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# ReDNAAS: A Regional eDNA Alert System for Watchlist Organisms


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## Discover DNA

Explore [and download](#) the collection of publicly available eDNA data with our interactive web application, developed as part of the [Wai Tuwhera o te Taiao](#) programme on behalf of the Environmental Protection Authority. Note that eDNA results do not appear on the map by default; Wilderlab clients have the option to make their data public when completing the [sample submission form](#), or at any later date by notifying us in writing. This provides a useful resource for scientists, conservationists, educators, and anyone else with an interest in Australasia's biodiversity, water quality and biosecurity.


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## Official New Zealand Pest Register

The Pest Register is a searchable database of pests and pathogens relevant to New Zealand, and includes general information about each pest, as well as specific details for researchers, importers, exporters and the general public.

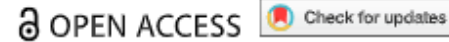


### Pests of concern to NZ


A search tool that contains information on all pests and pathogens that can affect plant, animal or human health in New Zealand.



RESEARCH ARTICLE



## Wetland biodiversity in Aotearoa New Zealand: an eDNA perspective on exotic and non-exotic species

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### ABSTRACT

Invasive species threaten biodiversity in Aotearoa New Zealand. In wetlands – significant sites that provide an array of ecosystem and cultural services but represent <10% of their original extent – invasive species can affect hydrological function, nutrient regimes and overall ecological functionality. Environmental DNA (eDNA) has emerged as a valuable biomonitoring technique for cataloguing biodiversity and detecting biological incursions, but little is known about how biodiversity varies in wetlands over fine and broad spatial scales. Here, we examined the publicly available eDNA database of Wilderlab New Zealand, retrieving data from 26 sites across the country to characterise taxonomic diversity patterns, including the extent of exotic and non-exotic (native and endemic) species. We found significant spatial variation in biodiversity – even among neighbouring sites – and a pattern whereby all sites had  $\geq 50\%$  exotic species in their total species tally. Our results provide new information on the current state of wetland biodiversity in Aotearoa New Zealand and highlight the value of eDNA databases for generating new insights from publicly shared data. They also emphasise an urgent need for greater resource allocation to conservation and restoration initiatives in Aotearoa New Zealand that will ensure the persistence of treasured native and endemic wetland species.

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# National Environmental DNA (eDNA) Testing Program MMXXIII

*capacity, capability & competency for eDNA testing  
in biosecurity & environmental management*

Prof. Geoff Grossel







Asian gold clam - *Corbicula fluminea*





# STOP THE SPREAD



HELP TO PROTECT YOUR PLAYGROUND FROM THESE PESTS

Spotted it? Take a photo and report pest sightings to 0800 BIOSEC (0800 246 732).



## ARRIVE CLEAN, LEAVE CLEAN

### BOATS AND TRAILERS

Remove all weed from your boat, trailer, anchor and chain BEFORE launching and AFTER you return.

Check these high risk areas:



### FISHING GEAR AND OTHER WATER SPORTS EQUIPMENT

**CHECK** Remove all weed from your boat, trailer, anchor and chain BEFORE launching and AFTER you return.

**CLEAN** Clean, wash or scrub all items for at least one minute in a 1% solution of any household 'bleach' or 'sani-bleach' before leaving the water.

