

Biological Control of Weeds Recovery Sheet

(Please refer to the back of this sheet for instructions)



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Site name:

Organisation:

Observer(s):

Date:

Time of day:

Current weather conditions

- 1) Sunny / Partly / Overcast / Rain
- 2) Strong wind / Light wind / Calm
- 3) Temperature (°C) < 10 / 10-15 / 15 -20/ 20 -25 / >25

Fungus information

- 4) Diseased plants found at the release point: Yes / No
- 5) Disease symptoms: None obvious / Slight / Moderate / Severe
- 6) Furthest distance infected leaves found from release point (m):
None Found / <20 / 20-50 / 50-100 / 100-300 / 300-500 / Further?
- 7) Time spent searching beyond the release point (mins):

Weed Information

- 8) Most obvious life stage: New Leafy Growth / Flowers / Seeding
- 9) Old Man's Beard type at the release point: Isolated Bushes / Clumps / Block
- 10) Infestation: Major (as far as eye can see) / Moderate (>100m²) / Minor (<100m²)
- 11) Photos taken: Yes / No
- 12) Photo compass bearing:
- 13) GPS for photopoint:
- 14) Photo file name:

Comments

- 15) Have any of the following happened to the site recently?
Mowing / Spraying / Grazing / Flood / Drought / Fire / Other?
- 16) Please use the back of this sheet to record any further observations or comments about the site, including any checks for non-target damage.



**Old Man's Beard
Leaf Fungus**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THIS SHEET

(Please note that it is important to complete these questions in order)

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

- **Site Name** – please be consistent in the use of site names to prevent confusion.
- **Organisation** – the name of your organisation.
- **Observer(s)** – the names of people who helped with this recovery not onlookers.

Current Weather Conditions

1-3) Choose the words that best describe the weather conditions.

Fungus information

- 4-5) Spend 10 minutes looking at the plants at the release point. Record whether or not you find any infected plants and the severity of the infection.
- 6) Now walk further afield and look for infected plants.
- 7) Record how long you spent looking further afield.

Weed Information

- 8) Record the most obvious life stage.
- 9) Record the type of Old Man's Beard growing at the release point.
- 10) Estimate and record the approximate size of the infestation using the categories provided.
- 11) Please indicate if you have taken photos.
- 12-14) If you have taken photos please record the photo compass bearing, the GPS point, the file name for the photo and attach hard copies to this form if you can.

Comments

- 15) Please indicate if any of these important events have happened to the site.
- 16) Tell us any other important information we should know about the site (e.g. whether you have been harvesting for release at new sites).