

# Unwanted Organism Permission - Application Form

In accordance with section 52 and/or section 53  
of the Biosecurity Act 1993

Ministry for Primary Industries  
Manatū Ahu Matua



## Please read this important information on making your application to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) for permission under section 52 and /or section 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 relating to Unwanted Organisms

Failure to provide information as requested in this form may result in delays in processing and/or rejection of your application. Expected processing time for this type of application is approximately 20 working days, upon receipt of completed information. Your application will not proceed until all information is provided. An incomplete application form will be returned to sender for completion.

- Not all pest organisms are determined to be Unwanted Organisms. If you are unsure as to whether the organism(s) involved in your proposed activity is declared unwanted or not, please refer to <http://www1.MPI.govt.nz/uor/searchframe.htm> or please contact [info.biosecurity@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info.biosecurity@mpi.govt.nz)
- If you are wishing to apply for permission to commercially harvest undaria, please refer to the Unwanted Organism Application Form for the Commercial Harvest of *Undaria pinnatifida* <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/15964>
- The information in the application form is required for MPI to prepare the permission decision document for activities involving Unwanted Organisms that would otherwise be prohibited under sections 52 and/or 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993
- *Under section 52 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 - No person shall knowingly communicate, cause to be communicated, release, or cause to be released or otherwise spread any pest or unwanted organism except*
  - (a) *In the course of and in accordance with a pest management strategy; or*
  - (b) *As provided in an emergency regulation made under section 150 of the Act; or*
  - (c) *For a scientific purpose carried out with the authority of the Minister; or*
  - (d) *As permitted either generally or specifically by a chief technical officer.*
- *Under section 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 –*
  - (1) *The owner or person in charge of an organism which that person knows or suspects constitutes, contains, or harbours a pest or unwanted organism must not*
    - (a) *Cause or permit that organism to be in a place where organisms are offered for sale or are exhibited; or*
    - (b) *Sell or offer that organism for sale; or*
    - (c) *Propagate, breed or multiply the pest or unwanted organism or otherwise act in such a manner as is likely to encourage or cause the propagation, breeding or multiplication of the pest or unwanted organism.*
  - (2) *A chief technical officer may permit an owner or person in charge of an organism to carry out an act otherwise prohibited by this section. A permission may be general or specific.*
- If you breach section 52 and/or 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 or if you do not comply with the conditions of a permission issued to you, you commit an offence under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and if convicted you may be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or a fine up to \$100,000 (individuals), or \$200,000 (corporation).
- The application form has a description of what is required from the applicant. Please take the time to complete every section of this form electronically providing as much detail as possible (see italics in each section for details), A section 52 and/or section 53 permission is a statutory decision made by the Chief Technical Officer that is not made lightly; it is an authorisation to carry out an act that is normally prohibited. Therefore, full, frank and accurate disclosure of all relevant information by applicants is required, and any uncertainty regarding such information must be declared in the application. If incorrect or incomplete information is given, this permission may be denied or revoked.
- Questions relating to the completion of this form and the application process should be directed to: [info.biosecurity@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:info.biosecurity@mpi.govt.nz) . Completed paper copies of the form should be sent to Response Group, MPI, PO Box 2526, Wellington 6041, New Zealand.

