

Our vision

New Zealand's biosecurity system protects what we value and grows our economy.

Our mission

Protect our nation's economy, environment, society and cultures from pest and disease risks.

Outcomes

- Economic growth and safe trade and travel, including a secure food supply.
- Improved protection of valued species, human health, biodiversity, and ecosystems.

This Biosecurity System Action Plan creates shared direction for people and organisations committed to strengthening New Zealand's biosecurity system. Actions are expected to drive change where it is needed most, using collective effort and resource. We expect to have made significant progress towards delivery by 2030.

For more information visit:

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/biosecurityactionplan

Approach

- Make clear choices to focus on actions that make the most difference.
- Support collective action and effective partnerships that magnify our individual efforts and make innovative use of diverse knowledge, skills, and capabilities.
- Recognise and leverage the crosscutting nature of the biosecurity system and the inherent connections with the export economy, climate change, biodiversity, and health.
- Get fundamental systems, processes, and infrastructure right to enable future performance.
- Government agencies to fulfil their responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi/the Treaty of Waitangi.



Leadership and performance



Timely, informed, transparent, and effective decisions are enabled through collective leadership and system performance management.

1. Clarify expectations of the biosecurity system and establish key performance indicators to drive system improvement.
2. Clarify, support and enable the roles and responsibilities of all biosecurity system participants, including Iwi and Māori, to improve coordination, accountability, and leadership across the system.
3. Improve the integration, management and use of biosecurity data for continuous system improvement.
4. Strengthen risk management of invasive aquatic pests and diseases to protect the diverse values tied to our freshwater and marine environments.

Effective partnerships



Genuine partnerships grow biosecurity knowledge and skills and empower participation.

5. Establish a domestic emerging risk network to identify, evaluate and advise on emerging biosecurity risks within New Zealand.
6. Build on successful local and regional biosecurity initiatives to generate nation-wide action.
7. Develop widely accessible training and support tools to grow local biosecurity awareness and operational capability.
8. Increase importer, exporter, and grower initiatives that drive responsible biosecurity behaviours.

Prioritisation and investment



Work is prioritised and resources allocated where they will have biggest impact.

9. Develop prioritisation tools to guide investment.
10. Improve understanding of pest and disease impacts on social and cultural values to better guide decisions and investment priorities.
11. Develop a long-term investment plan for critical biosecurity infrastructure.
12. Simplify industry biosecurity levies to increase flexibility and certainty of funding arrangements.

Research and technology



Current and future challenges are tackled through effective development and deployment of research and technology.

13. Accelerate safe and effective uptake of new and emerging technologies and data analytics for biosecurity.
14. Develop a collective work programme to help address major biosecurity challenges and respond to emerging risks and opportunities.
15. Strengthen connections between science and local knowledge for better biosecurity outcomes.
16. Expand the range of acceptable pest and disease control tools that can be used prior to export, at the border, and in New Zealand.