



The New Zealand Biosecurity Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding contributions to protecting our country. It's our way of celebrating people and organisations across New Zealand who are contributing to New Zealand's biosecurity – in our communities, schools, businesses, iwi and Māori organisations, universities, councils and government agencies.

We encourage you to enter the Awards and be recognised for your commitment and passion for protecting our taonga and ensuring New Zealand's biosecurity system remains resilient, effective and world-leading.



# **Biosecurity is...**

...the exclusion, eradication and management of pests and diseases that pose a risk to the economy, environment, cultural and social values, including human health.

Biosecurity keeps our incredible country safe from pests and diseases.

Ko Tātou This Is Us asks us to take a moment to think about how biosecurity protects our way of life, the outdoor environment where we fish, farm, hunt and explore, the beautiful biodiversity of our unique ecosystem and even the food we eat.

Every New Zealander has a role to play in preventing pests and diseases from getting into New Zealand or helping to stop their spread if they do get here.

Much of what we do to protect biodiversity in New Zealand is fundamentally a biosecurity activity, from trapping rats in backyards to washing and disinfecting footwear when visiting our kauri forests. We all need to play our part if we are to achieve our biodiversity ambitions.

Are you protecting New Zealand from pests and diseases? We want to recognise and celebrate our biosecurity champions through our Biosecurity Awards.

Recognising and celebrating our biosecurity team of all New Zealanders

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This booklet is a guide to everything you need to know about how to enter the 2020 Awards.







# **2020 Award categories**

There are ten Award categories in 2020. All category winners are eligible for the New Zealand Biosecurity Supreme Award.

1: New Zealand Biosecurity

Department of Conservation

Community Pihinga Award – for
new projects/initiatives

2: New Zealand Biosecurity

Department of Conservation

Community Kahiwi Award –

for established projects/initiatives

**3:** New Zealand Biosecurity **Te Tira Whakamātaki Māori Award** 

**4:** New Zealand Biosecurity **Kura (School) Award** 



**5:** New Zealand Biosecurity **GIA Industry Award** 

**6:** New Zealand Biosecurity **Eagle Technology Local and Central Government Award** 

7: New Zealand Biosecurity
Bio-Protection Research Centre
Science Award

8: New Zealand Biosecurity

Mondiale Innovation Award

**9:** New Zealand Biosecurity **AsureQuality Emerging Leader Award** 

10: Minister's Biosecurity Award

**NEW ZEALAND BIOSECURITY SUPREME AWARD** 

# **Entry criteria**

### - what Award category to enter?

You should choose the category best suited to the biosecurity work, the individual, or the group that deserves recognition. To find out which Award category to enter, refer to the Awards specific entry criteria.

You can enter more than one category, but you must submit a separate application for each category.

Entries for categories 1–8 must relate to and/or highlight a programme/project/initiative that was started, carried out, or completed over the past 18 months (since January 2019).









# Category 1: New Zealand Biosecurity Department of Conservation Community Pihinga Award – for new projects/initiatives

Open to individuals and groups including community and sporting groups where the project, initiative or body of work has been started, carried out, or completed in the last 18 months (since January 2019).

This Award recognises those who:

- are committed to a project or a body of work that supports biosecurity in New Zealand, and/or
- work collaboratively within their community to share the message that biosecurity is the collective responsibility of all New Zealanders, and/or
- work in partnership with Māori to achieve biosecurity excellence and positive outcomes, and/or
- show how biosecurity has been improved based on their project, initiative or a body of work, and/or
- show leadership and support in assisting in the protection of New Zealand's natural environment and native species and how biosecurity practices have enabled the success.

#### **Community Pihinga Award Winner**

2019 Te Arawa Lakes Trust for Te Arawa Catfish Killas



# Category 2: New Zealand Biosecurity Department of Conservation Community Kahiwi Award – for established projects/initiatives

Open to individuals and groups including community and sporting groups where the project, initiative or body of work has been established **longer than 18 months** and can demonstrate new initiatives/programmes undertaken that continue to demonstrate biosecurity is at the heart of work being undertaken, and highlight what has been achieved in the last 18 months.

#### This Award recognises those who:

- are committed to a project or a body of work that supports biosecurity in New Zealand, and/or
- work collaboratively within their community to share the message that biosecurity is the collective responsibility of all New Zealanders, and/or
- work in partnership with Māori to achieve biosecurity excellence and positive outcomes, and/or
- show how biosecurity has been improved based on their project, initiative or a body of work, and/or
- show leadership and support in assisting in the protection of New Zealand's natural environment and native species and how biosecurity practices have enabled the success.