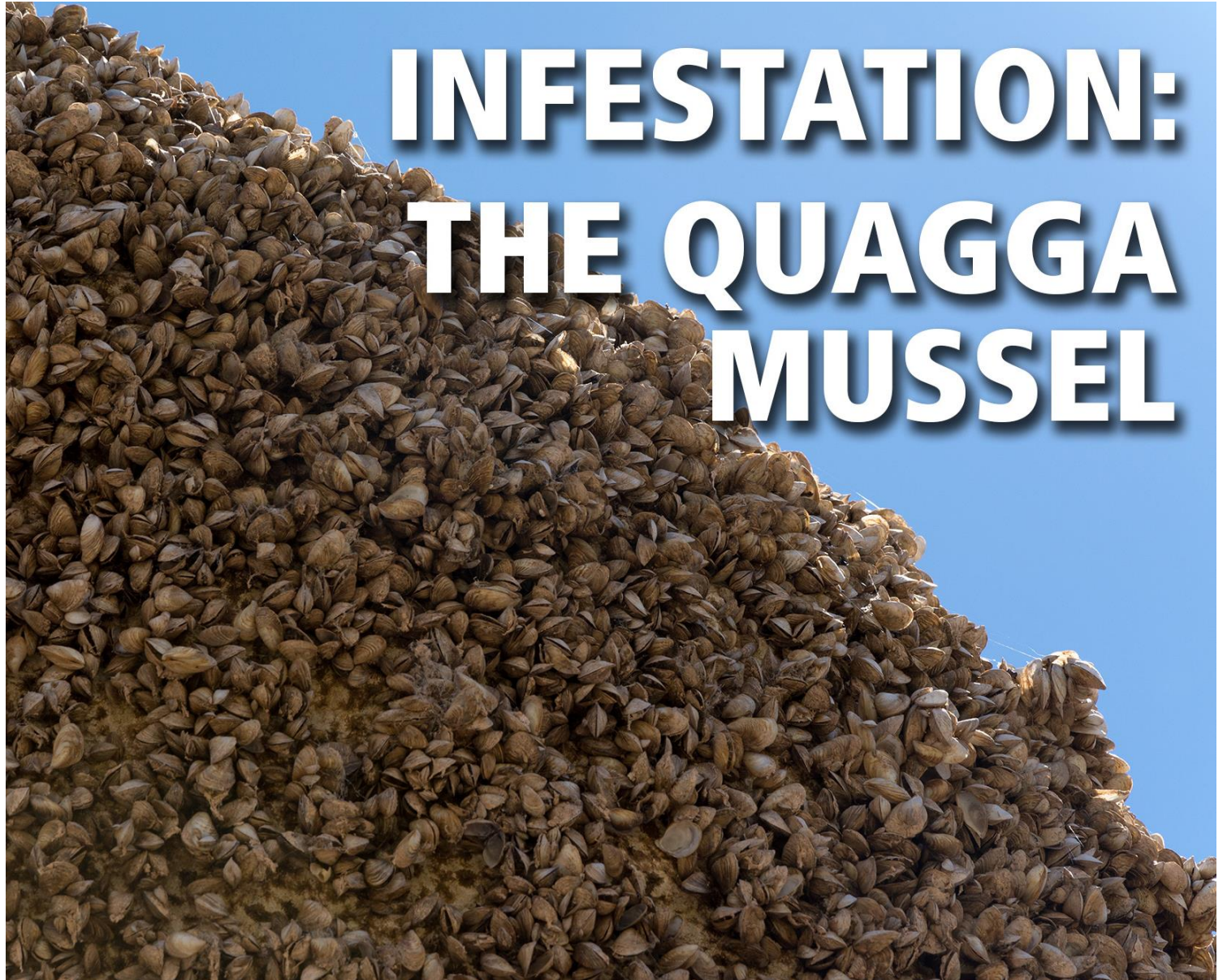
**DRY** If cleaning is not practical, dry items completely and store them for at least 48 hours before moving to a new waterway.

Visit [mpi.govt.nz/check-clean-dry](http://mpi.govt.nz/check-clean-dry) for more information.





