production** by Business

Target 16 – **Sustainable Consumption**

Target 17 – **Biosafety**

Target 18 – **Environmentally Harmful Subsidies / Incentives**

Target 19 – **Finance**

Target 20 – **Capacity Building**, Technology Transfer and
Scientific Cooperation

Target 21 – **Knowledge for Biodiversity Management**,
including **Traditional Knowledge**

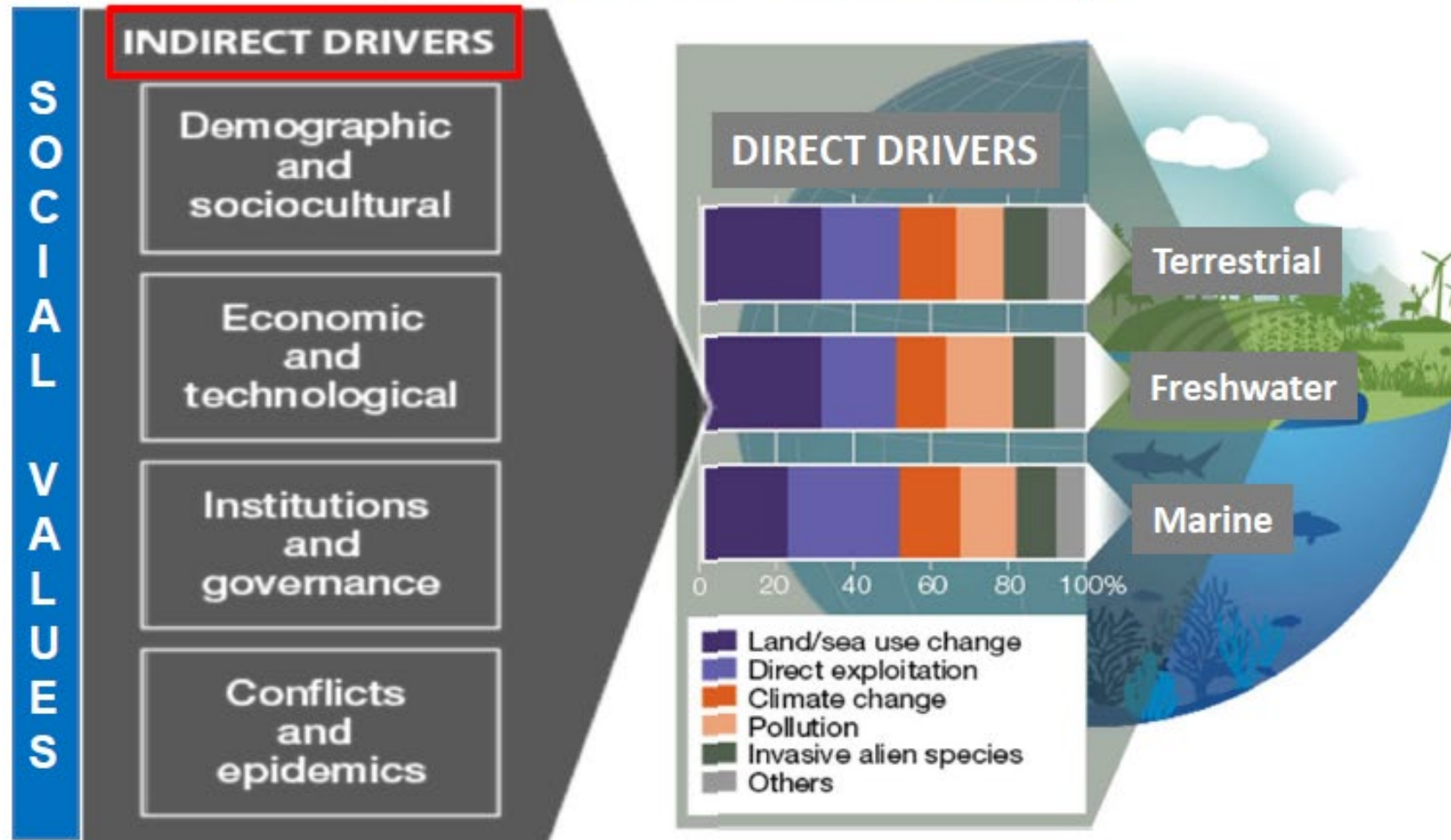
Target 22 – **Equitable Participation** in Biodiversity Decision-
Making, especially by **Indigenous Peoples**

Target 23 – **Gender Equality** in Biodiversity Action

The GBF is based on latest IPBES science



Underpinning the proximate causes of deterioration in nature are the root causes, or **indirect drivers of change**.



Components of the Global Biodiversity Framework



- The GBF comprises 6 Decisions:
- Decision 15/4 - **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**
 - Decision 15/5 - **Monitoring framework** for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
 - Decision 15/6 - **Mechanisms for planning, monitoring, reporting and review**
 - Decision 15/7 - **Resource mobilization**
 - Decision 15/8 - **Capacity-building** and development and technical and scientific cooperation
 - Decision 15/9 - **Digital sequence information on genetic resources**

Why enhanced global biodiversity monitoring?



The CBD trying to improve national and global Monitoring framework and mechanisms for reporting and review:

- Experience with the 2010 Aichi biodiversity targets (the predecessors of the GBF targets), suggested that targets without clear and quantitative indicators tend to be inadequately addressed.
- As a result, major global efforts have been made to develop the new global monitoring framework and the mechanisms for reporting and reviewing national and global progress towards the targets.

New national biodiversity monitoring requirements

The GBF includes a new **global biodiversity monitoring framework** to track national and global progress against each goal and target.

- Countries are requested to **monitor progress** against each of their national biodiversity targets **using the GBF indicators** for each global goal and target.
 - This is a **key point of difference** from previous global biodiversity targets – and seeks to drive successful alignment with and achievement of the new framework.
- Countries must also report internationally every 4 years on their national progress, by reporting against an agreed set of global biodiversity “Headline Indicators”.
 - Parties can also choose from a list of additional ‘optional’ component and complementary indicators, and use national indicators.
- Together, these new expectations suggest a stronger role for **national biodiversity monitoring systems**.



GBF Indicator groups

Countries' **national biodiversity monitoring systems** are expected to use 3 levels of indicators:

Group 1 - Headline indicators + 'Binary' indicators

A minimum set of high-level indicators which captures the majority of the overall scope of the goals and targets. For tracking national and global progress. Includes "binary" (yes/no) questions on policies, where major gaps.

*+ Optional **disaggregations** are also identified and encouraged*

Group 2 - Component indicators – optional

For monitoring each component of each goal and target. For tracking national and global progress.

Group 3 - Complementary indicators – optional

For thematic or in-depth analysis, may be less relevant some countries, but may be highly relevant for global analytical products.

Headline Indicators for each global goal and target



(See COP16 decision for details)

TABLE 1. HEADLINE INDICATORS FOR THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK

<i>Goal/target</i>	<i>Headline or binary indicator</i>
A	A.1 Red List of Ecosystems A.2 Extent of natural ecosystems A.3 Red List Index A.4 The proportion of populations within species with an effective population size greater than 500
B	B.1 Services provided by ecosystems B.b Number of countries with policies or actions for implementing and monitoring the sustainable use of biodiversity and the maintenance and enhancement of nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services
C	C.1 Monetary benefits received in accordance with applicable internationally agreed access and benefit-sharing instruments C.2 Non-monetary benefits arising from applicable international access and benefit-sharing instruments 13.b Number of countries that have taken effective legal, policy, administrative and capacity-building measures at all levels, as appropriate, to ensure the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the utilization of genetic resources and from digital sequence information on genetic resources, as well as traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources
D	D.1 International public funding, including official development assistance for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems D.2 Domestic public funding on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems D.3 Private funding (domestic and international) on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and ecosystems
1	A.1 Red List of Ecosystems A.2 Extent of natural ecosystems 1.1 Percentage of land and sea area covered by biodiversity-inclusive spatial plans 1.b Number of countries using participatory, integrated and biodiversity-inclusive spatial

GBF has 3 levels of Indicators for each global target

(See COP16 decision for details)

Annex II

Optional disaggregations of the headline indicators and voluntary component and complementary indicators in the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework*

Goal/target	Headline or binary indicator	Optional disaggregations	Component indicator	Complementary indicator
A	A.1 Red List of Ecosystems	For indicator A.1: By realm, biome and ecosystem functional group (Global Ecosystem Typology levels 2 and 3 or equivalent) By indigenous and traditional territories By protected areas or other effective area-based conservation measures By drivers (matched to the International Union for Conservation of Nature Threats Classification Scheme)	A.CT.1 Ecosystem Intactness Index A.CT.2 Ecosystem Integrity Index A.CT.3 Species Habitat Index A.CT.4 Biodiversity Habitat Index A.CT.5 Biodiversity Intactness Index A.CT.6 Protected Connected Index A.CT.7 Protected Area Representativeness and Connectedness Indices A.CT.8 Number of extinctions averted	A.CY.1 Forest area as a proportion of total land area A.CY.2 Rate of tree cover loss A.CY.3 Mountain Green Cover Index A.CY.4 Continuous global mangrove forest cover A.CY.5 Mangrove forest fragmentation A.CY.6 Mangrove extent A.CY.7 Global salt marsh extent A.CY.8 Wetland Extent Trends Index A.CY.9 Forest Fragmentation Index A.CY.10 Forest Landscape Integrity Index A.CY.11 Global Vegetation Health Products 8.CT.2 Bioclimatic Ecosystem Resilience Index A.CY.12 Relative magnitude of fragmentation A.CY.13 Ocean Health Index A.CY.14 Extent of physical damage to predominant seafloor habitats A.CY.15 River Fragmentation Index A.CY.16 Mean species abundance
	A.2 Extent of natural ecosystems	For indicator A.2: By realm, biome and ecosystem functional group (Global Ecosystem Typology levels 2 and 3 or equivalent) By indigenous and traditional territories By natural and seminatural ecosystem, if feasible	A.CT.9 Evolutionarily Distinct and Globally Endangered Index A.CT.10 Living Planet Index A.CT.11 Wild Bird Index	3.CT.2 Species Protection Index A.CY.17 Changes in plankton biomass and abundance A.CY.18 Comprehensiveness of conservation of socioeconomically and culturally valuable species
	A.3 Red List Index	For indicator A.3: ¹⁷ By realm, biome and ecosystem functional group (Global Ecosystem Typology levels 2 and 3 or equivalent)		4.CT.1 Number of (a) plant and (b) animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in either medium- or long-term conservation facilities 4.CT.4 Proportion of local breeds classified as being at risk of extinction

Gaps in Headline indicators are addressed through “Binary” (yes/no) type indicators



(See COP16 decision for details)

Annex III

List of binary indicator questions

Goal B: Biodiversity is sustainably used and managed and nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services, are valued, maintained and enhanced, with those currently in decline being restored, supporting the achievement of sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations by 2050.	
Indicator: Number of countries with policies or action plans for implementing and monitoring the sustainable use of biodiversity and the maintenance and enhancement of nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services.	
B.1 Does your country have policies and/or action plans aimed at ensuring the maintenance, enhancement and restoration of nature's contributions to people, including of ecosystem functions and services?	(a) No (b) Under development (c) Partially (d) Fully
B.2 Does your country have policies and/or action plans aimed at ensuring the sustainable use of biodiversity?	(a) No (b) Under development (c) Partially (d) Fully
B.3 Does your country monitor the sustainable use of biodiversity?	(a) No (b) Under development (c) Partially (d) Fully
B.4 Does your country monitor the maintenance, restoration and enhancement of nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services for the benefit of present and future generations?	(a) No (b) Under development (c) Partially (d) Fully
Target 1: Ensure that all areas are under participatory, integrated and biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning and/or effective management processes addressing land- and sea-use change, to bring the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance, including ecosystems of high ecological integrity, close to zero by 2030, while respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.	
Indicator: Number of countries using participatory, integrated and biodiversity-inclusive spatial planning	

Te Mana o Te Taiao - ANZBS within a global context

CBD and GBF



International Agreement:
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

New Zealand's response

Global
Framework

Global Biodiversity Framework:

- 2050 Vision
- 2030 Mission
- 4 goals (2050)
- 23 Global Targets (2030)

National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan (NBSAP)

(Supported by a National Biodiversity Finance Plan or similar)

Global Monitoring Framework

NZ NBSAP Reporting

New Zealand's NBSAP

Te Mana o Te Taiao - ANZBS 2020-2050
(completed 2020)

Implementation Plan to 2030

National Targets for 2030 (Oct 2024)

ANZBS Implementation Plan Annex

ANZBS Outcome Monitoring Framework (OMF)

National Report (due 2026)

Linking GBF with Te Mana o te Taiao

		2050 Global goals				GBF 2030 targets - Reducing threats								GBF 2030 targets - Meeting people's needs					GBF 2030 Targets - Tools and solutions									
Objective		A	B	C	D	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6	T7	T8	T9	T10	T11	T12	T13	T14	T15	T16	T17	T18	T19	T20	T21	T22	T23
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Target 23: gender equality not covered by Te Mana o te Taiao

The GBF Monitoring Framework relies on national biodiversity monitoring systems



- **Monitoring & Reporting:** The GBF monitoring indicators will help track progress toward the GBF goals, at national and global levels.
- **National Implementation:** Countries are requested to use the headline indicators in their national reports to show progress against the GBF, and encouraged to report against optional indicators where appropriate.
- **In-depth Analysis:** The component and complementary indicators allow for more detailed tracking of how different aspects of the global targets are being implemented.
- **National monitoring approach:** Countries are asked to describe their 'National Biodiversity Monitoring Systems' in their CBD National Report (due Feb 2026).