#### **Community Kahiwi Award Winners**

2017 Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust for the Wildside Project2018 Pirongia Te Aroaro o Kahu Restoration Society for Restoring kōkako to Mt Pirongia

**2019** Te Roroa Commercial Development Company for their Kauri Dieback Response Plan



#### Category 3: New Zealand Biosecurity Te Tira Whakamātaki Māori Award

Open to whanau, hapū, iwi, and Māori organisations.

This Award recognises the unique relationship Māori have through biosecurity with the whenua, wai, and moana (land, water, and sea).

Entrants should be able to demonstrate:

- their special relationship with the taonga in their takiwā
- that their mahi is helping to increase Māori capability and capacity in the biosecurity system.

The Award recognises those who:

- are committed to a project or body of work that supports protecting our taonga and biosecurity in New Zealand, and/or
- have identified, reported or led the management of a disease outbreak or pest incursion, and/or
- have developed new systems, technologies, processes, or practices within their whanau, hapū, iwi, or Māori organisations that focus on improving biosecurity, and/or
- work in partnership with local community, agencies, organisations or industry to achieve biosecurity excellence and positive outcomes, and/or
- · share their ideas and resources among others to help:
  - transfer knowledge
  - collectively lift biosecurity expectations and processes
  - increase Māori capability and capacity in the biosecurity system.

#### **Māori Award Winners**



2017 Te Tira Whakamātaki for the Māori Biosecurity Network2018 Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust for Tauranga Moana iwi biosecurity efforts

**2019** Ngāti Hauā Mahi Trust for Tiaki Manaakitia te Tangata, Tiaki Manaakitia te Taiao

#### Category 4: New Zealand Biosecurity Kura (School) Award



Open to teams, classes, rōpū and enviro-groups in early childhood centres, primary, intermediate and secondary schools.

This Award recognises those who:

- are committed to a project or a body of work that supports biosecurity in New Zealand, and/or
- work in partnership with Māori to achieve biosecurity excellence and positive outcomes, and/or
- work collaboratively within their school and learning community to share the message that biosecurity is the collective responsibility of all New Zealanders, and/or
- show how biosecurity has been improved based on their project, initiative or a body of work, and/or
- show leadership and support in assisting in the protection of New Zealand's natural environment and native species and how biosecurity practices have enabled the success.



# Category 5: New Zealand Biosecurity GIA Industry Award

Open to groups, organisations, associations or individuals in business or industry.

This Award recognises those who:

- are committed to a project or body of work that supports biosecurity in New Zealand, and/or
- have identified, reported, or led the management of a disease outbreak or pest incursion, and/or
- show what action they have taken, if any, around emerging biosecurity threats and risks to their business or industry, and/or
- work in partnership with Māori to achieve biosecurity excellence and positive outcomes, and/or
- have developed new systems, technologies, processes, or practices within their business, industry, or organisation that focus on improving biosecurity, and/or
- show how biosecurity has been improved based on their project, initiative or a body of work, and/or
- share their ideas and resources among others to help transfer knowledge and collectively lift biosecurity expectations and processes.

#### **Industry Award Winners**



**2019** Livestock Improvement Corporation for helping to protect the national herd from *Mycoplasma bovis* 



#### Category 6: New Zealand Biosecurity Eagle Technology Local and Central Government Award

Open to groups or individuals working in local, regional and central government organisations and agencies.

This Award recognises those who:

- are committed to a project or body of work that supports biosecurity in New Zealand, and/or
- have identified, reported, or led the management of a disease outbreak or pest incursion, and/or
- show what action they have taken, if any, around emerging biosecurity threats and risks to their organisation or agency, and/or
- work in partnership with Māori to achieve biosecurity excellence and positive outcomes, and/or
- have developed new systems, technologies, processes, or practices within their agency or organisation that focus on improving biosecurity, and/or
- show how biosecurity has been improved based on their project, initiative or a body of work, and/or
- share their ideas and resources among others to help transfer knowledge and collectively lift biosecurity expectations and processes.