Zebra mussel  
*Dreissena polymorpha*



# INFESTATION: THE QUAGGA MUSSEL



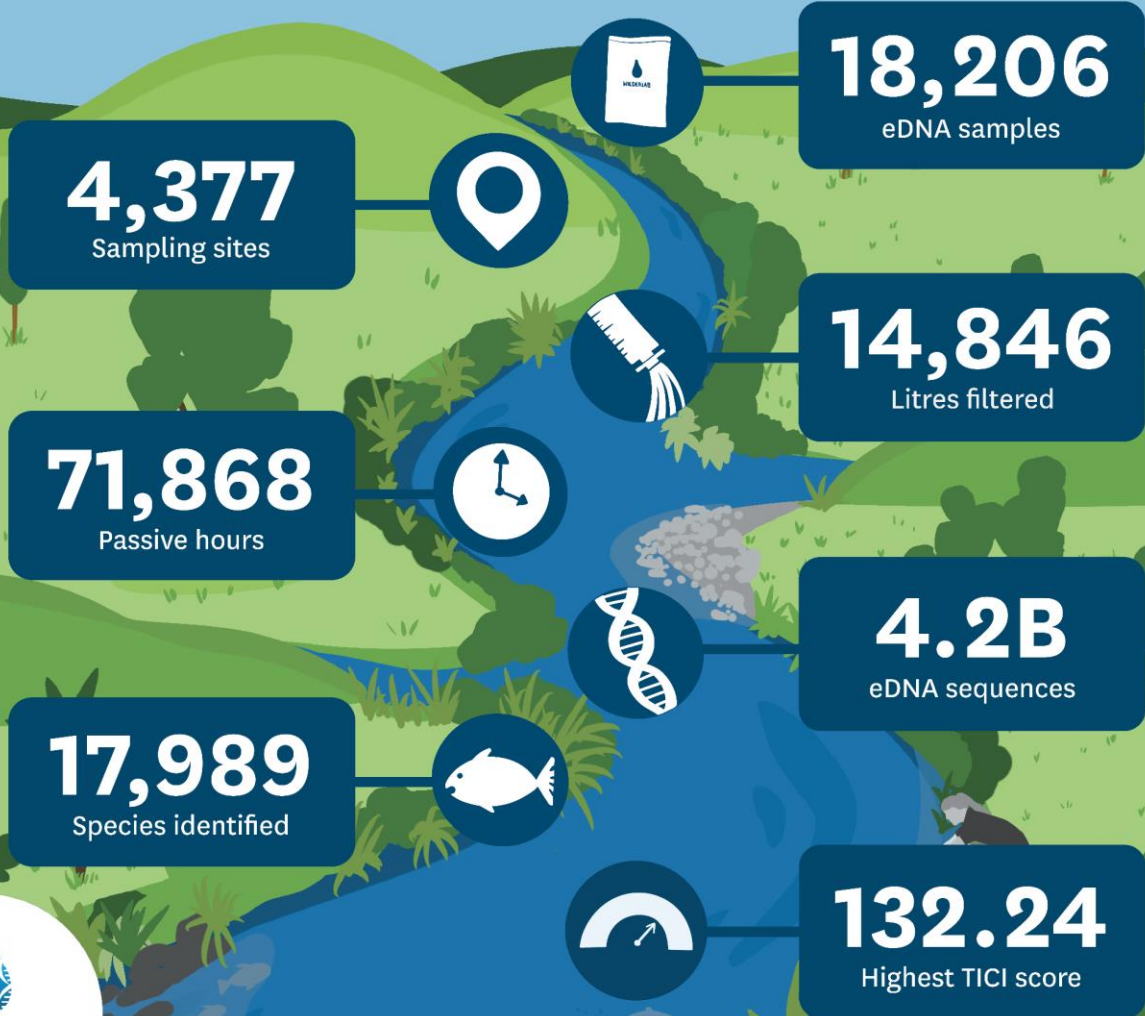
**Go Wide**



**Go Deep**

# 2024 WilderWindUp

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# Regional eDNA alert system

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- Custom bioinformatic software module
- Clients curate and create own species watchlists
- Module regularly scans Wilderlab database for hits to watchlist species
- Clients receive monthly email reports in HR/CR format
- Includes user's own data and public data records