See the CBD website for full details
of the Kunming-Montreal Global
Biodiversity Framework:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/COP-16>

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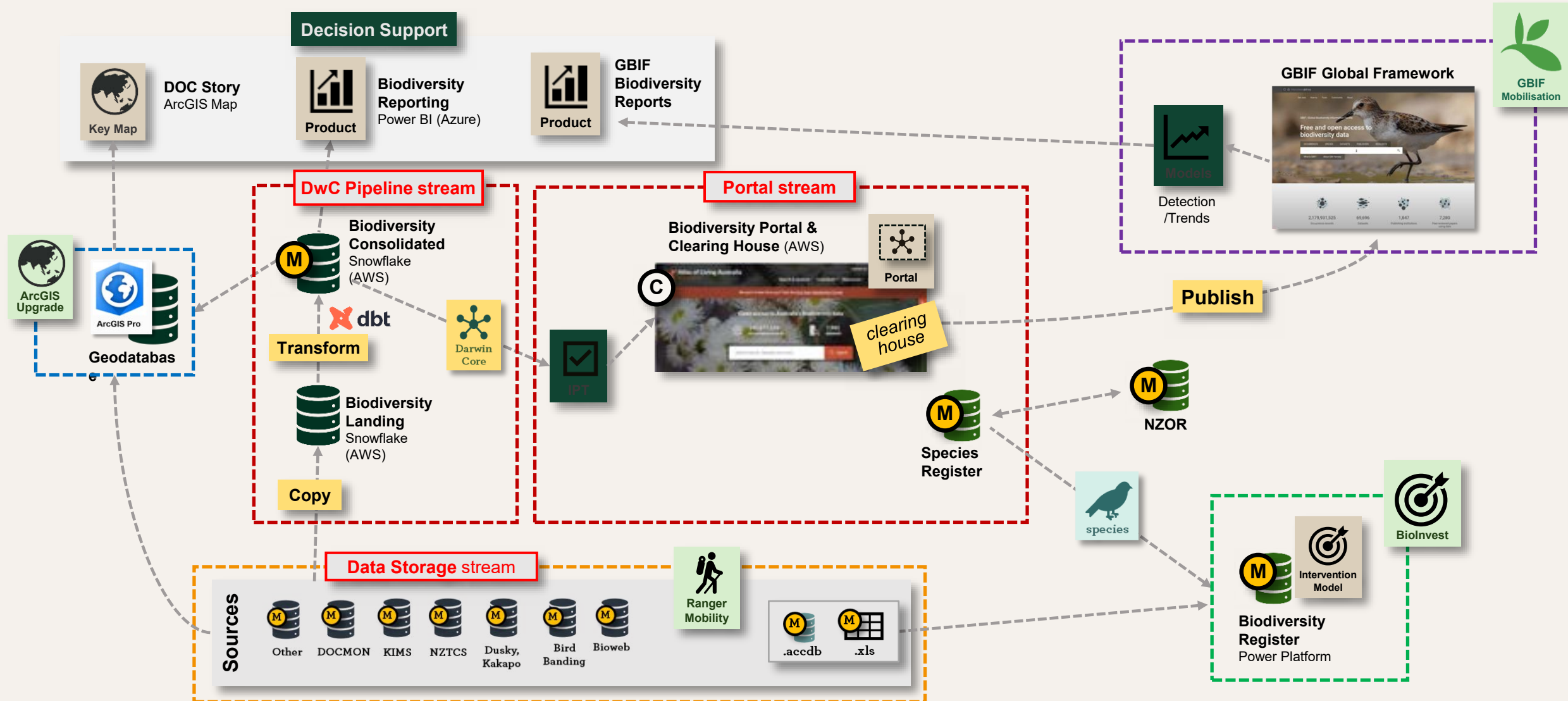
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GBIF preparedness and implementation

- Firstly establish the foundational data layer – UDM for future state data layer
- Assess priority datasets for GBIF preparedness
- Prepare datasets for UDM and test transformation pipeline
- Test specific dataset mobilisation to DwC for GBIF publication – WEEDS, NatMonNet



Mobilising Biodiversity Data



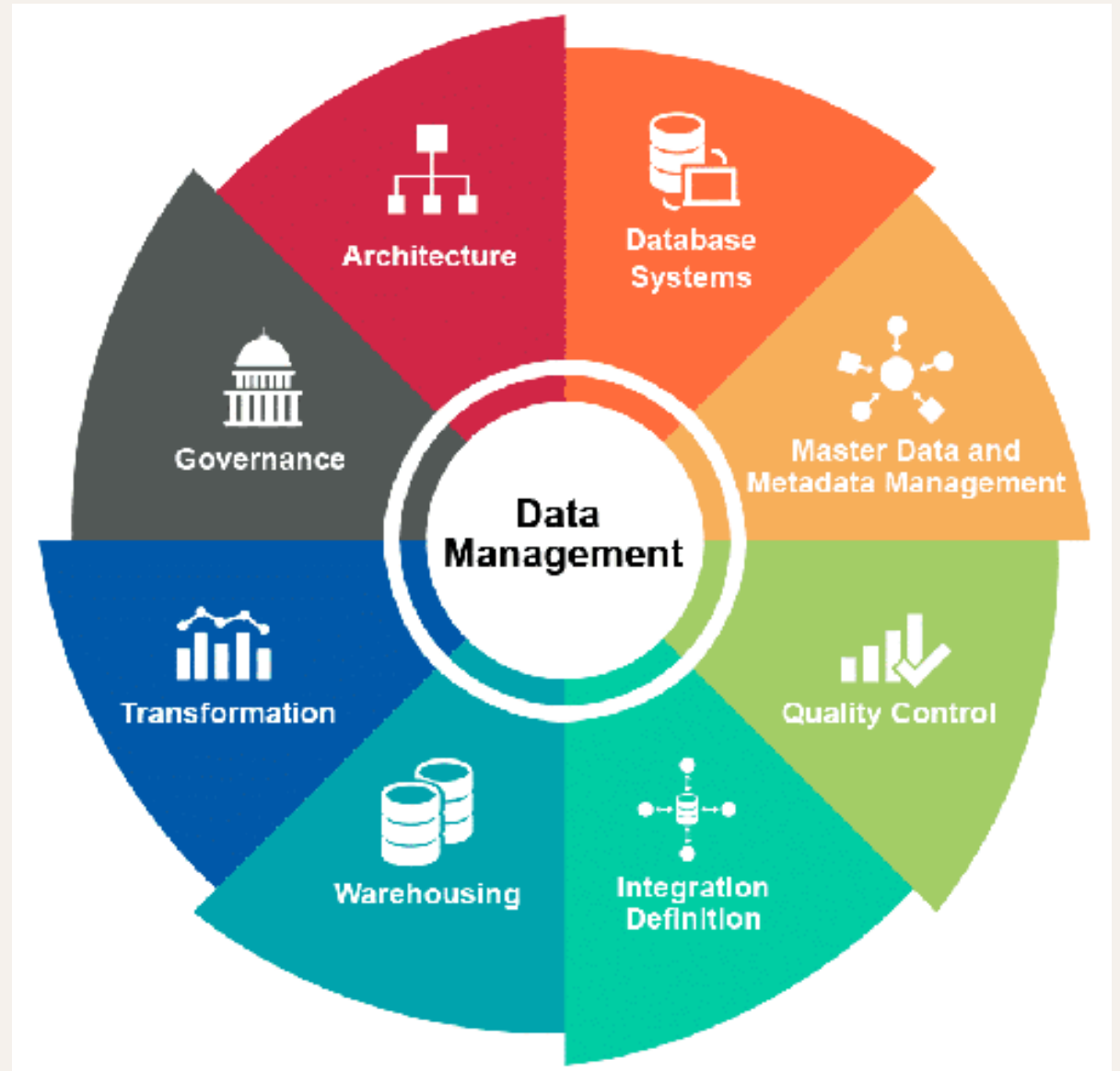
Learnings from first phase

Datasets have complications and inefficiencies

Data capture and monitoring design teams can make updates and improvement

Each phase comes with challenges but the techniques applied can be replicated and each phase is faster than the previous

The process will drive the modernisation of data capture systems, metadata design and quality control



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Opportunities

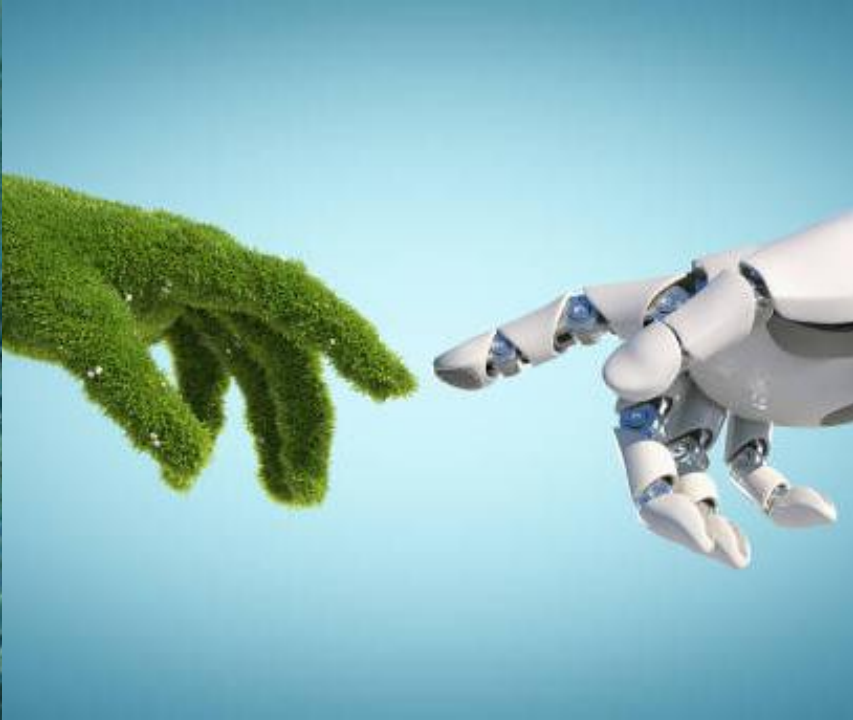
Addressing data sovereignty through using Local Context tags.

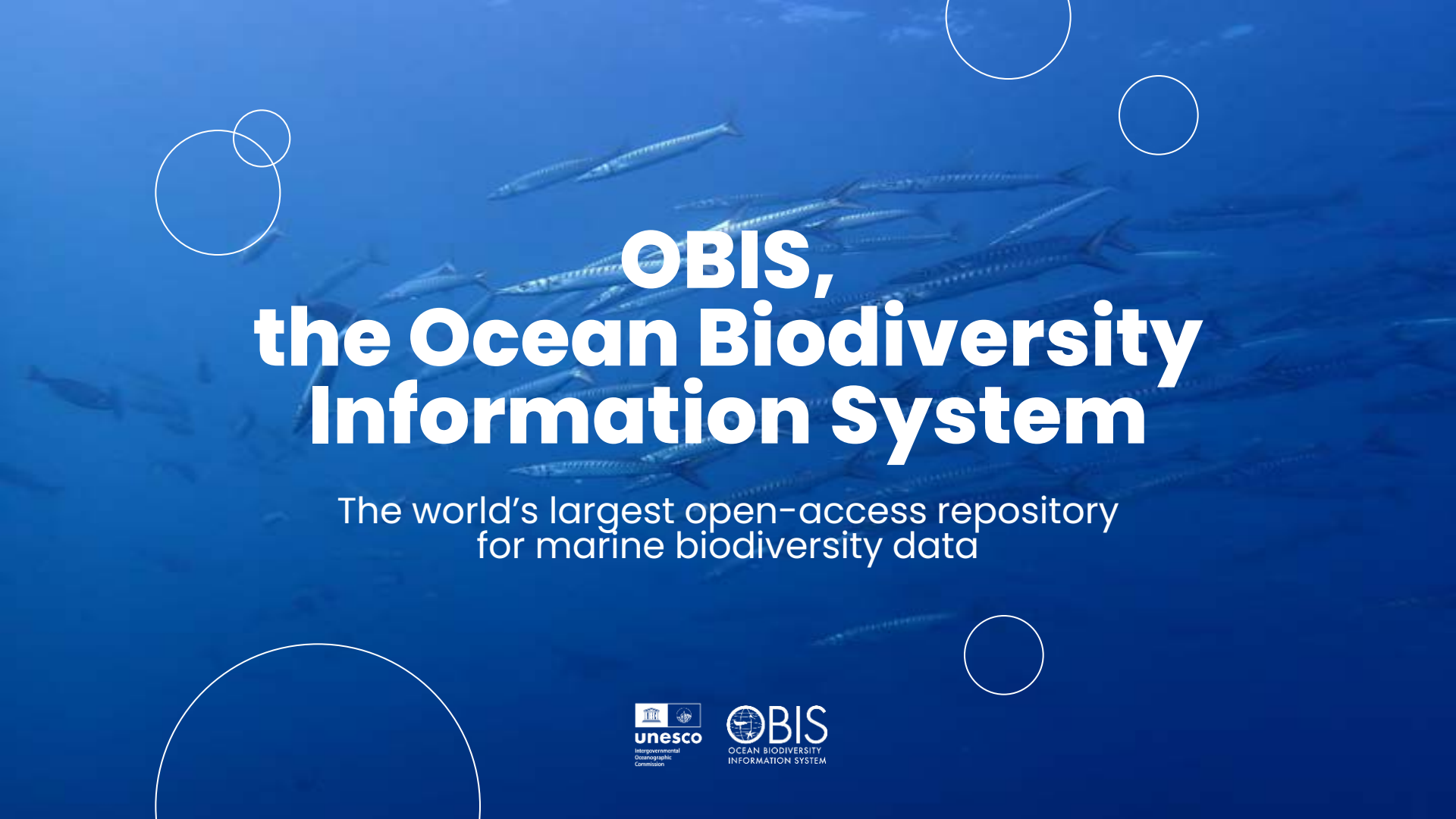
Applying CARE principles, data generalisation guidelines and relational data contexts into our data handling.