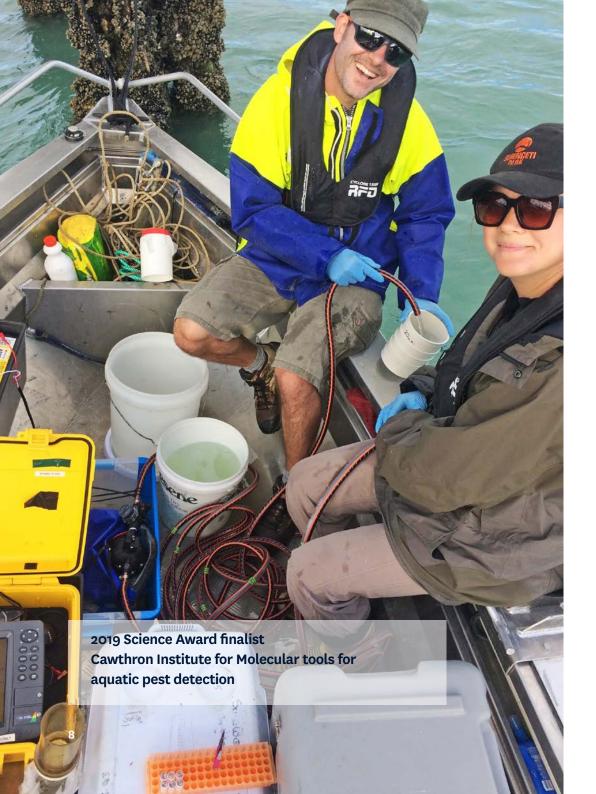
#### **Local and Central Government Award Winners**

**2017** Department of Conservation for the Great White Butterfly Eradication Project

**2018** Environment Southland for Fiordland Marine Pathway Management Plan

2019 Auckland Council for their Island Biosecurity Team





#### Category 7: New Zealand Biosecurity **Bio-Protection Research Centre Science Award**

Open to groups or individuals doing research in a business, tertiary institution, industry, or government.

This Award recognises those who:

- are committed to a research project or body of work that supports biosecurity in New Zealand, and/or
- have provided science and research that helped identify, report, or lead the management of a disease outbreak or pest incursion, and/or
- · work in partnership with Māori to achieve biosecurity excellence and positive outcomes, and/or
- have developed new systems, technologies, processes, innovations, or practices within their business, industry, or research organisation that focus on improving biosecurity, and/or
- show how biosecurity has been improved based on their project, initiative or a body of work, and/or
- share their ideas and resources among others to help transfer knowledge and collectively lift biosecurity expectations and processes.

#### **Science Award Winners**

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2018 Scion for Protecting New Zealand's primary sector from plant pests; a toolkit for the urban battlefield

2019 Myrtle Rust Research Consortium for Ngā Taonga safeguarding the mauri of myrtles and dependent ecosystems

# Category 8: New Zealand Biosecurity Mondiale Innovation Award

Innovation is about using new approaches or technologies (including social measures) rather than applying widely used measures effectively.

All entries are eligible for this Award but you must complete additional submission material on your entry form.

The judges will choose from entries that have:

- embraced innovation to contribute to the success of a project, programme, protocol, or one-off event, and/or
- shown how innovation has directly addressed a biosecurity threat, and/or
- shown how biosecurity has been improved based on the innovation, and/ or
- · collaborated to support the development of the innovation, and/or
- demonstrated how innovative concepts, practices, or techniques have resulted in significant positive change, solved problems that matter, changed culture, are scalable, gave a competitive edge, or lead to a new way of thinking.

#### **Innovation Award Winners**

**2018** Jacson3 Ltd for Jacson3 and its portable footwear biosecurity system, the Jacson Cube®

**2019** Automotive Technologies Limited for their heat treatment programme



# Category 9: New Zealand Biosecurity AsureQuality Emerging Leader Award

Open to individuals under 35 years old from 30 July 2020.

- This Award recognises an emerging leader from the New Zealand biosecurity system and is open to individuals under 35 years old (from 30 July 2020) who are already making a significant contribution to biosecurity in New Zealand.
- If you're nominating someone for this Award, you must get their permission first.

Please note, you need someone to nominate you for this category. You can not enter yourself.



#### **Emerging Leader Award Winners**

2018 Dr Amanda Black, Te Kawerau ā Maki2019 Kane McElrea, Northland Regional Council





#### Category 10: Minister's Biosecurity Award

Open to individuals, groups or organisations with at least 10 years' continuous work in biosecurity.

- This Award recognises an individual, group or organisation from the New Zealand biosecurity system that has at least 10 years of continuous outstanding contribution to biosecurity in New Zealand.
- If you're nominating someone for this Award, you must get their permission first.

Please note, you need someone to nominate you for this category. There will be no finalists announced for this Award, with the winner announced at the Awards dinner on Monday 2 November 2020.