## Application form

<b>1. Applicant Contact Details</b> <i>[all boxes are required to be filled in]</i>	
<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	<i>[This is the name of the person that the MPI adviser can contact to query information in this application form.]</i>
<b>Applicant contact details:</b>	<i>[List contact details for the person named above.]</i> <b>Work contact number:</b> <b>Mobile contact number:</b> <b>Email address:</b>
<b>Individual/Organisation:</b>	<i>[Record whether this is an private individual application or if you are carrying out this activity for an organisation, i.e. company, regional council, Government department or research facility. If an organisation, please provide details (name, address)]</i>
<b>Physical and postal address:</b>	<i>[Include all relevant addresses. This includes the address of the research facility, containment facility, exhibition site, storage/experimental or harvesting locations and applicant holder locations etc.]</i>
<b>2. Information on the Organism(s)</b> <i>[all boxes are required to be filled in] If this application is for more than one species, please detail each organisms separately within each section.</i>	
<b>Scientific name</b> (genus, species):	<i>[List the most up to date taxonomic classification.]</i>
<b>Taxonomic Classification</b> (class, order, family & any strains, variants or forms):	<i>[List the most up to date taxonomic classification.]</i>
<b>Synonyms:</b>	<i>[List any other scientific names by which the organism(s) is known.]</i>
<b>Common name:</b>	<i>[List all known common names.]</i>
<b>Distribution within New Zealand, if present:</b>	<i>[This should be written in paragraph format and a map of locations provided if possible.]</i>
<b>Description of organism(s):</b>	<i>[Describe the characteristics i.e. growth form of the organism(s).]</i>
<b>State of organism(s)</b> (whole, germplasm, seed, spore etc.):	<i>[Describe if you will be using the entire organism(s) or which part(s) of the organism(s) you seek permission to use.]</i>
<b>Adverse effects or impacts of the organism(s):</b>	<i>[This should be written in paragraph format and reference supplied if available Explain what type of organism(s) it is, its reproductive ability, its pest status and why it is a pest, what the pest qualities of this organism are.]</i>

<b>Is the organism(s) included in a Regional Pest Management Strategy (RPMS)?</b>	<i>[List which RPMS the organism(s) is included in, specifically noting whether the organism(s) are included in the RPMS for the area where you are requesting to do the work]</i>
<b>Is the organism(s) included in any National Pest Management Strategy (NPMS), or other management strategy /programme?</b>	<i>[List the NPMS or which other management strategy the organism(s) is included in]</i>
<b>Is the organism(s) a Notifiable Organism?</b>	<i>[To see if the organism(s) for which you are applying are Notifiable check the following website: <a href="http://www1.MPI.govt.nz/uor/searchframe.htm">http://www1.MPI.govt.nz/uor/searchframe.htm.</a>]</i>
<b>Is the organism(s) a new organism as defined in section 2A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996?</b>	<i>[Search the HSNO Act via the legislation website link below <a href="http://www.legislation.co.nz/browse_vw.asp?content-set=pal_statutes">http://www.legislation.co.nz/browse_vw.asp?content-set=pal_statutes</a>]</i>
<b>If “yes” to the above, is the organism approved under the HSNO Act?</b>	<i>[Check with EPA NZ <a href="http://www.epa.govt.nz/">http://www.epa.govt.nz/</a>]</i>
<b>If “yes” to the above, what is the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Approval Number?</b>	<i>[Check with EPA NZ <a href="http://www.epa.govt.nz/">http://www.epa.govt.nz/</a>]</i>

## **3.0 Reason for the Permission**

### **3.1 What is the reason/purpose for the permission?**

*[Explain in paragraph format for what purpose you want to have a permission to hold an Unwanted Organism i.e. for display, education, research.]*

### **3.2 If the reason/purpose is for research, please describe the purpose of the research in full:**

*[Explain in paragraph format or provide an outline paper of the research.]*

### **3.3 What biosecurity benefits could result from allowing this activity to occur?**

*[Set out the potential benefits to any natural and physical resources, such as land, water, plants, animals, structures, etc. or human health]*

## **4.0 Containment**

### **4.1 How will organism(s) be obtained?**

*[Where will the organisms be collected from, where will they come from (please note all locations i.e. if marine, from which coasts or bays will the organism be collected, if freshwater, from which parts of which waterways and if terrestrial, from which sites or tracts of land?) What methods will be involved in the collection? Provide a map if applicable.]*

### **4.2 How will the organism(s) be transported?**

*[Provide a full description in paragraph format of how the organism will be moved, including holding mechanisms, e.g. 'secure storage containers/crates will be used when transporting the organism', and details of the travel route. Explain if the organism is found all along the travel route or if your transport route will take you through areas where the organism is not present. Provide photos if possible and declare any areas of uncertainty. Who do you intend to transport the organism - yourself or will you be using a transport company or courier?]*