Developing better connection to Outcomes Monitoring Frameworks, Outcomes reporting and delivering evidence based reporting.

Developing a functional node as part of a federated data system. Giving power and agency to our environmental data.







OBIS, the Ocean Biodiversity Information System

The world's largest open-access repository
for marine biodiversity data



We are a global community

OBIS is the world's largest open-access repository for marine biodiversity data.

We are a global community of 30 Regional and 7 Thematic Nodes representing over 1,000 institutions and over 6,000 scientists and data managers from 99 countries.

OBIS's mission is to standardize, quality control, integrate and share marine biodiversity data with a global community of researchers, policymakers, and the public.

Two decorative circles in the top right corner, one overlapping the other.

**OBIS delivers 1 new dataset per day,
>1 million new records per month**

**Since 2000,
OBIS provides
high impact
data on marine
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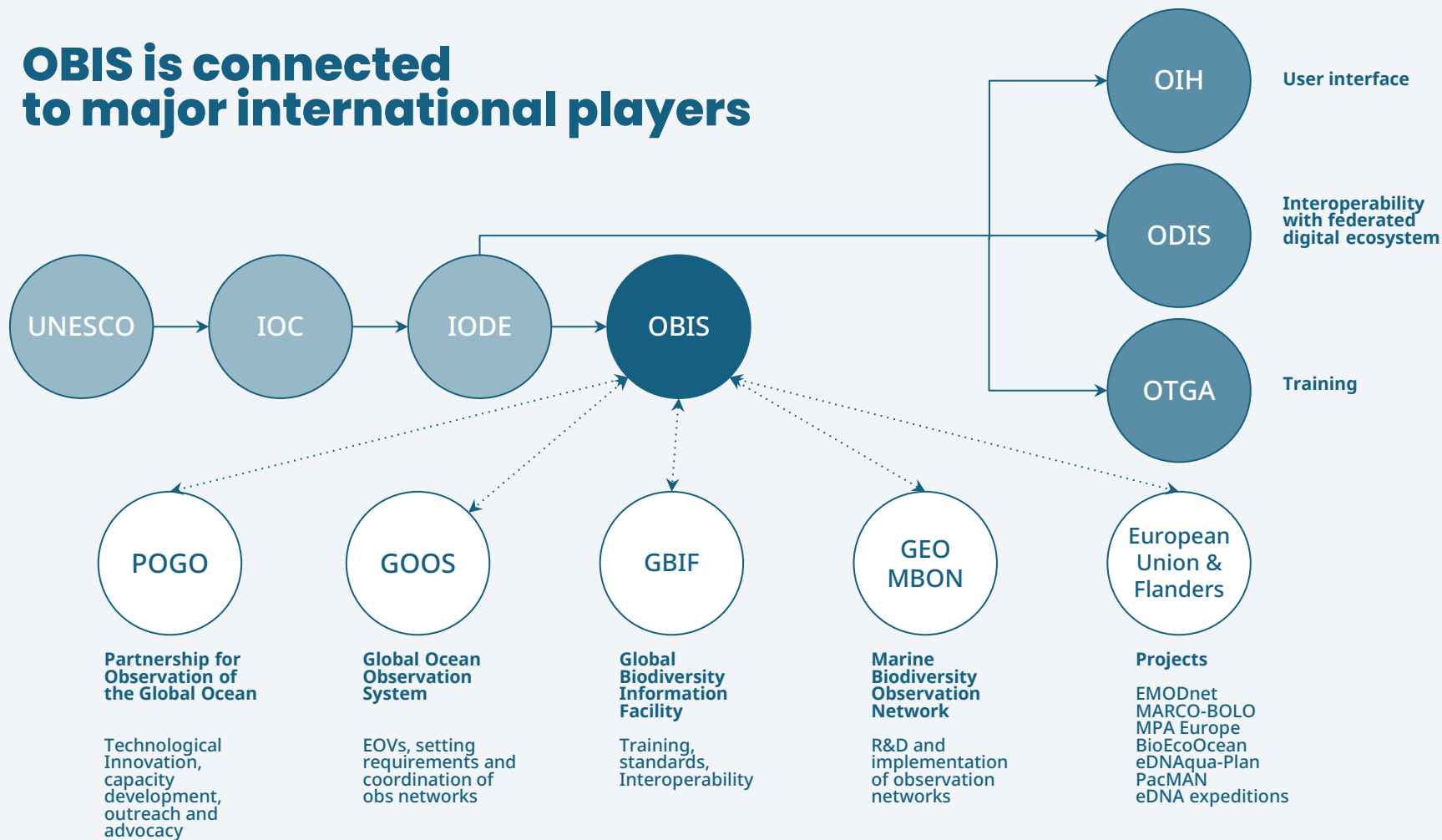
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6,650
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scientific papers/year

OBIS is connected to major international players



OBIS data supports

crucial global & regional ocean assessments
to enable science-based decision making



OBIS–GBIF Partnership (2024–2030)

Objectives

- Provide FAIR/CARE-aligned marine biodiversity data for science & policy.
- Secure long-term archiving & sustainability of both networks.

Joint strategy

Runs to 2030, renewed annually via action plan.

Focus on technical integration (standards, data models, tools) and community & capacity building (training, mobilization, engagement).

Guided by an implementation committee; focal points: Andrew Rodrigues (GBIF) & Ward Appeltans (OBIS).

2024 Action Plan

Technical focus

- Development of shared standards & vocabularies
- reinforcement of GBIF/OBIS interoperability
- user access improvement.

Community focus

- Joint data mobilization campaigns & data papers
- Regular community meetings & joint conferences
- Shared training curricula (e.g. OTGA)
- Guidance for GBIF nodes to engage marine stakeholders.

Explore our data and our community

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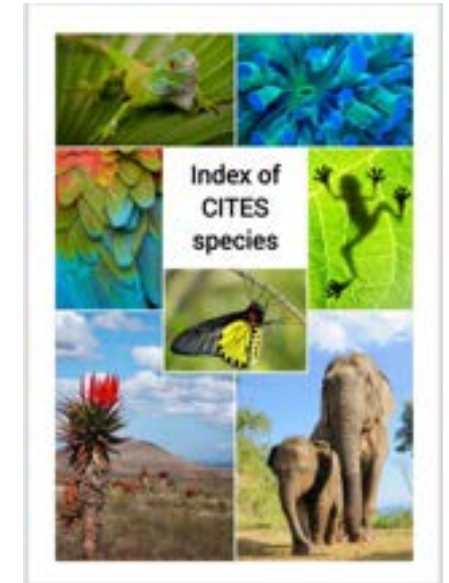
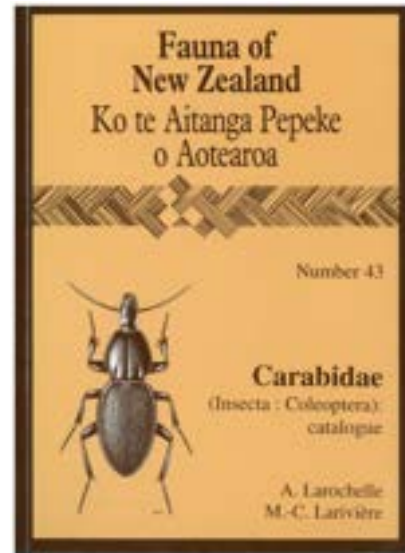


Checklists – a use case

Aaron Wilton, 25 August 2025

Checklists

- List of the organisms
- Vary in scope
 - Geographical
 - Taxonomic group
 - Taxonomic level
 - Ecological
 - Management status
- Vary in content
 - Scientific names
 - Vernacular names
 - Classification
 - Associated literature
 - Distribution
 - Origin and Occurrence

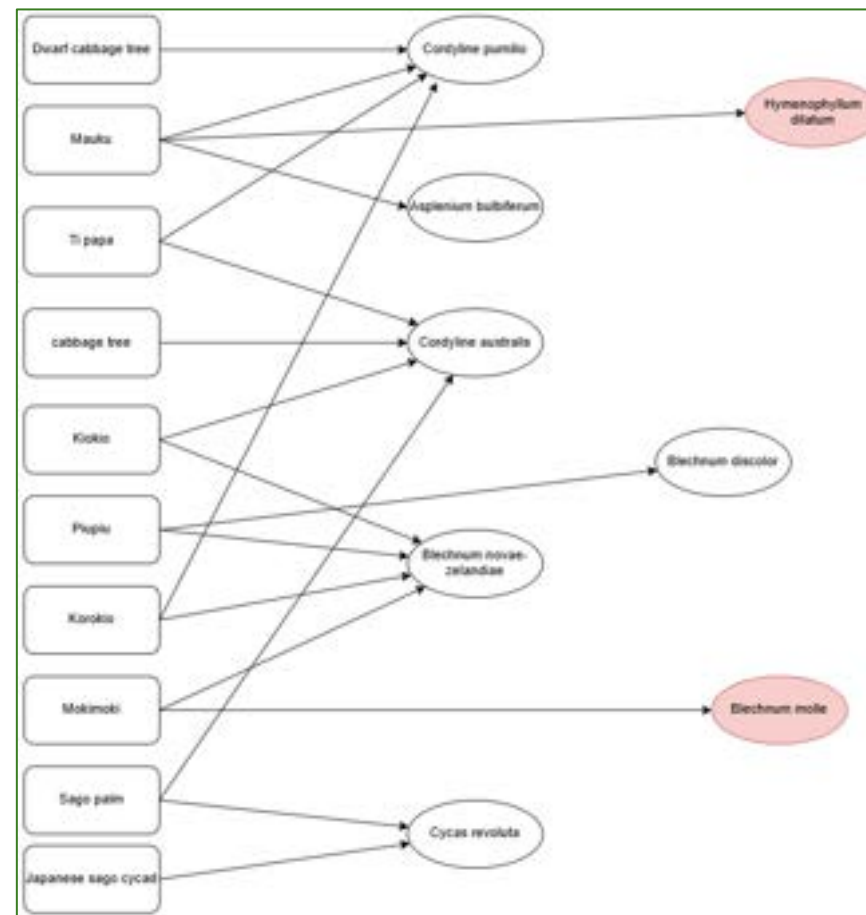


Organism names are the key to biological information

But...

- Complex relationships
 - mapping of vernacular to scientific names
 - Between scientific names
 - Misapplications
 - Taxonomic differences
- High error rates
- Varied and specialised abbreviations and formatting

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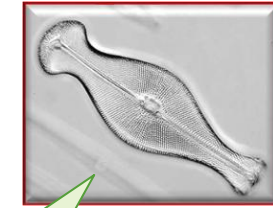
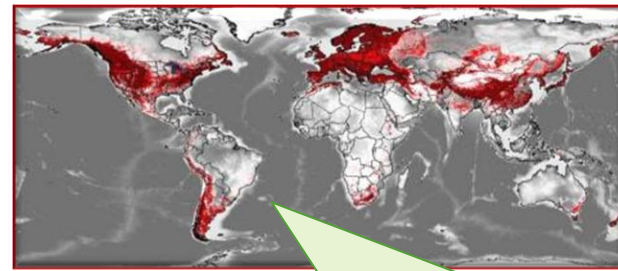
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L. = Linn. = Linnaeus

Zoology: *Sardia rostrata pluto* (Kirkaldy, 1906)

Botany: *Asplenium appendiculatum* (Labill.) C.Presl
subsp. *appendiculatum*

Adiantum trapeziforme L. ≠ *Adiantum trapeziforme* G.Forst. (= *Adiantum cunninghamii* Hook.)



