

Biological Risk Management and Containment

Appendix 2

How to use Landcare databases to determine whether an organism is likely to be present in New **Zealand**

Containment Laboratory Guidelines

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1. Who are these guidelines for?

These guidelines are intended for **principal investigators** (**PIs**), **designated persons in charge, designated laboratory person** (**DLPs**), technical staff and students trained in the safe use of **risk biologicals** in appropriate containment facilities.

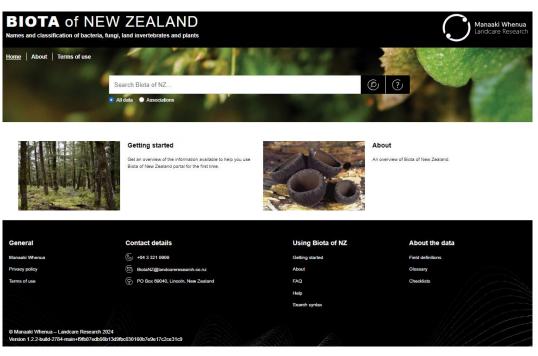
2. Introduction

The Landcare databases will give you a reasonable basis to decide whether the particular organism is **likely** to be present in NZ.

3. Navigation

3.1. Go to Landcare database:

Biota of NZ (landcareresearch.co.nz)



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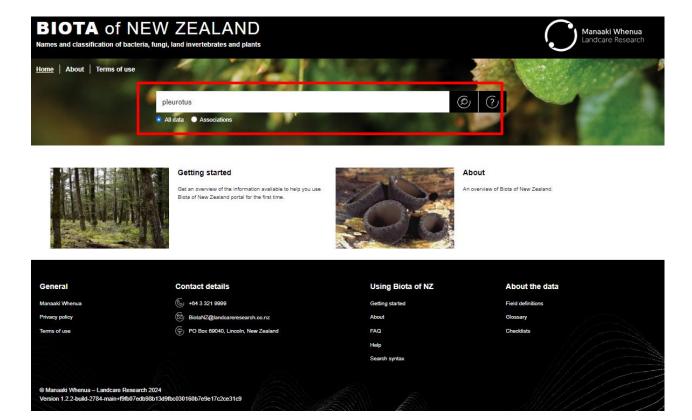
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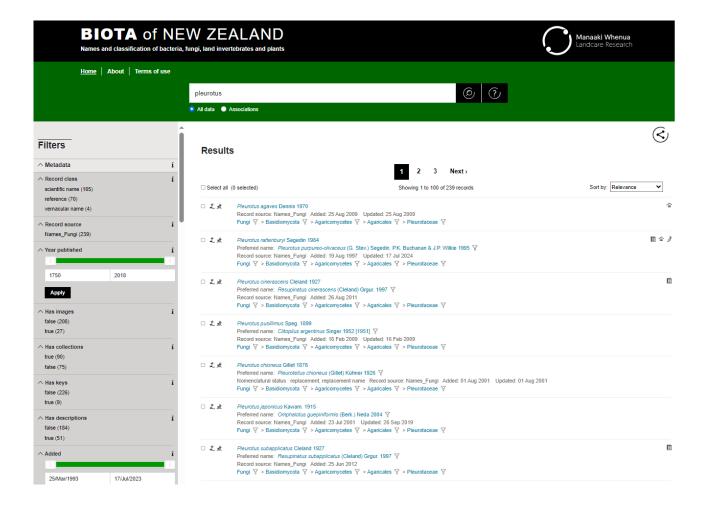
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3.3. Find the organism in the list:



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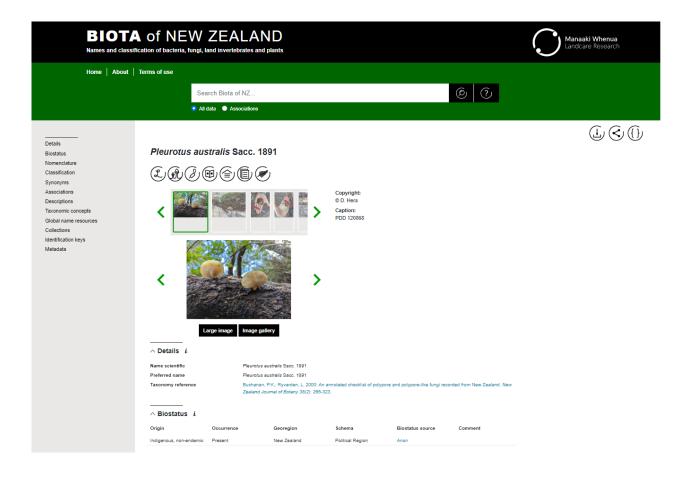
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3.4. Verify if the organism is present in NZ:



Some of the species will have under 'Biostatus' the information about the Origin, Occurrence and Georegion, like **New Zealand (Political Region): Present, Indigenous, Non-endemic**

Some species don't have the Biostatus. In that case you will have to open the entire information about that species and read through. Sometimes this information is under the description, distribution or collection.

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