#### **Minister's Biosecurity Award Winners**

2017 Don McKenzie, Northland Regional Council2018 Greg Corbett, Bay of Plenty Regional Council2019 David 'Didymo Dave' Cade

#### **New Zealand Biosecurity Supreme Award**

All category winners are eligible for the New Zealand Biosecurity Supreme Award.

#### **New Zealand Biosecurity Supreme Award Winners**

2018 Environment Southland Te Taiao Tonga for the Fiordland Marine Pathway Management Plan2019 Te Arawa Lakes Trust for their Te Arawa Catfish Killas





# Why enter - the opportunity

#### Pride and sense of achievement

Sometimes we forget to celebrate and recognise the people, projects, teams, businesses, and communities that are doing amazing things to protect New Zealand's biosecurity system.

#### **Boost your profile**

Raise your community, business, or personal profile. Finalists and winners may receive media coverage for their achievements. As a finalist or winner of a New Zealand Biosecurity Award 2020 you will gain invaluable recognition as an individual, organisation, school, hapū or industry delivering excellence in the area of biosecurity. This will support the positive image of your organisation, project, or associated work.

#### **Evaluated by the best**

By entering or nominating an individual or organisation for an Award, you have the opportunity to be evaluated by a panel of highly-respected professionals and representatives from industry, government, iwi, and community.

#### **Recognition and reward**

The announcement of the Award finalists and the Awards dinner will provide an opportunity for celebration and networking with others throughout varied areas of business and expertise. All Award **finalists** will receive:

- · 2 tickets to attend the Awards dinner on Monday 2 November in Auckland
- a certificate of achievement
- inclusion in the Awards collateral and communications programme.

A representative for each finalist in the DOC Community Awards and Kura (School) Award will also have their travel and accommodation costs to attend the Awards dinner met by the programme.

#### Award winners will receive:

- · a trophy and certificate of achievement
- · a chance to say a few words at the dinner ceremony
- inclusion in the Awards collateral, media and communications programme.

The two New Zealand Biosecurity Department of Conservation Community Awards and the Biosecurity Kura (School) Award winners will each receive a cash prize of \$2500.



2019 New Zealand Biosecurity Supreme Award Winners Te Arawa Lakes Trust for their Te Arawa Catfish Killas



## How to enter - what you need to do

#### Entering the Awards is easy - and it's all done online.

Before you start completing the online entry form:

- · become familiar with the Award categories
- · check the criteria and what the judges are looking for in the different categories
- read the terms and conditions.

Ready to enter? Follow our step-by-step instructions.

#### Category 1 to 8 requirements

All applications for categories 1 to 8 must be supported by:

- a summary of your project, entry, or organisation of no more than 200 words
- a detailed description and background on your project, work, or contribution
  that supports New Zealand in maintaining a world-leading biosecurity system.
  Judges are keen to hear if you were able to keep your project or programme going
  through the recent COVID-19 restrictions. You should demonstrate the attributes
  and achievements outlined in the specific category criteria and be no more than
  2000 words
- your view on why the individual, group, project, or organisation deserves to be recognised and how you are supporting biosecurity in New Zealand. This should be no more than 200 words.\*

If in addition you want to be considered for the **New Zealand Biosecurity Mondiale Innovation Award** then you need to include:

 an outline of how innovation contributed to the success of a project, programme, protocol, or one-off event. This should demonstrate the attributes and achievements outlined in the specific category criteria and be no more than 500 words.

Applications can be made by individuals, groups, or communities who are actively, or have been, carrying out projects or work within the past 18 months in support of:

- · biosecurity in New Zealand
- · the future of New Zealand's biosecurity system.

#### Category 9 and 10 requirements

All nominations for the **New Zealand Biosecurity AsureQuality Emerging Leader Award** and the **Minister's Biosecurity Award** must be supported by:

- a summary of why this person should be recognised for their outstanding contribution to biosecurity in New Zealand, and
- their key achievements.

Summaries should not exceed 1500 words.

#### Follow the steps to enter

#### **STEP 1: Choose your category**

Before you start, choose your Award category. Check your eligibility for the category.

#### **STEP 2:** Draft your entry

We recommend you draft and save your entry in a Word document before you fill in the online form. This prevents losing your work before you complete your entry.

#### **STEP 3: Enter online**

When you're happy with your draft entry, copy and paste from your Word document into the online entry form at ThisIsUs.nz/biosecurity-awards. Entries open on Wednesday 1 July 2020.

Only Award finalists need to submit imagery but you are able to send supplementary documents via email: biosecurity.awards@mpi.govt.nz

You'll have until 5pm (NZST) on **Thursday 30 July 2020** to complete your entry. Judging begins soon after, so we can't accept late entries.