Didymosphenia geminata

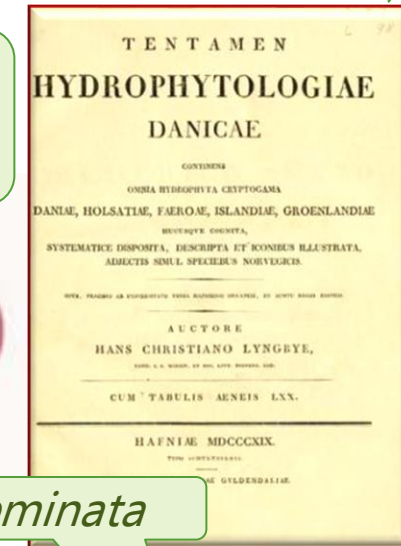
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Echinella geminata

Didymosphenia geminata (Lyngbye)
Schmidt 1899



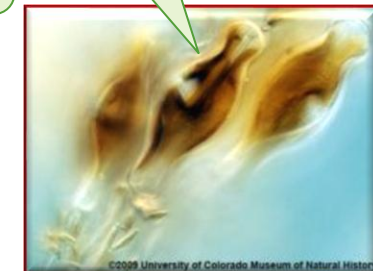
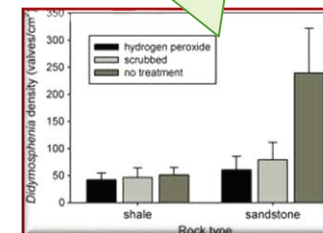
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Scientific name

☒ Nothofagus solandri (Hook.f.) Oerst.

Basic of record

Year

Month

Location

Administrative area (gadm.org)

Country or area

Continent

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GBIF Global Red List Category

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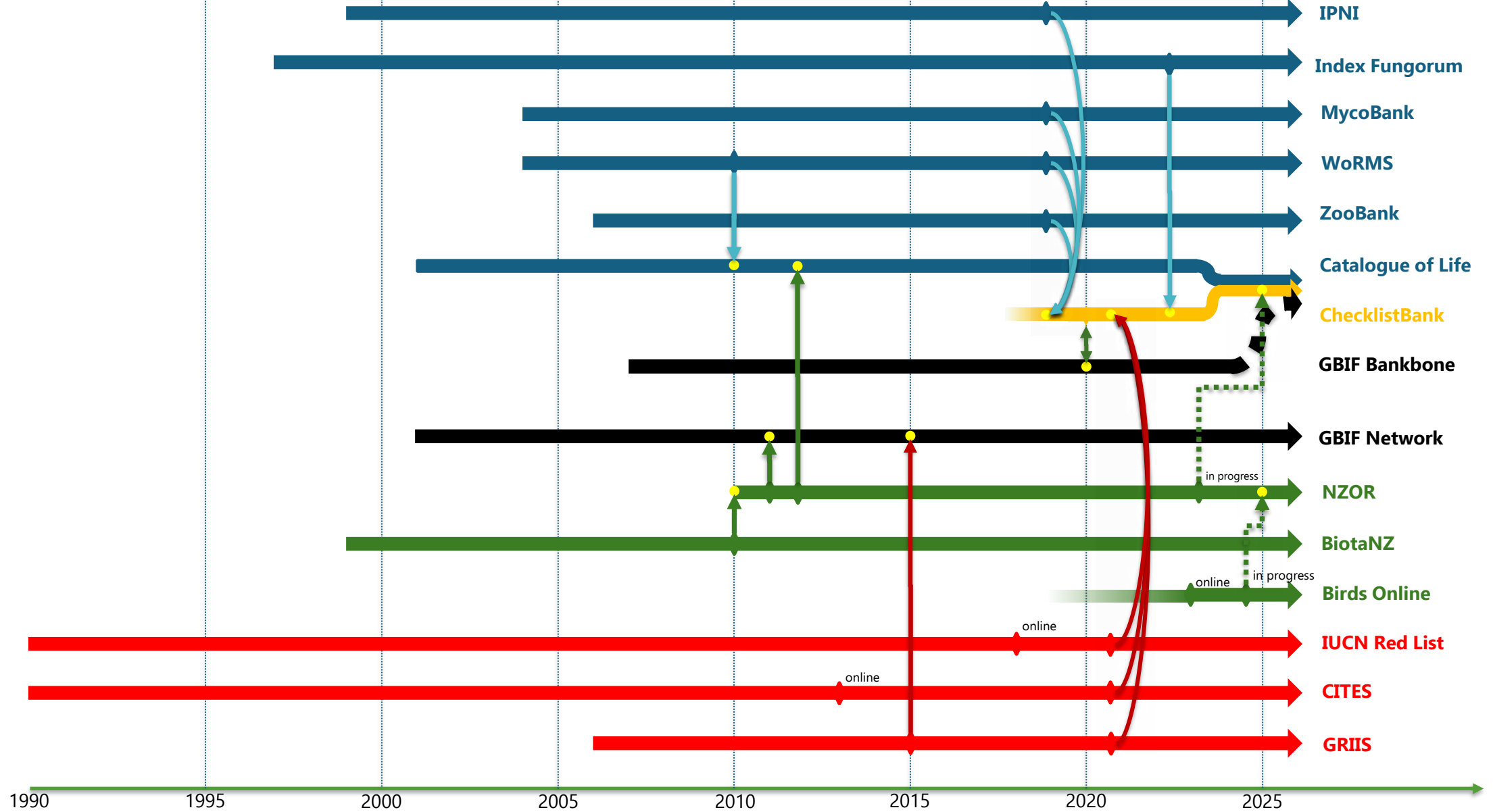
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Classification

superkingdom Eukaryota

kingdom Plantae

Approximate timeline for some global and regional initiatives





ChecklistBank

Index and repository for taxonomic data

Species in Catalogue of Life

2,230,054

Name Usages in ChecklistBank

226,482,641

Datasets in ChecklistBank

61,117

Latest COL Checklist

2025-08-20

The [Catalogue of Life](#) (COL) and [GBIF](#) aim to support the publication and curation of checklists and to provide a platform for their consistent discovery, use and citation. GBIF has for some time maintained a checklist index and supported the network of repositories for its community to share checklist data. COL and GBIF have united their capabilities to make ChecklistBank a consistent foundation and repository for all COL datasets and any other openly licensed species lists, including those mobilized and registered through [GBIF](#).

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Status

accepted species

Classification

Unranked **Biota** > kingdom **Animalia** > phylum **Chordata** > subphylum **Vertebrata** > infraphylum **Gnathostomata** > parophylum **Osteichthyes** > superclass **Actinopterygii** > superorder **Actinoptei** > class **Teleostei** > order **Caraniformes** > family **Caranoidae** > genus **Seriola** >

Synonyms and combinations

- *Seriola bonasus* Smith, 1959 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola Anicki* Delfin, 1903 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola Anicki* Delfin, 1903 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola maritima* Steindachner, 1876 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola grandis* Castelnau, 1872 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Holebrachus dorsalis* Gil, 1863 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Licho pappi* Bleeker, 1859 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola dumerilata* Temminck & Schlegel, 1845 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola dorsalis* (Gil, 1863) ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola islandi* Valenciennes, 1833 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola islandi* Valenciennes, 1833 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola islandi dorsalis* (Gil, 1863) ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola islandi* Valenciennes, 1833 ¹⁰¹⁴
- *Seriola pappi* (Bleeker, 1859) ¹⁰¹⁴

Environments

marine

Vernacular names

Name	Transliteration	Language	Country	Ref	Remarks
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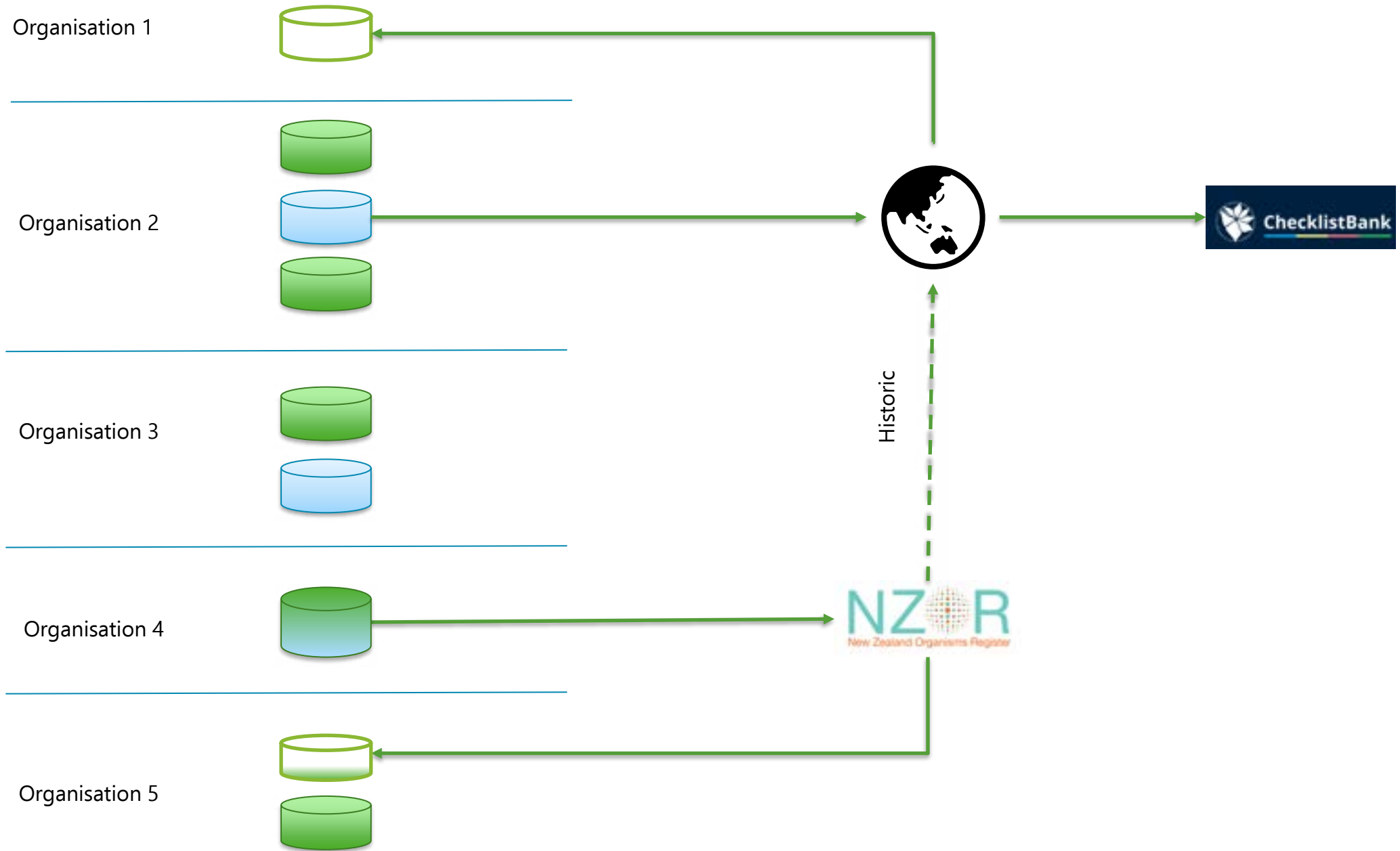
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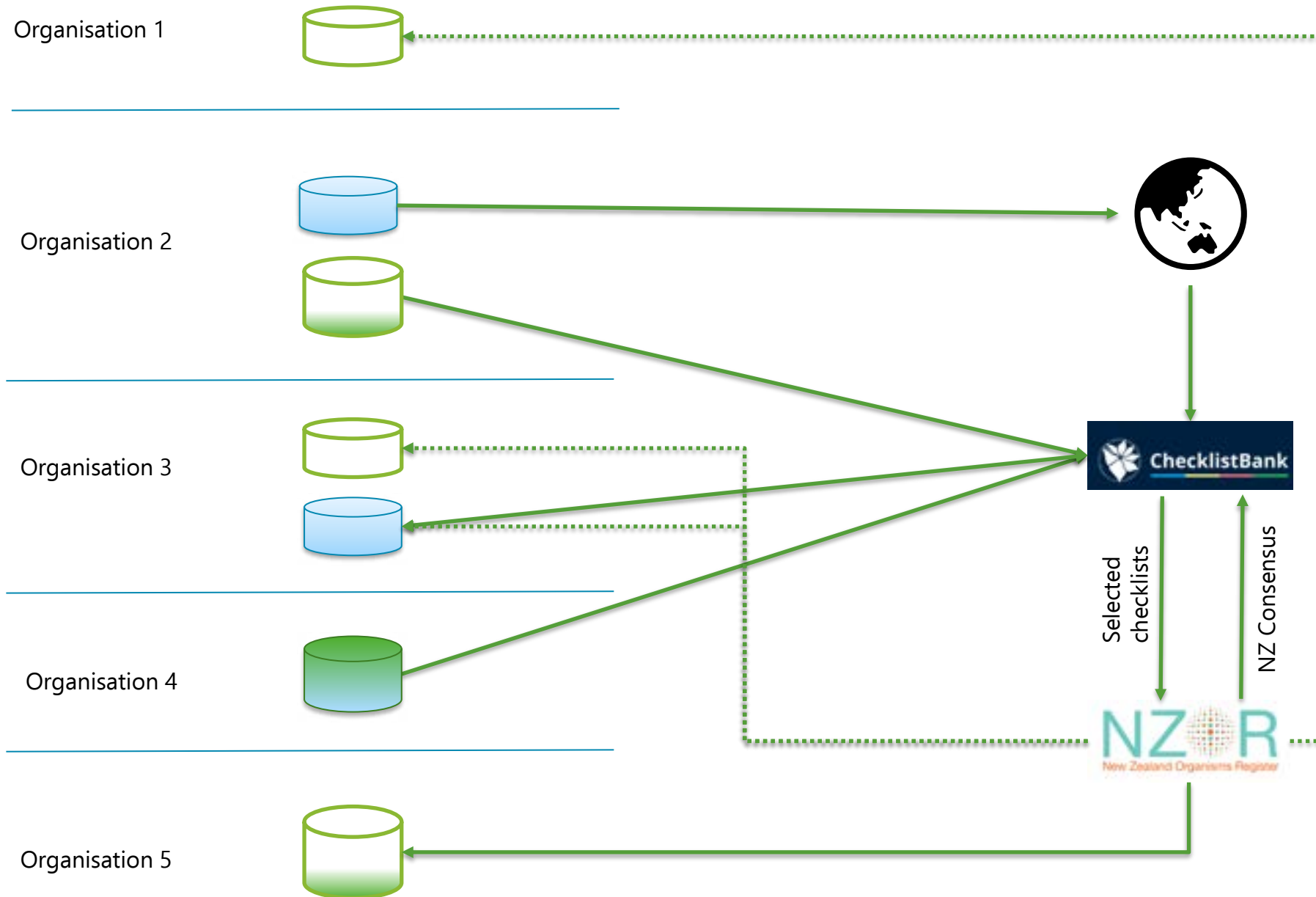
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SWAT: a Smart Weed Alert Tool to detect new weeds early

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New Zealand is very weedy!