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A1 Wilderlab regional detection report

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1	<b>Wilderlab regional detection report</b>						
2	Region	Hawke's Bay					
3	Reporting Period	2024-..					
4	Total Samples Collected	1185					
5	Eligible Samples Collected	1022					
6	No. Taxa on Watchlist	290					
7	No. Watchlist Taxa Detected	5					
8	No. Watchlist Taxon Records	84					
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1	<b>TaxID</b>	<b>NCBI_Name</b>	<b>Common_name</b>	<b>Detected</b>	
2	169191	Schinus terebinthifolia	Christmas berry	TRUE	
3	8168	Perca fluviatilis	European Perch	TRUE	
4	1563971	Gymnocoronis spilanthoides	Senegal tea	TRUE	
5	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	TRUE	
6	45449	Chrysomya		TRUE	
7	58934	Zizania latifolia	Manchurian wild rice	FALSE	
8	28588	Zeugodacus cucurbitae		FALSE	
9	47774	Zeugodacus cucumis		FALSE	
10	29486	Yersinia ruckeri		FALSE	
11	2371	Xylella fastidiosa		FALSE	
12	48664	Xanthomonas fragariae		FALSE	
13	611301	Xanthomonas citri pv. citri		FALSE	
14	346	Xanthomonas citri		FALSE	
15	318068	Xanthium strumarium	Noogoora bur	FALSE	
16	64793	Wasmannia auropunctata		FALSE	
17	109260	Varroa underwoodi		FALSE	
18	13748	Utricularia gibba	Humped Bladderwort	FALSE	
19	1041050	Utricularia gibba	MA	FALSE	

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1	RID	UID	Primer	Sequence	Count	TaxID	Name	CommonName	Latitude	Longitude	CollectionDate	ClientSampleID
2	38409865	724704	WV	TTTAGACACC	93	8168	Perca fluviatilis	European Perch	-39.96445096	176.6870263	2024-03-20	Mangamahaki Strm at Pourerere Rd
3	32495554	533271	RV	TCAGCCATAA	136	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.974	176.4223	2024-01-24	Back paddock Lake East
4	32495561	533271	RV	TCAGCCATAA	89	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.974	176.4223	2024-01-24	Back paddock Lake East
5	32495563	533272	RV	TCAGCCATAA	1186	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.974	176.4223	2024-01-24	Back Paddock Lake South
6	32495568	533272	RV	TCAGCCATAA	1431	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.974	176.4223	2024-01-24	Back Paddock Lake South
7	32495574	533273	RV	TCAGCCATAA	993	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.974	176.4223	2024-01-24	Back Paddock Lake North
8	32495580	533273	RV	TCAGCCATAA	835	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.974	176.4223	2024-01-24	Back Paddock Lake North
9	33279154	713353	RV	TCAGCCATAA	109	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.26988116	176.9788341	2023-08-30	Aropaoanui Rd
10	33279215	713355	RV	TCAGCCATAA	197	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.26988116	176.9788341	2023-08-30	Aropaoanui Rd
11	33279228	713355	RV	TCAGCCATAA	135	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.26988116	176.9788341	2023-08-30	Aropaoanui Rd
12	34054693	713453	RV	TCAGCCATAA	119	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.27011839	176.9788607	2023-11-16	Aropaoanui Rd
13	34297836	720061	RV	TCAGCCATAA	332	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.60225156	176.4334615	2024-01-16	Poporangi Stream at Big Hill Rd
14	36063396	720056	CI	TTTATCATCTA	5	45449	Chrysomya	NA	-39.361378	176.860399	2024-02-20	Tamingimingi Stream
15	37242813	515477	TP	ATCCTATTTTA	16	169191	Schinus terebinthifolia	Christmas berry	-39.52187	176.867981	2024-01-23	Anderson Park Footbridge
16	38027287	719631	CI	TTTATCATCTA	5	45449	Chrysomya	NA	-38.94436829	176.5081058	2024-03-26	Waiarua Strm u/s State Highway 5 culver
17	38258059	724392	RV	TCAGCCATAA	16	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.20915099	176.8843123	2024-03-25	Mahiaruhe Strm DS Sandy Creek at SH2
18	38460830	724734	CI	TTTATCATCTA	20	45449	Chrysomya	NA	-39.97679543	176.5053524	2024-03-19	Kahahakuri Strm at Lindsay Rd
19	38461405	724734	CI	TTTATCATCTA	5	45449	Chrysomya	NA	-39.97679543	176.5053524	2024-03-19	Kahahakuri Strm at Lindsay Rd
20	40919435	724641	RV	TCAGCCATAA	49	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.23541591	176.8938235	2024-04-10	Lake Waikopiro
21	40919452	724641	RV	TCAGCCATAA	23	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.23541591	176.8938235	2024-04-10	Lake Waikopiro
22	40919503	724644	RV	TCAGCCATAA	54	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.23541591	176.8938235	2024-04-10	Lake Waikopiro
23	40919565	724771	RV	TCAGCCATAA	40	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.23059218	176.89263	2024-04-10	Lake Tutira
24	40919576	724773	RV	TCAGCCATAA	141	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.23059218	176.89263	2024-04-10	Lake Tutira
25	44219731	533296	RV	TCAGCCATAA	70	7959	Ctenopharyngodon idella	Grass carp	-39.6021	176.8731	2024-05-17	Lower Karamu River
26	44235905	533309	TP	ATCCTATTTTA	5	169191	Schinus terebinthifolia	Christmas berry	-39.6416	176.8894	2024-05-15	Upper Karamu River

