

Biological Control of Weeds Release Form

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- 1) Species:
 - 2) Site name:
 - 3) Organisation:
 - 4) District:
 - 5) GPS:
 - 6) Date of release:
 - 7) Amount released:
 - 8) Stage released: Adults / Moths / Pupae / Juveniles / Larvae / Eggs
Spores / Infected Plants
 - 9) Weather: Sunny / Cloudy / Rain / Strong Wind / Light Wind / Calm
 - 10) Source of release:
 - 11) Person responsible for release:
 - 12) Others present:
 - 13) Property owner:
 - 14) Contact for site:
 - 15) Size of weed infestation: Major (as far as eye can see) / Moderate (>100m²) / Minor (<100m²)
 - 16) % cover at densest accessible point:
 - 17) Average height (tradescantia only): <20cm / 20-50cm / >50cm
 - 18) Photos taken: Yes/No
 - 19) Photo compass bearing:
 - 20) GPS for photopoint:
 - 21) Photo file name:
 - 22) Description and map of the site (continue over page if necessary):

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS FORM

Where choices are given mark the correct answer by bolding or highlighting it or by deleting the other options.

- 1) Record the name of the species being released.
- 2) Choose a site name, preferably one that can be located on a map. To avoid confusion please Be consistent in using this name when filling out subsequent release or recovery forms.
- 3) Record the name of your organisation.
- 4) Record the name of the district the release was made in.
- 5) Record the site grid reference using GPS (Easting then Northing). If you don't have access to a GPS then make sure you provide enough information about the location of the site that we can estimate it for you.
- 6-7) Record the date you made the release and the size of the release.
- 8) Record the lifestage(s) released.
- 9) Record the weather conditions at the time of release.
- 10) Record where the agents came from e.g., Landcare Research, collected from field sites etc.
- 11-12) Record the name of the person responsible for making the release and any others present.
- 13) Record the name of the property owner/leaseholder/farmer etc.
- 14) Record the name of the person who will be responsible for managing this site.
- 15) Estimate and record the approximate size of the infestation using the categories provided
- 16) Estimate the percentage cover of the weed at the densest accessible point over an area of either 5 x 5m for small plants and 10 x 10 m for larger plants. If the site doesn't lend itself to a square use an equivalent sized shape e.g. 2 x 50 m.
- 17) For tradescantia measure the average height of the mat at the densest accessible point and select appropriate option.
- 18-21) Please indicate if you have taken photos, and if so the compass bearing and GPS reading for the photopoint, and the file name for the photo. Attach hard copies of photos to this form if you can.
- 22) Please include a map that would enable someone unfamiliar with the area to find the site. Include in your description such things as site aspect, whether the site is warm or cold, Sheltered or exposed, flat, undulating, hilly or steep.