- ~400 environmental weeds
- ~2000 plant species starting to naturalise
- ~25,000 other exotic plant species already in New Zealand



Early detection is key!





- Early detection = early control is possible
- Early control = cheaper, easier
- Early control = fewer biodiversity / ecosystem impacts

But we have no system for early detection of new weeds – we rely on luck



Space invaders:

A review of how New Zealand manages weeds that threaten native ecosystems

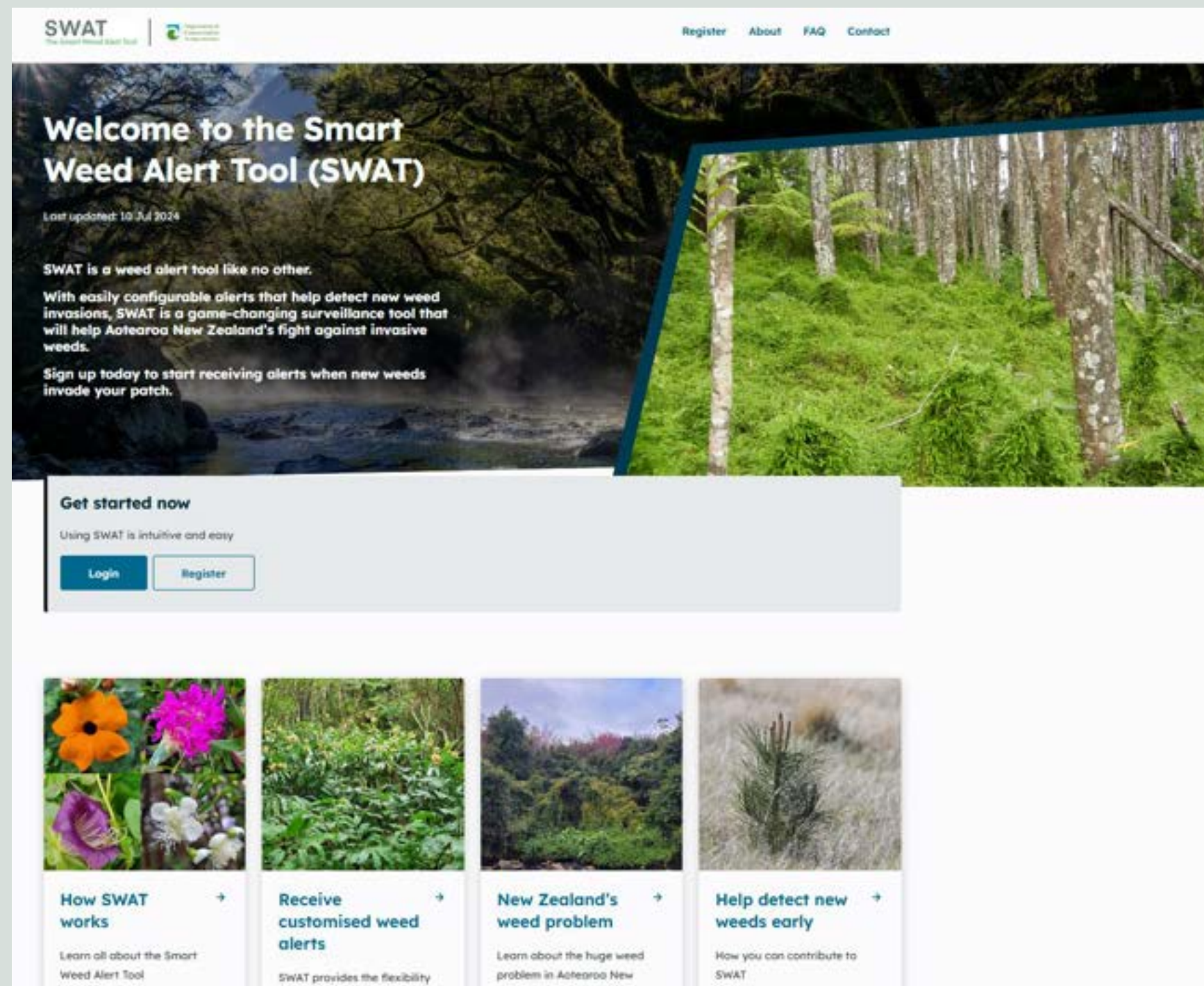
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Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment
Te Kaitiaki Taiao a Te Whare Pāremata

- Weed surveillance is patchy and relies on luck
- There is no systematic surveillance for the tens of thousands of exotic plant species already in New Zealand
- No regular scanning of iNaturalist for new possible incursions
- Need a better system to detect new and emerging weeds

- The Smart Weed Alert Tool (SWAT) will use GBIF data to improve early detection of new weeds
- A gamechanger for weed surveillance



SWAT
The Smart Weed Alert Tool

Register About FAQ Contact

Welcome to the Smart Weed Alert Tool (SWAT)

Last updated: 10 Jul 2024

SWAT is a weed alert tool like no other.

With easily configurable alerts that help detect new weed invasions, SWAT is a game-changing surveillance tool that will help Aotearoa New Zealand's fight against invasive weeds.

Sign up today to start receiving alerts when new weeds invade your patch.

Get started now

Using SWAT is intuitive and easy

Login Register



How SWAT works →

Learn all about the Smart Weed Alert Tool



Receive customised weed alerts →

SWAT provides the flexibility



New Zealand's weed problem →

Learn about the huge weed problem in Aotearoa New

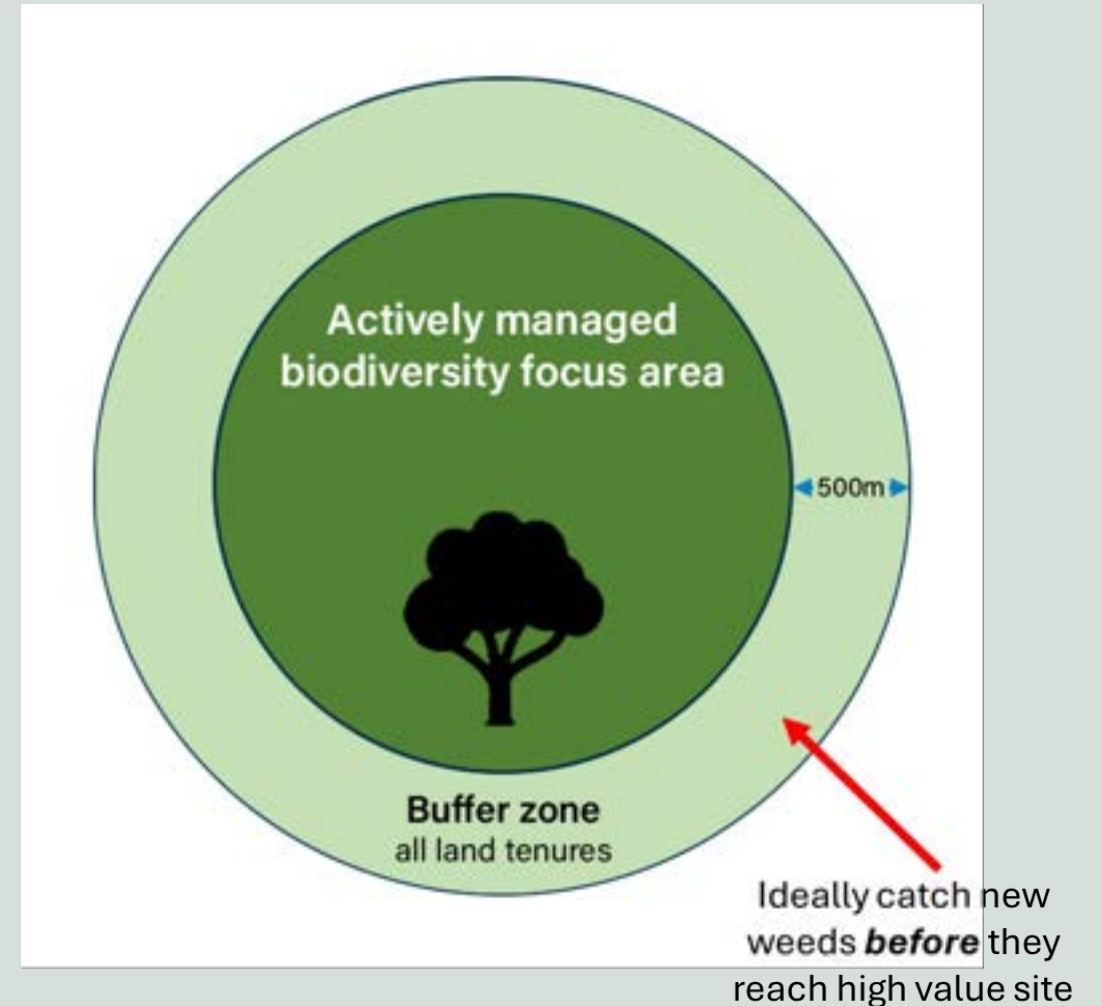


Help detect new weeds early →

How you can contribute to SWAT

Users can set up highly specific weed alerts based on their criteria of interest

- Type of weed
 - New or uncommon
 - Particular category
 - Particular species
- Geographic area
 - Whole of New Zealand
 - Region, district, suburb
 - Community group, iwi area
 - User-defined area
- Buffer zone



Examples of SWAT alert scenarios

Anyone managing weeds

- First record of a species in selected area/region/place

DOC

- Environmental weed within 200m of Operations District

Regional Councils

- RPMP species in region – and/or neighbouring region, + buffer
- Can refine by programme (e.g. Exclusion and Eradication species)

MPI

- NIPR species, Notifiable Organisms anywhere in NZ

Iwi, community groups, QEII etc

- Environmental weed recorded within 100m of their area boundary

Alert criteria/functionality	SWAT	Find-A-Pest	GBIF Alert	iNaturalist alert tool	Australia Living Atlas (ALA) Alert	WeedScan (not live yet)	NatureMapr
User can set up own alerts	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Species info							
Select species of interest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Don't have to define/select species of interest	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Select RPMP species	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Select UO or NO species	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Select species on Environmental Weed List 2024	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Select NPPA species	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Select NIPR species	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Record threshold							
First record of a species (in defined area)	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
First 10 (or user-defined number) records of a species	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Every time a species is recorded	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spatial							
Define region	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Define Regional, District or City Council boundaries	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	?	?
Define DOC region or EMU	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Define iwi boundary	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
User-defined boundary	✓	✗	✓	✓	?	✗	?
Include buffer zone around defined area	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Information included in alert email							
Species, date, location	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NZ legal or management status info	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Distance to nearest (other) record of alert species	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Location accuracy on each record	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Weediness information	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
MPI and RC information relevant to alert species	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

How does SWAT work?

Pulls in new exotic plant records from GBIF – daily

Scans new records – match any users' alert criteria?