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1	UID	CollectionDate	Latitude	Longitude	EnvironmentType	Panel	Assays	District	Region
2	527333	2024-09-11	-39.0588889	177.1544444	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
3	542564	2024-09-11	-39.0588889	177.1544444	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
4	527342	2024-09-11	-39.0588889	177.1544444	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
5	527313	2024-09-11	-39.0588889	177.1544444	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
6	542570	2024-09-11	-39.0588889	177.1544444	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
7	527329	2024-09-11	-39.0588889	177.1544444	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
8	526500	2024-08-26	-39.166687	177.082896	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
9	526550	2024-08-26	-39.166687	177.082896	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
10	526502	2024-08-26	-39.166687	177.082896	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
11	526514	2024-08-26	-39.153152	177.080273	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Hastings	Hawke's Bay
12	526568	2024-08-26	-39.153152	177.080273	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Hastings	Hawke's Bay
13	550472	2024-10-01	-38.8155	177.2264	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
14	550054	2024-11-11	-38.9663	177.6633	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
15	531542	2024-11-11	-38.9132	177.6669	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
16	550048	2024-11-08	-38.9185	177.2402	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
17	550049	2024-11-08	-38.9493	177.2069	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
18	550050	2024-11-08	-38.9964	177.5329	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay
19	550051	2024-11-08	-39.0045	177.5584	River/Stream	Freshwater comprehensive	WV,RV,LG,ZP,EA,XG,YG,XI,HD,BE,BU,UM,WG,TP,MZ,GV	Wairoa	Hawke's Bay





Dwarf mistletoe  
*Korthalsella salicornioides*

NEW ZEALAND / ENVIRONMENT

# Aggressive pest plant senegal tea discovered in Hawke's Bay

9:18 pm on 14 June 2024

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Senegal tea, a pest, forms rounded bushes up to 1.5m tall and usually puts down roots on the edge of waterways. Photo: Supplied/Hawke's Bay Regional Council

Senegal tea, an aggressive pest plant native to South America, has been found in Hawke's Bay for the first time.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council said the plant was first identified in water samples from Te Awa