# **Terms and conditions of entry - the fine print**

By entering the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards 2020 ("the Awards"), you agree to be bound by these terms and conditions. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is the organiser of these Awards.

#### Read all the rules before entering

If you do not comply with these terms and conditions, your entry may be disqualified or your Award may be forfeited.

- 1. The Awards are open to groups, organisations, schools, industry, individuals, whanau, hapū, iwi, government agencies and councils.
- 2. Your entry submission must be true and factually correct. You take full responsibility for the content of your submission or nomination.
- 3. To enter the Awards you must complete an online entry registration, selecting the Award category you wish to enter.
- 4. If you are completing an online entry on behalf of someone else you must have the prior consent of the entrant.
- 5. You may apply to enter more than one category, but you must submit a separate entry registration for each category.
- 6. Your entry submission must relate to a programme/project that was started, carried out or completed over the past 18 months (that is, since January 2019).
- 7. Entry for the New Zealand Biosecurity AsureQuality Emerging Leader Award and the Minister's Award are by nomination only.
- 8. If you are submitting a nomination for the New Zealand Biosecurity AsureQuality Emerging Leader Award or the Minister's Award, you must have the prior consent of the nominee.
- 9. If you have entered the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards in previous years, you can enter these Awards. You can resubmit your previous entry providing it complies with these terms and conditions.

- 10. Entry submissions open on Wednesday 1 July 2020 and close on Thursday 30 July 2020 at 5pm (NZST). Finalists will be announced on Wednesday 23 September 2020 and the winners announced on Monday 2 November 2020.
- 11. There is no cost to submit an entry into the Awards. All travel related costs to attend the ceremony to announce the Award winners will be at the expense of the finalists, with the exception of a representative in the Community and Kura (School) Awards categories which MPI will cover.
- 12. Where the entry is submitted by a team, the team must identify one person on the entry form as its representative. The representative must have authority to act on behalf of the team and will be the contact person for all communication with MPI.
- 13. You agree to provide imagery to support your entry in the format requested by MPI.
- 14. You agree to participate in any media, marketing and promotional activities associated with the Awards and the Awards ceremony, including photography and filming of the Awards ceremony, and you agree that these may be used by MPI for promotional and media purposes. Any such use will be entirely at the discretion of MPI.
- 15. You agree to give MPI one week's notice in writing if you, or a representative from your entry, are unable to attend the Awards ceremony.
- 16. Awards judges cannot enter or be nominated in any category.
- 17. If any Awards judge has a conflict of interest regarding any entry, that judge will not judge the category in which that entry is entered and scores for that category will be aggregated. MPI will decide whether there is a conflict of interest, its decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 18. The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 19. Sponsors are not privy to your entry submissions, judges' decisions or the final results. Therefore, being a sponsor does not, in itself, create a conflict of interest.
- 20. MPI reserves the right to cancel the Awards programme or any Award category, or to amend these terms and conditions, without prior notice.

- 21. You (individual or organisation) must not be under investigation by any New Zealand or international statutory body (for example, Accident Compensation Corporation, New Zealand Police, Health and Disability Commission, Inland Revenue Department, Immigration, WorkSafe NZ or other).
- 22. These terms and conditions are governed by and will be interpreted in accordance with the laws of New Zealand and the Courts of New Zealand will have exclusive jurisdiction.
- 23. Privacy MPI may collect personal information from you (such as your name, home/business address and email) for the purpose of facilitating your participation in the Awards, and for event management. It may be provided to other event-related organisations or entities (such as other event participants, event sponsors/partners and event contractors) for the purpose of event management or MPI may use it to contact you in the future for purposes relating to the Awards. If you wish to opt out of your information being shared with event sponsors then you must advise us by email to the address below.

If you have any questions about these terms and conditions, please contact us at biosecurity.awards@mpi.govt.nz









# **Important dates**

Nednesday	Entries open
July 2020	ThisIsUs.nz/biosecurity-awards
Γhursday	Entries close
30 July 2020	You have until 5:00pm (NZST) to complete and submit your online entry form.
Madaaday	Finalists announced and dinner tickets on sale
Wednesday 23 September 2020	We'll be ready to share the good news, with finalists being announced for each Award, with the exception of the Minister's Biosecurity
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4 and av	Winners announced at the Awards dinner in Auckland
Ionday November 2020	The New Zealand Biosecurity Awards culminates with a dinner in Auckland on Monday 2 November 2020. Finalists will be recognised,
	winners announced and the recipient of the coveted New Zealand Biosecurity Supreme Award revealed.

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