Yes – send user an alert (email)

Alert includes summary of the records that have triggered the alert (species, place, number of previous records for the species)

Full alert page in SWAT – lots more info, including maps

Full species page in SWAT (17,000 so far) – legal status, weediness info, control info, lots more

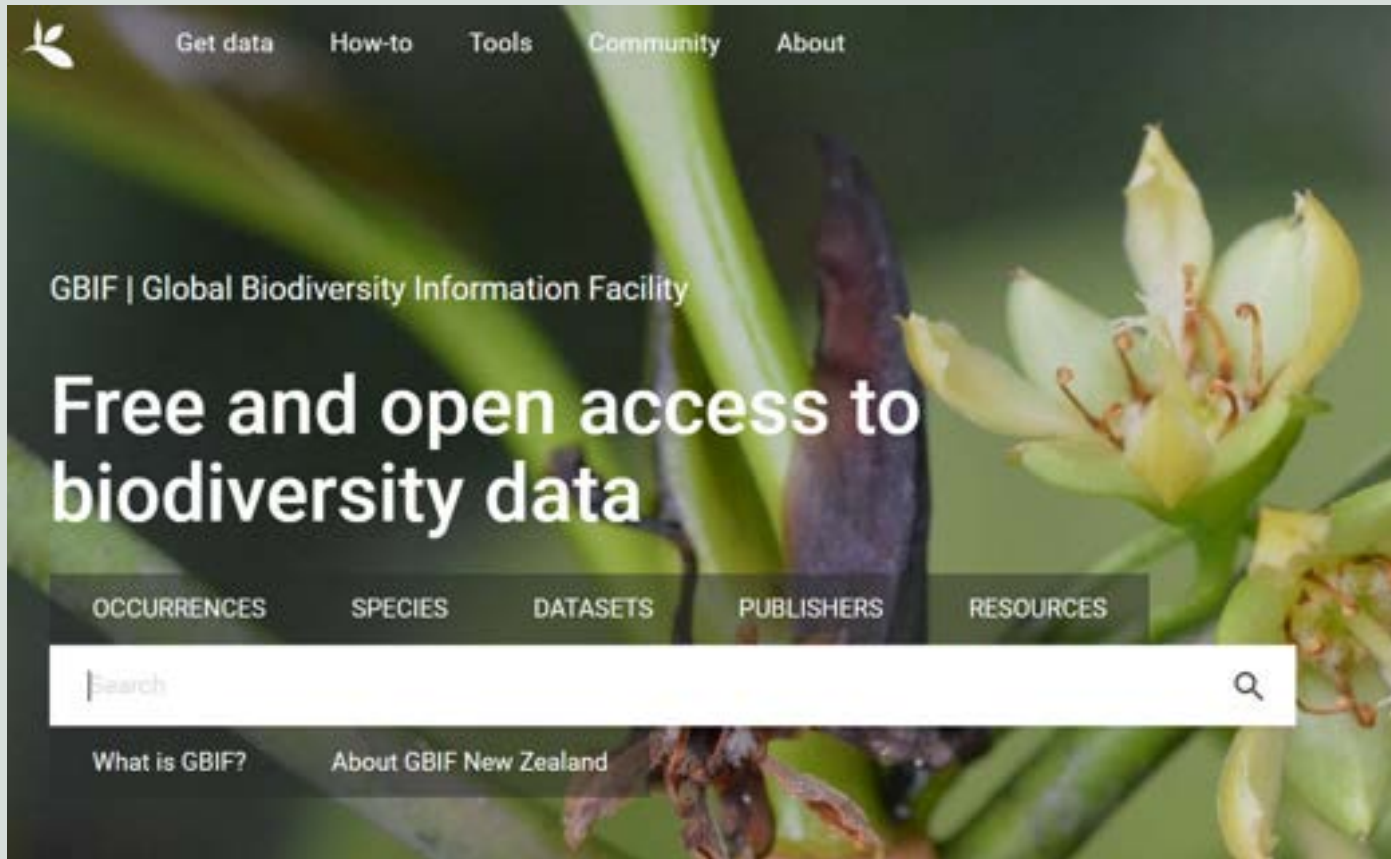
Plus...

...a distribution map
with slider to go back
and forth in time

- National or regional
scale
- New record in red
- How cool?!



SWAT will use GBIF data



- iNaturalist observations
- Herbarium data
- National Vegetation Survey (NVS) data
- ~30 other data sets
- Regional Councils and DOC working on getting data into GBIF

Significance of iNaturalist > GBIF

- People can contribute to SWAT simply by using iNaturalist
- Incentivises the use of iNaturalist (people want to help)
- More data into iNaturalist =
 - more data into GBIF
 - better weed distribution maps
 - SWAT more accurate
- Win – win – win!
- PS. Please use iNaturalist 😊



Using GBIF data means SWAT will be easily adapted to other organism types





Questions?



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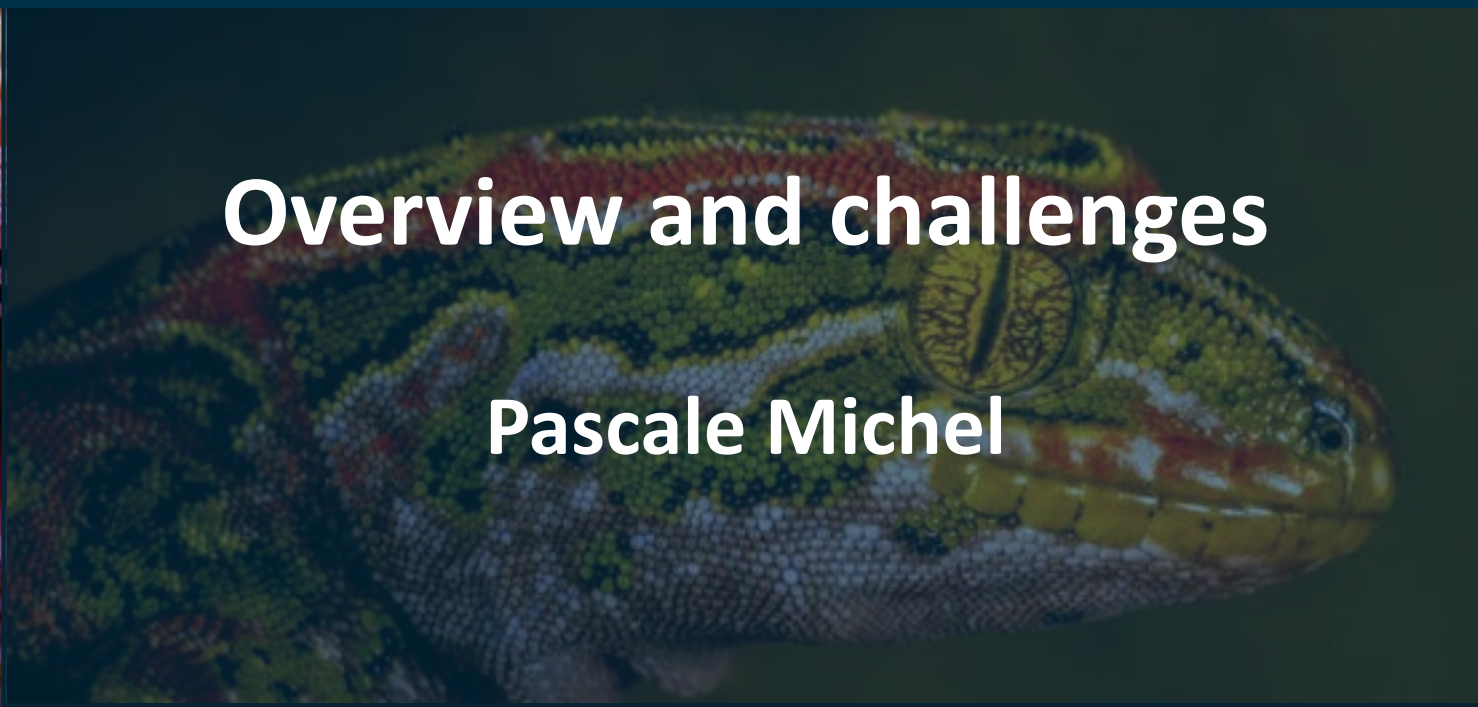


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tree lomatia (*Lomatia fraseri*)

THREATENED SPECIES LISTINGS



Overview and challenges

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THREATENED SPECIES LISTINGS

Conservation status of species
based on species distribution, abundance and trends

LISTING	IUCN – Red List of Threatened Species	New Zealand Threat Classification (NZTCS) [Regional TCS]
EXTEND	Global	National
CATEGORIES & CRITERIA	7 categories	14 categories + qualifiers Weighted criteria thresholds
TAXONOMIC UNIT	Species	Species, subspecies, varieties, forms
Based on morphology, genetics and ecology	Subspecies? Taxonomically determinate [e.g. <i>Charadrius obscurus</i> – red-breasted plover]	Taxonomically determinate + Taxonomically unresolved (including “tag names” [interim]) [e.g. <i>C. o. aquilonius</i> , <i>C.o. obscurus</i> – southern and northern NZ plover; <i>Craspedia</i> aff. <i>minor</i> (AK 228074; Chatham Island)]



THREATENED SPECIES LISTINGS

Measuring change in conservation status over time

NUMBER OF
THREATENED TAXA

Annual reporting:
National (ANZBN outcome 2)
international (e.g. OCDE)

RED LIST INDEX

based on genuine
improvement

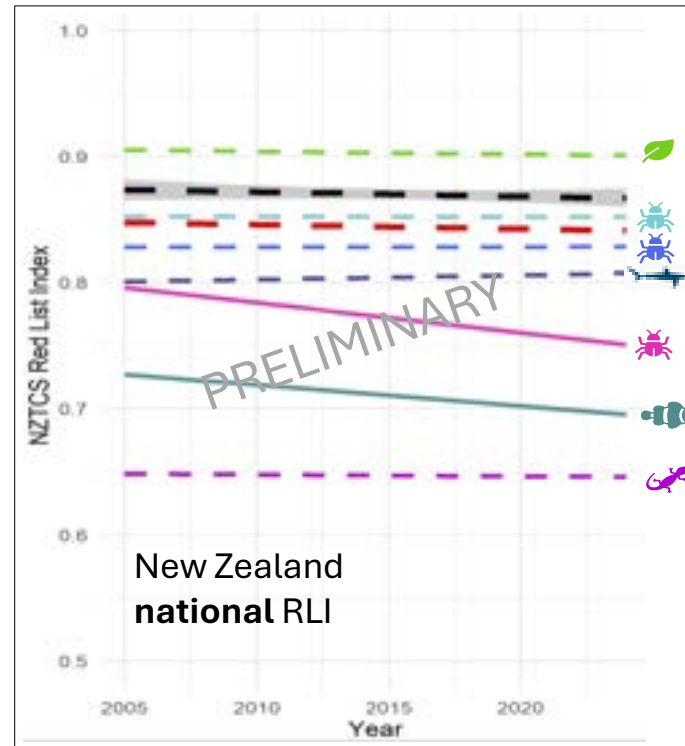
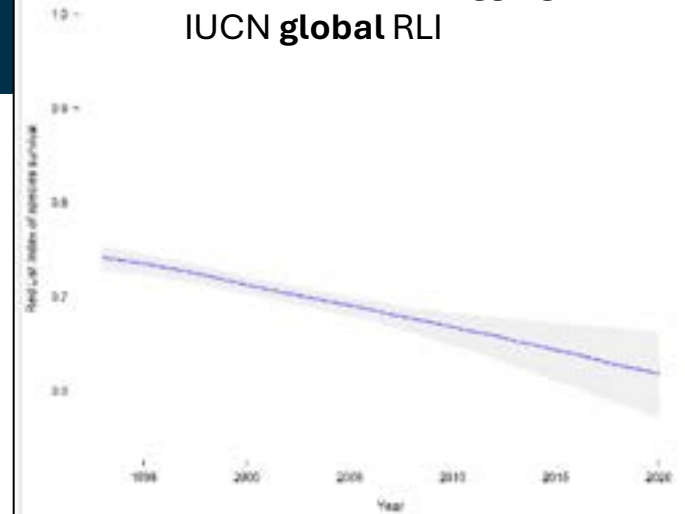
IUCN - Global RLI
CBD indicator A.3
Country's contribution
to global extinction risk
Based on 298 spp. from
4 taxonomic groups
(mammals, birds,
amphibians, corals)

NZTCS - National RLI
ANZBN outcome 2
CBD Goal A – indicator A.3
National extinction risk for the
proportion of species'
population occurring within the
country's boundary
Based on ~ 8,000 taxa from >20
taxonomic groups.