# Connecting eDNA with action

## eDNA data visualisation, collaboration and reporting platform

- Import/creation and curation of watchlists
- Suggests watchlist organisms
- Enables custom search areas
- Instant notifications of detections
- Data visualisation and reporting
- Talk to your eDNA (beta)

 [rippledna.com](https://rippledna.com)

 [info@epi-interactive.com](mailto:info@epi-interactive.com)

### Project partners:



**Search**

Data sets: Wilderlab - Hawkes Bay Regional Council

Waterway systems: Standard sample, Gold standard six rep sample

Sample Analysis: Comprehensive freshwater analysis, Baited freshwater analysis, Other

Collection Method(s): Spring kit, Passive sampler, Other

Environment type: A1

Search by: Wilderlab, NZ - HRP (Hawkes Bay)

Excluded species: No rows found

Included species:
 

Plants	Cobaea scandens
Plants	Xanthium spinosum
Plants	Alligator weed
Plants	Alternanthera phisocoides
Mammals	Cat
	Felis catus
	Agrius peff
Tunicates	Clubbed tunicate
	Styela clava
Insects	Coding moth
	Cyrtopogonidae
Mammals	Common brushtail possum
	Trichosurus vulpecula
	Possum, possum

Country: New Zealand | Spatial unit: Region | Spatial sub unit: Hawke's Bay - Bay of Plenty - Waikato

Time range: 01/01/2014 - 31/12/2014 | All time

Search

**Ripple**  
Connecting eDNA with action

Ripple includes two dedicated modules. The first module, "Biodiversity and biosecurity" supports biodiversity surveys and biosecurity activities. The module, the identification and management of biosecurity threats, and the detection of new populations of biosecurity critical endemic species. Ripple's second module, "Metrics" is currently in development and focuses on water quality, including metrics for monitoring ecosystem health.

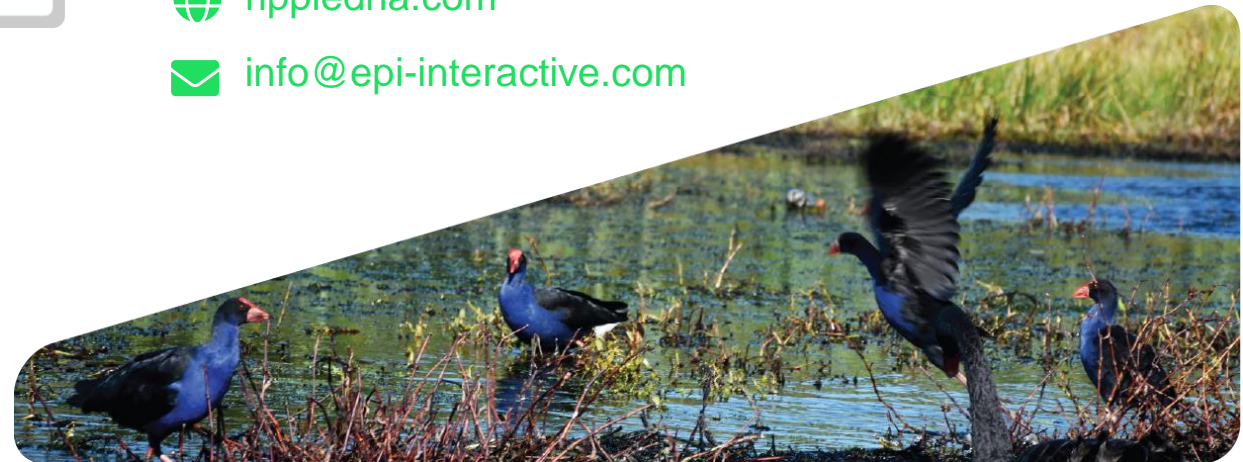
**Biosecurity and biodiversity**  
Explore when and where species are detected. Custom metrics and publications make eDNA-based monitoring a breeze.