### **4.3 Describe all facilities in which the organism(s) is to be contained throughout the proposed activity?**

*[This section is applicable if you are planning to hold the organism outside of its natural environment. If your application does not involve containment facility, explain why and where you will be carrying out the work.]*

*[Explain this in paragraph format. Please provide a full description of where the organism is to be contained, including physical address, what the facility looks like, provide photos if possible, what measures the facility has to stop the organism escaping. Ensure you declare any areas of uncertainty]*

### **4.4 Describe how the organism(s) will be contained?**

*[Explain this in paragraph format. Please provide a full description of how the organism(s) will be securely contained within the facilities you have described in 4.3. Please provide as much detail as possible. Provide photos where necessary.]*

### **4.5 How will the organism(s) be disposed of?**

*[Explain in paragraph format how you will dispose of the organism(s) once your activity has been completed. Include procedure, e.g. 'spraying with x herbicide and then incineration' and the location where disposal will be carried out, e.g. 'incinerated remains will be placed in the deep fill landfill at x.' Ensure you declare any areas of uncertainty.]*

#### **4.6 Management options to prevent organism(s) spreading in case of escape?**

*[Do you propose to try to manage the organism(s) should it escape while in your care? If so, give details of management options you would use should escape occur during collection, transportation, at the containment facility or at an exhibition/commercial site. If you do not intend to manage the organism(s) if it escaped, explain why not.]*

### **5.0 Potential Risks**

#### **5.1 What is the likelihood of the organism(s) establishing a new, self-sustaining population should it escape?**

*[Explain in paragraph format the reproductive ability of the organism and its ability to form self-sustaining populations.]*

#### **5.2 What other adverse effects could result from allowing this activity to occur?**

*[Set out any potential risks e.g. environmental, economic, social, health or cultural risks ]*

### **6.0 Other Matters**

#### **6.1 What is the duration of the permission and activity?**

*[What is the start and finish date of your activity. List all activities and time frames for each if applicable, e.g. collection of organism March – April 2008, research in lab April 2008 – April 2009, Disposal May 2009. Ensure you incorporate disposal at the completion of the project in the duration dates].*

#### **6.2 Are there any implications for Māori and/or their taonga?**

*[What taonga species and/or customary management tools could be positively or negatively affected by the proposed activity? Could this activity adversely impact indigenous species? If so, how?]*

#### **6.3 What was the outcome of consultation with potentially affected parties?**

*[List all parties you have consulted regarding this application, e.g. Central and Local Government Agencies, Iwi, etc., and where possible attach the comments or correspondence. Contact details of these people are also required. Applicants must have consulted their application with affected agencies and stakeholders prior to submitting an application to MPI.]*

### **7.0 Supporting information**

#### **7.1 Is there any additional information or comments that you wish to provide?**

*[Please attach literature, maps, photos or internet links that apply to this application form or that you have referred to or used as references in this application.]*

## 8.0 Applicant Declaration

- I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that this application complies with any other relevant legislation.
- I understand the permission system and agree to abide by the conditions of any permission granted.
- I declare that the information provided in this application is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature of Applicant:**  
(*electronic signature is acceptable*)

**Date:**  
(day/month/year)

**Print name:**

## 9.0 Collection of Information

### Privacy Act 1993

The information on this form is being collected to enable a chief technical officer to consider whether or not to issue permission for the proposed activity under section 52 and/or section 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993. The agency collecting and holding this information is: Ministry for Primary Industries, Pastoral House, 25 The Terrace, PO Box 2526, Wellington. Ph: 0800 00 83 33. You have rights of access to, and to request correction of, personal information supplied in this form as provided by the information privacy principles set out in section 6 of the Privacy Act 1993.

### Official Information Act 1982

All information provided to MPI for the purposes of considering whether or not to issue permission for the proposed activity under section 52 and/or section 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993 is official information and subject to the Official Information Act 1982. If a request is made under that Act for information you have provided in this application, MPI will consider any such request taking into account its obligations under the Official Information Act 1982 and any other applicable legislation.