NE 500 INDICATOR

Genetic Diversity Index
CBD indicator A.4

New Zealand disaggregated
IUCN **global** RLI



THREATENED SPECIES LISTINGS

Data sources

CHALLENGES

Multiple sources of data: international platforms, national and regional databases, private data sources, non-digitalised collections and experts knowledge

Taxonomic inconsistency

- Taxonomic up-dates
- Unresolved taxa (NZTCS = 51 unresolved taxa)

Exporting format for analysis

- Access to granular level information
- Estimates of trend and abundance

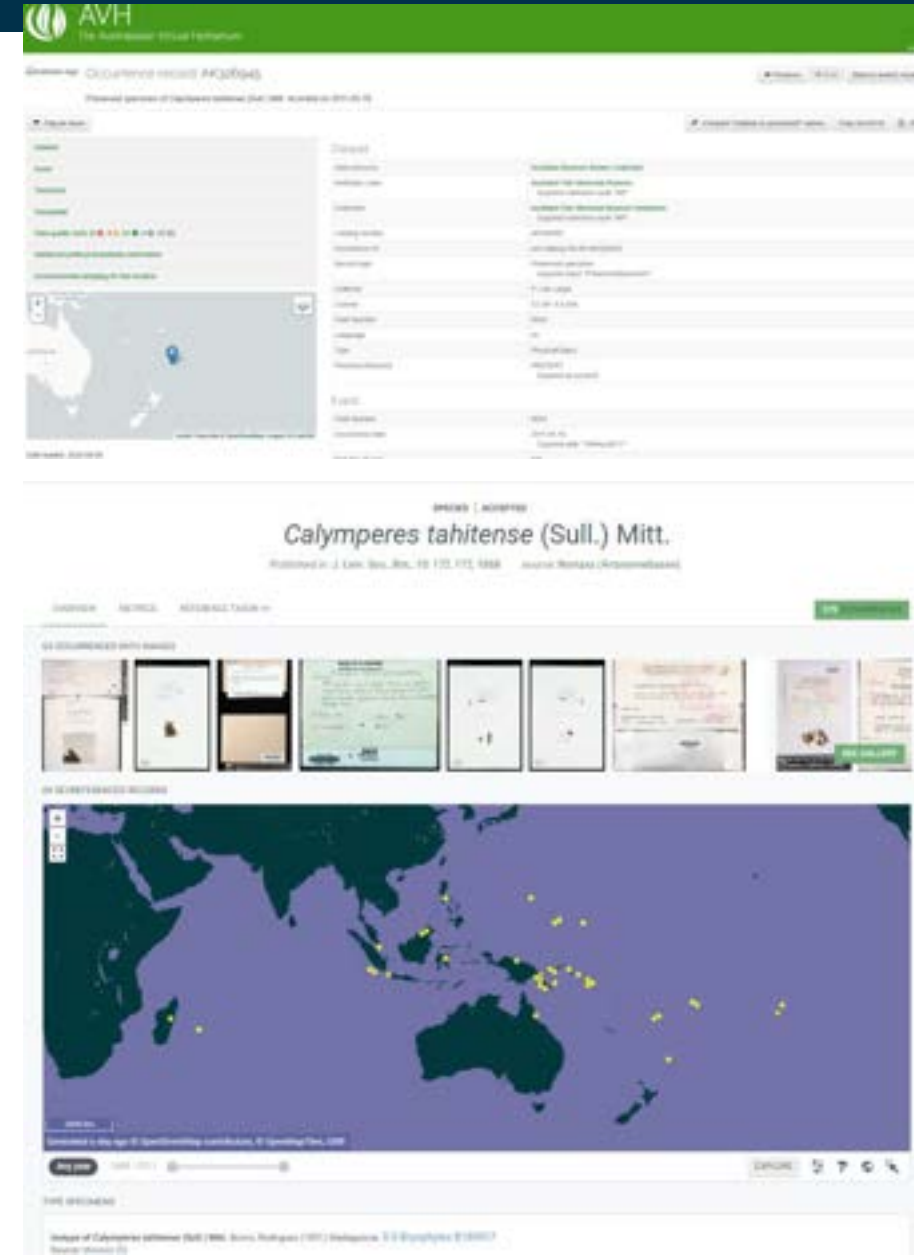
NEEDS

Centralised platform

One point of truth (e.g. NZOR)

Flexibility in taxonomic level and definition

Standardised datasets



THANK YOU



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**Data mobilisation and
digital enablement
for pest management**

New Zealand Established Pests Portal

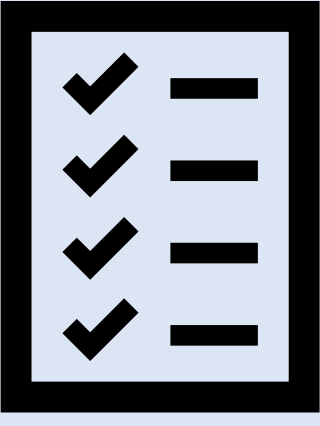


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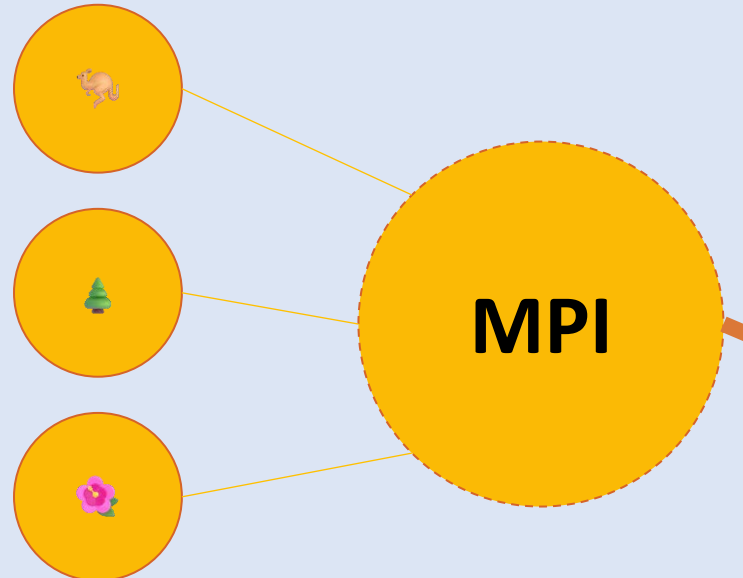
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Lists of species



Status under
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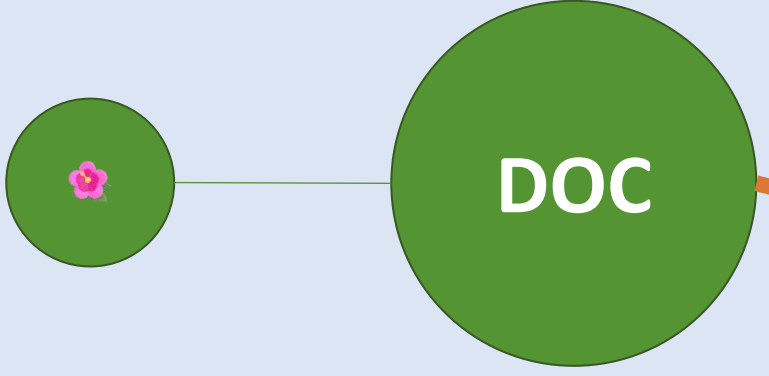


International Lists

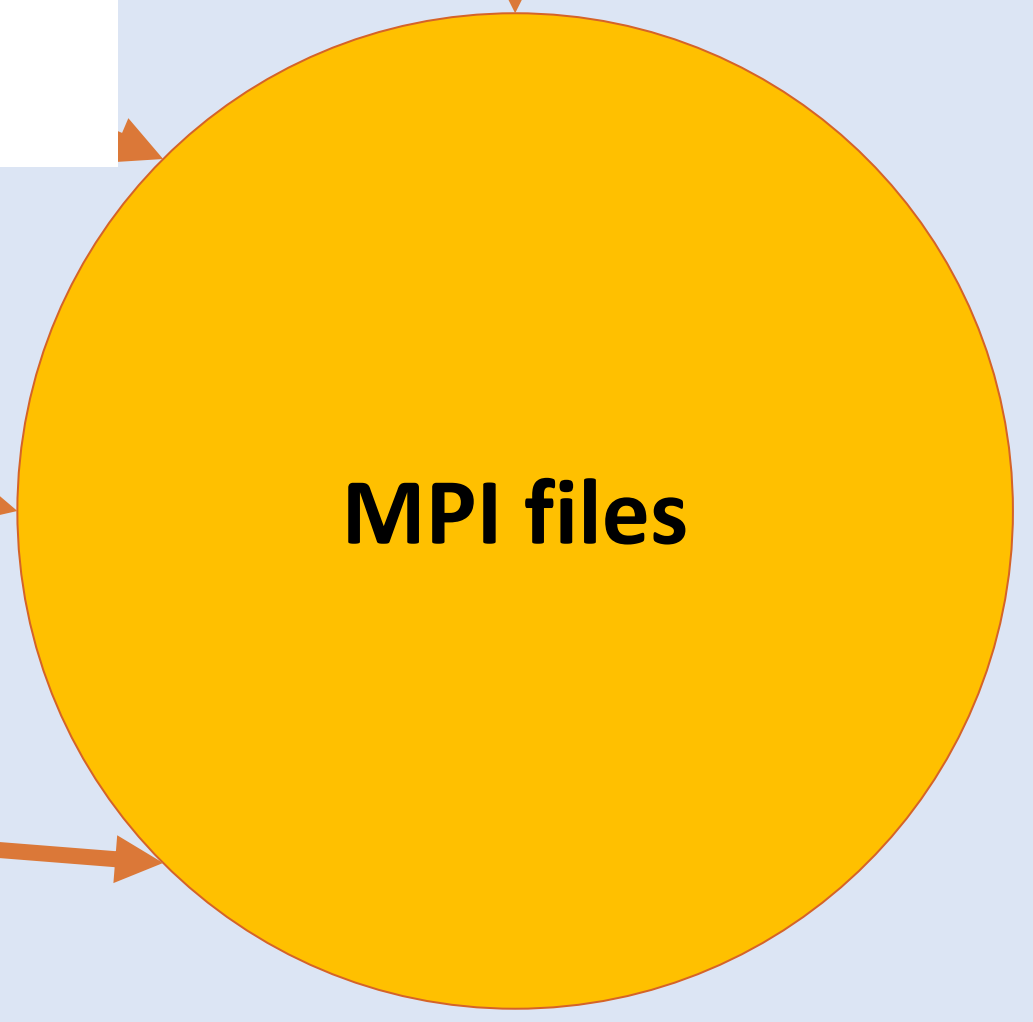
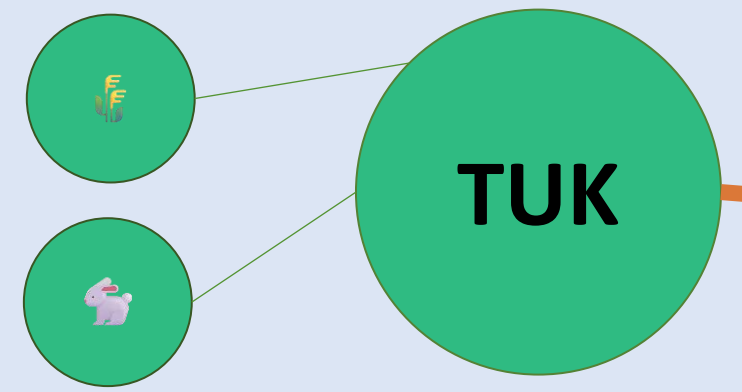


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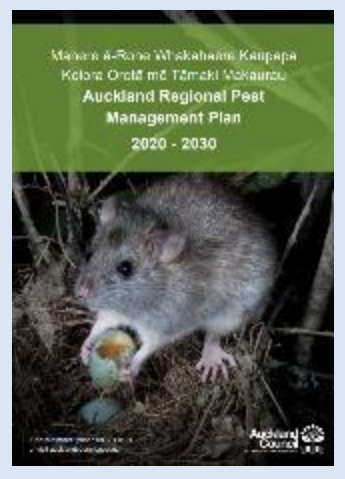
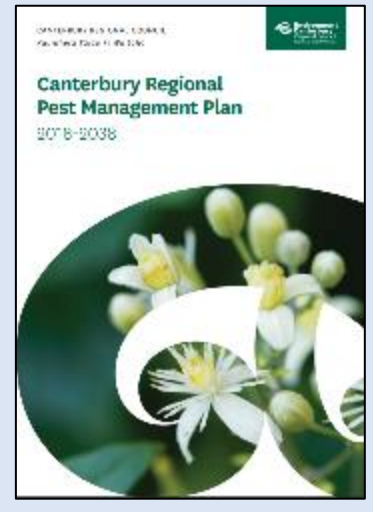
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RPMP
Pest status



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updates



27 May 2025	Minor changes approved by council 27 May 2025	Table 4.1 Organisms declared as pests Section 6.4 Sustained control plants Rule 6.4.6 Rule 6.4.7	Substitution of Madagascar ragwort (<i>Senecio madagascariensis</i>) for gravel groundsel (<i>Senecio skirrhodon</i>) on the basis of initial misidentification, resolved through DNA analysis.
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Opportunity to have RPMP lists uploaded onto GBIF as checklists?
Lots of groundwork done already for weeds in particular and all established pests in general

Species identification challenge:

Example : Moth plant



Source	Name used	
iNaturalist 	<i>Araujia sericifera</i> (Moth plant)	
Auckland Council 	<i>Araujia sericifera</i> syn. <i>Araujia hortorum</i> – Moth plant	
Waikato Regional Council 	Moth plant (<i>Araujia hortorum</i>)	
Bay of Plenty Regional Council 	Moth plant – <i>Araujia hortorum</i>	
Gisborne District Council 	<i>Araujia sericifera</i> – Moth plant	
National Pest Plant Accord (MPI) 	<i>Araujia hortorum</i> (Moth plant)	
Official New Zealand Pest Register (MPI)	<i>Araujia sericifera</i> (synonym <i>Araujia hortorum</i>) Mothplant	

- Ideally, everyone uses one same taxonomic name for identification in their systems/documents
 - Realistically, there are differences due to opinions, difference in timing updates, system limitations, etc..
- Need a stable solution allowing for those practical differences and potential changes



Moth Plant



Synonyms

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Synonyms

Nzorld	NzorFullName
17d2fd96-3aa1-4871-8dd0-7b22a812f6be	<i>Araujia albens</i> (Mart.) G.Don
★ Nzorld	★ NzorFullName
b7b2caa8-cdbd-4f16-aeb3-976d5c435237	<i>Araujia sericifera</i> Brot.
★ Nzorld	★ NzorFullName
14f33dad-e5fe-431a-b681-0b53a619e471	<i>Araujia hortorum</i> E.Fourn.
★ Nzorld	★ NzorFullName
a7e05a6f-cad6-4fa0-b39a-c274c3124100	<i>Araujia sericifera</i> botanists New Zealand botanists
★ Nzorld	★ NzorFullName
1fa70d9b-cbdd-4f9a-8c53-9051d2d24792	<i>Araujia sericifera</i> var. <i>hortorum</i> (E.Fourn.) Malme

SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia calycina</i> Decne.	3580105
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia albens</i> (Mart.) G.Don	3580125
★ SCIENTIFIC NAME	★ TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia sericifera</i> Brot.	3170442
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia hortorum</i> E.Fourn.	3579928
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia sericifera</i> f. <i>calycina</i> (Decne.) Malme	3579877
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia sericifera</i> f. <i>hortorum</i> (E.Fourn.) Malme	6416831
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia sericifera</i> var. <i>hortorum</i> (E.Fourn.) Malme	3579858
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Araujia sericofera</i> Brot.	3170443
SCIENTIFIC NAME	TAXON KEY
<i>Physianthus albens</i> Mart.	3576154

Accepted taxon KEY
3170442

SPECIES KEY
3170442

One key to rule them all?