**Metrics**  
Increasing the eDNA community's detection of critical data sets, the waterway's "TIC" as a sign of ecosystem health. Ripple's "TIC" is currently in development.

**Samples over time**  
The significance of eDNA detections may be linked to the frequency and intensity of sampling. This graphic overlays search detections onto the total number of eDNA samples.

Display settings:  View total samples  View reference dates

[Add or remove reference dates](#)



**Display settings**

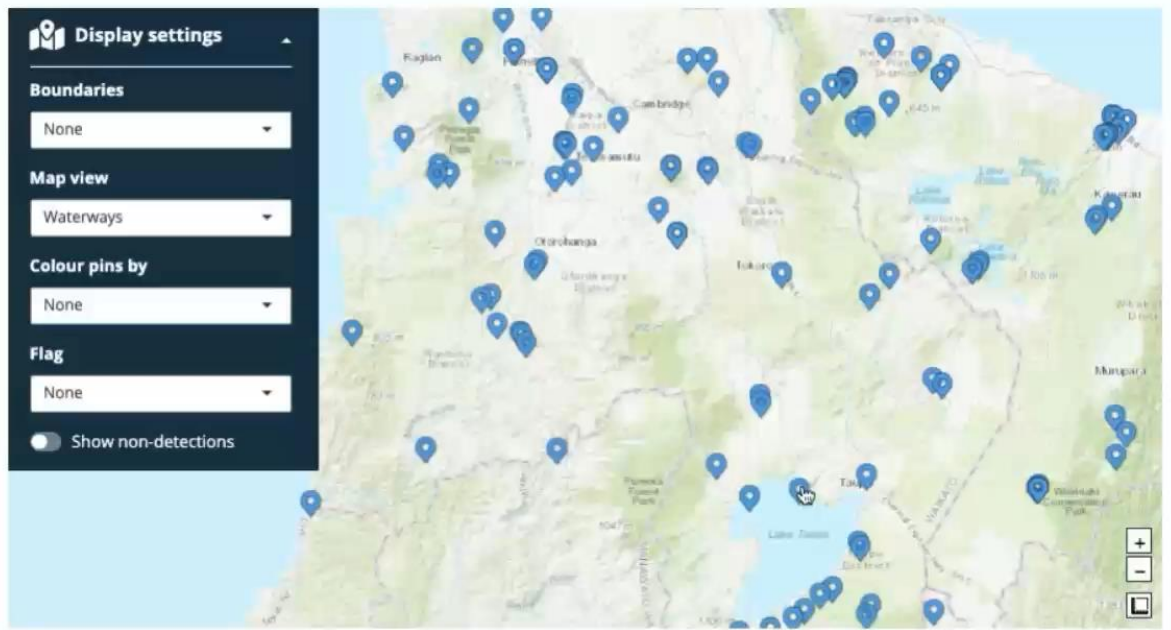
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Waterways

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Show non-detections



The map displays a geographical area with various locations marked by blue pins. The settings sidebar on the left allows for customization of the map's appearance, including boundaries, map view, pin colors, and flags. A 'Show non-detections' toggle is also present.

**Timeline animation**

Show cumulative samples

Explore specific time period

Pins fade out over time



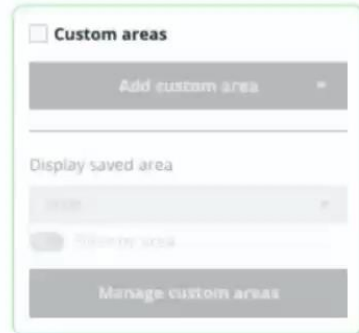
The timeline animation section includes a date slider set to 2024-03-04, with a 'Week beginning' label below it. Three toggle switches are shown, all of which are currently turned on.

**Custom areas**

Add custom area

Display saved area

Manage custom areas



The custom areas section features a button to 'Add custom area', a field for 'Display saved area', and a 'Manage custom areas' button at the bottom.



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# Thanks!

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