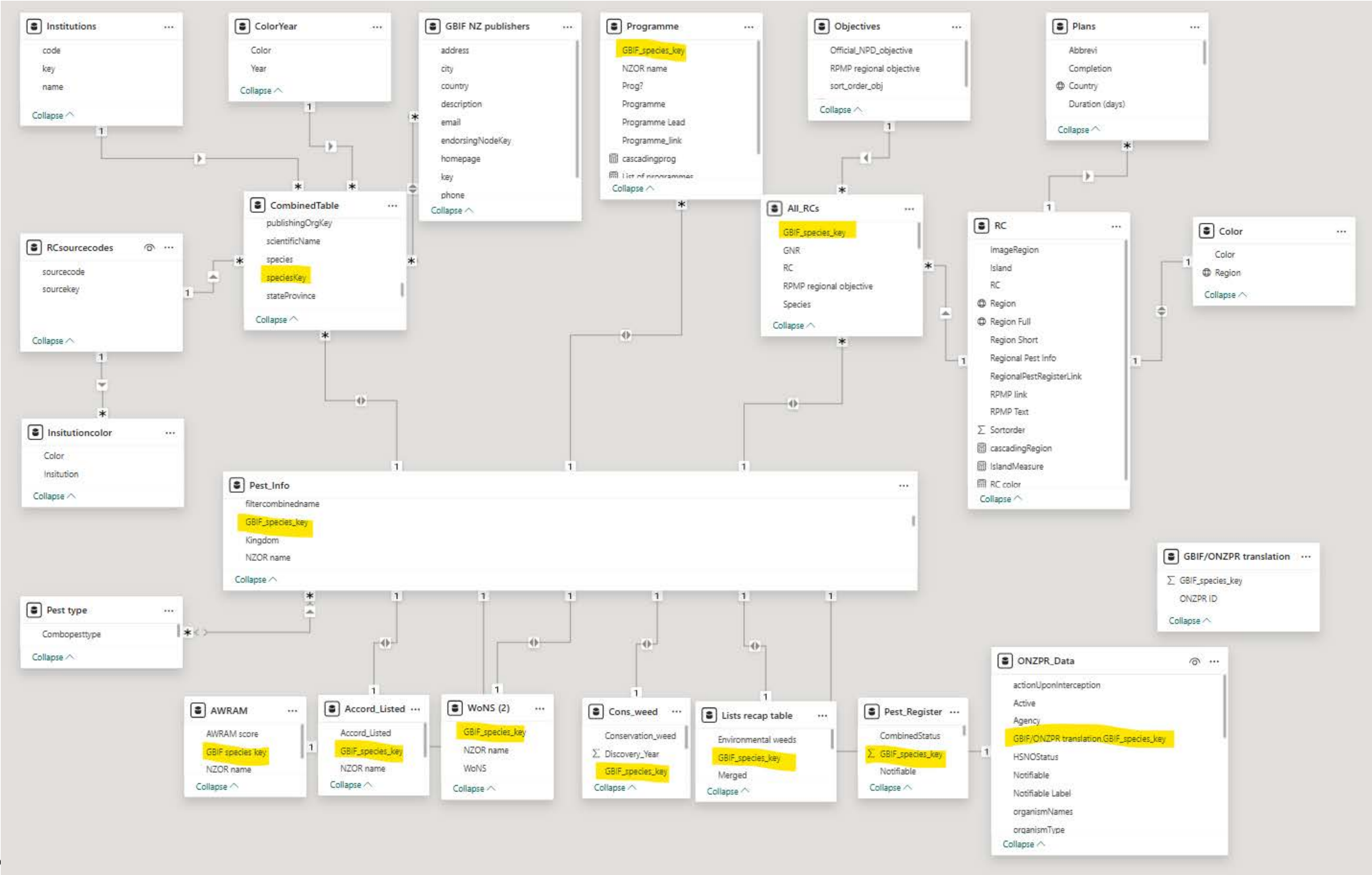
★ Preferred (=current) name within synonym group
api.gbif.org/v1/occurrence/search?taxonKey=3579928

Example : Moth plant



Scientific name	Taxon key	Species key	Number of occurrences
<i>Araujia hortorum</i> E.Fourn.	3170442	3170442	1,822
<i>Araujia sericifera</i> Brot.	3579928	3170442	4,476

Species identifiers – Use of GBIF species key



Filters

Species

Moth plant, Moth vine, Cruel Plant (Araujia hortorum)

Region

All

More filters

Currently applied filters

Species = Moth plant, Moth vine, Cruel Plant (Araujia hortorum)

Pests characteristics and management information

Picture	Species	Number of regional councils	Unwanted/Notifiable	Listings	Programmes	Da int
	Moth plant, Moth vine, Cruel Plant (Araujia hortorum)	12	Yes/No	On National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) On 2024 list of environmental weeds	Society Totally Against Moth Plant	

IT WORKS!!

Recorded distribution of pests [source: (GBIF)]

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Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species - New Zealand

Checklist

Latest version published by [Invasive Species Specialist Group ISSG](#) on Mar 8, 2025

 How to cite

GBIFKey	vernacular	taxonomicStatus	taxonRank	acceptedNameUsage	habitat	occurrenceStatus	establishmentMeans	isInvasive
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8190231	Asian Gold	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Corbicula fluminea (O. F. Müller, 1774)	freshwater	present	introduced	invasive
2909527	kunk vine	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Paederia foetida L.	terrestrial	present	introduced	invasive
2157203	noble false	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Steatoda nobilis (Thorell, 1875)	terrestrial	present	introduced	invasive
4730521	lilly Pilly	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Paropsides calypso (Blackburn, [1898])	terrestrial	present	introduced	null
5109855	fall	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Spodoptera frugiperda J.E.Smith, 1797	terrestrial	present	introduced	null
4356301		ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Didemnum patulum (Herdman, 1899)	marine	present	introduced	null
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1095721	bamboo	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Dinoderus minutus (Fabricius, 1775)	terrestrial	present	introduced	null
2643000	sea	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Caulerpa brachypus Harv.	marine	present	introduced	invasive
2643010	exotic	SYNONYM	SPECIES	Caulerpa brachypus f. parvifolia (Harv.) A.B.Cribb,	marine	present	introduced	invasive
4650395	Portuguese	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Ommatoiulus moreleti (Lucas, 1860)	terrestrial	present	introduced	invasive
2376897		ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Mugilogobius platynotus (Günther, 1861)	marine	present	introduced	null
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4596683		ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Goniodoris meracula Burn, 1958	marine	present	introduced	null
2329845		ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Lissoclinum perforatum (Giard, 1872)	marine	present	introduced	null
2446976	broad-tail	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Phyllurus platurus (Shaw, 1790)	terrestrial	present	introduced	invasive
2130256	tomato red	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Tetranychus evansi Baker & Pritchard, 1960	terrestrial	present	introduced	invasive
1722299	tropical	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Gryllobates sigillatus (Walker, 1869)	terrestrial	present	introduced	invasive
4491463	poplar	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Cladius grandis (Serville, 1823)	terrestrial	present	introduced	null
1216925	Granulate	ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Xylosandrus crassiusculus Wood, 1982	terrestrial	present	introduced	invasive
2508277		ACCEPTED	SPECIES	Baseodiscus delineatus (Delle Chiaje, 1822)	marine	present	introduced	null

GLOBAL REGISTER OF INTRODUCED AND INVASIVE SPECIES – GRIIS LIST NEEDS AND POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

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GLOBAL REGISTER OF INTRODUCED AND INVASIVE SPECIES – POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

- Under the auspices of the Convention on Biological Diversity a “Joint Work Programme to Strengthen Information Services on Invasive Alien Species as a Contribution towards Aichi Biodiversity Target 9” (UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/15/INF/14) was developed to improve access to data and information related to alien and invasive species, during a workshop organized by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2011.
- At the CBD -COP-11 the development of the Global Invasive Alien Species Information Partnership (GIASI Partnership) was welcomed and requested the Executive Secretary to facilitate its implementation (paragraph 22 of decision XI/28).
- The development of the Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species (GRIIS) and a Pathway management Resource was identified as one of three priority activities of the Partnership.
- The IUCN ISSG was recognised to lead this activity with partners such as CABI.
- GRIIS continues to support national governments in the achievement of Biodiversity targets set in the Global Biodiversity Framework.



GLOBAL REGISTER OF INTRODUCED AND INVASIVE SPECIES – POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

- The Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species (GRIIS) presents validated and verified national checklists of introduced (alien) and invasive alien species at the country, territory, and associated island level.
- GRIIS checklists are based on a published methodology and supported by the Integrated Publishing Tool that jointly enable ongoing improvements and updates to expand their taxonomic coverage and completeness.
- The coverage of GRIIS is global including countries that are Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), non-party countries and all overseas territories of countries, e.g. those of the Netherlands, France, and the United Kingdom. Limited numbers of checklists have also been developed for areas of high biodiversity value such as islands and protected areas.
- All kingdoms of organisms occurring in all environments and systems are covered.
- Checklists are reviewed by networks of country or species experts.
- Verified checklists, as well as those under review, are presented on the online GRIIS website in addition to being published through the GBIF Integrated Publishing Tool.



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- GRIIS supports national governments in the achievement of Biodiversity targets set in the Global Biodiversity Framework.
- The monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework provides a set of headline, binary, component and complementary indicators for use in national biodiversity strategies and action plans and national reports. Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity endorsed the technical updates to the headline and binary indicators at COP 16 (see [CBD/COP/DEC/16/31](#)).
- The GRIIS checklist datasets are identified as one of the key resources in the development of the headline indicator for Target 6 “Rate of invasive alien species establishment”.
- Data and information documented in a GRIIS checklist dataset has potential in its use for national monitoring, for e.g. use in the development of a State of the Environment Report
- The following two slides will describe a recently concluded 2-year project implemented for the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Government of Australia



GLOBAL REGISTER OF INTRODUCED AND INVASIVE SPECIES – POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

The Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species Inventory (Project CO8791)

- Annotated checklists of introduced and invasive species for a suite of geographical entities across Australia were developed, including an update of the national checklist.
- It is envisaged that these checklists will form the basis for an Essential Biodiversity Variables (EBV) triage tool and baseline data on the introduction, occurrence, and impacts of introduced and invasive species that can be disaggregated nationally, territorially and by protected areas and islands.
- The net benefit will allow for more accurate surveillance and monitoring of the Australian environment and its natural areas from the impacts of biological invasions



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The Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species Inventory (Project CO8791)

- A comprehensive literature review was undertaken aimed at gathering data and information on the presence and distribution of introduced and invasive species and their impacts on native biodiversity and natural areas.
- Published literature was collated through online databases such as biological abstracts and Google Scholar. Researchers and agencies including herbariums were contacted for access to unpublished literature, and/or literature with limited access including reports, results of surveys, data gathered by researchers etc. Online Census and Flora Base tools were also consulted.
- Over 2,430 sources were consulted and close to 1,270 sources used to collate data and information
- Over 86,000 species records were created



GLOBAL REGISTER OF INTRODUCED AND INVASIVE SPECIES – POTENTIAL APPLICATIONS

The Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species Inventory (Project CO8791)

- A key achievement was the harmonising of data in terms of taxonomy, synonymy, interpretation of species occurrence and status across all the territorial authorities.
- Harmonised checklists provide a robust data foundation for any indicator development, monitoring and surveillance and as a decision support tool for management

