

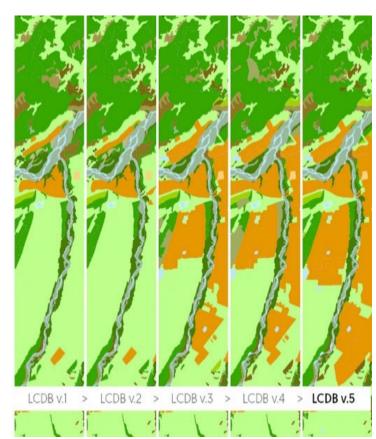
# LCDB v5 Tracks New Zealand's Changing Landscape

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#### **Outline**

- Brief details on LCDB v5.0
- Changes from earlier versions
- Where to get it and how to view it
- Ancillary files and other information
- Feedback on mistakes and improvements
- Change analysis summaries
- Significant improvements in LCDB v5.0
- Usage issues





#### LCDB v5.0 brief details

- Land cover map of NZ (1ha minimum) at five points in time
- Funded on behalf of Government, by the Ministry for the Environment, Te Uru Rākau (Ministry for Primary Industries), and Department of Conservation.
- Publicly released on 31st January 2020
- Available since 20th December 2019 to funders for feedback
- Compatible with earlier versions
- New timestep nominally summer 2018/19
- Significant improvement across all timesteps
- First revision using Sentinel-2 imagery
- LCDB v4.1 and earlier versions now deprecated Please use LCDB v5.0
- Over 5400 views and over 700 downloads



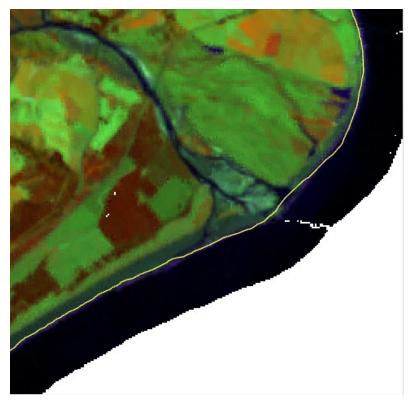
#### **Attribute changes from earlier versions**

- Added Name\_2018 and Class\_2018
- Wetland flags
  - Previously **WET\_CONTEXT**
  - Now one Wetland flag per timestep
  - Covers **all** wetlands
  - Lakes, Rivers, Estuarine open water are not considered wetlands
- Onshore flags
  - One **Onshore** flag per timestep
  - From LINZ coastlines
  - Few changes not suitable for costal movement tracking

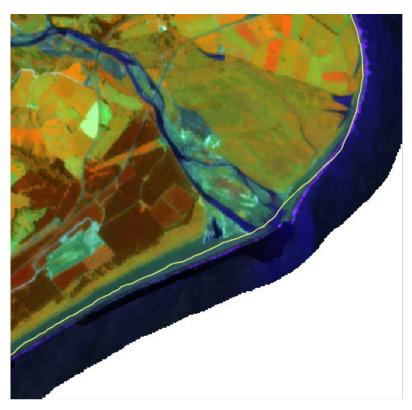




## No coastline change mapped near Clarence River mouth



2013/14 Landsat 8 mosaic



2018/19 Sentinel 2 mosaic

Where to get LCDB v5.0 and how to view it

 Data – Via the LRIS Portal https://lris.scinfo.org.nz/

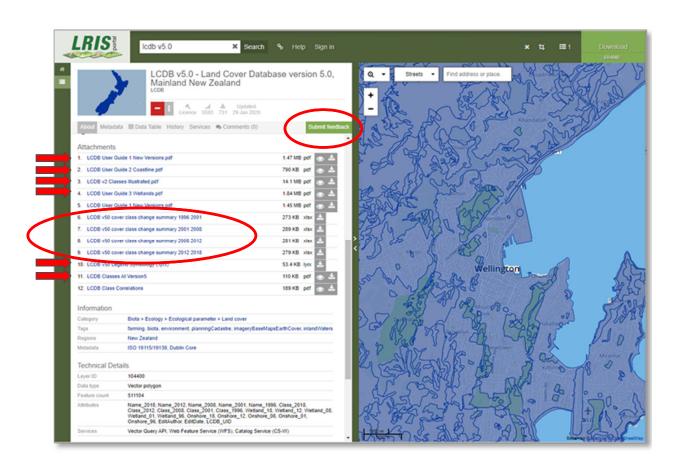
- LCDB Explorer using Our Environment <a href="https://ourenvironment.scinfo.org.nz/">https://ourenvironment.scinfo.org.nz/</a>
- Web Map Service (API)
   <a href="http://maps.scinfo.org.nz/">http://maps.scinfo.org.nz/</a>
- OGC API Features service
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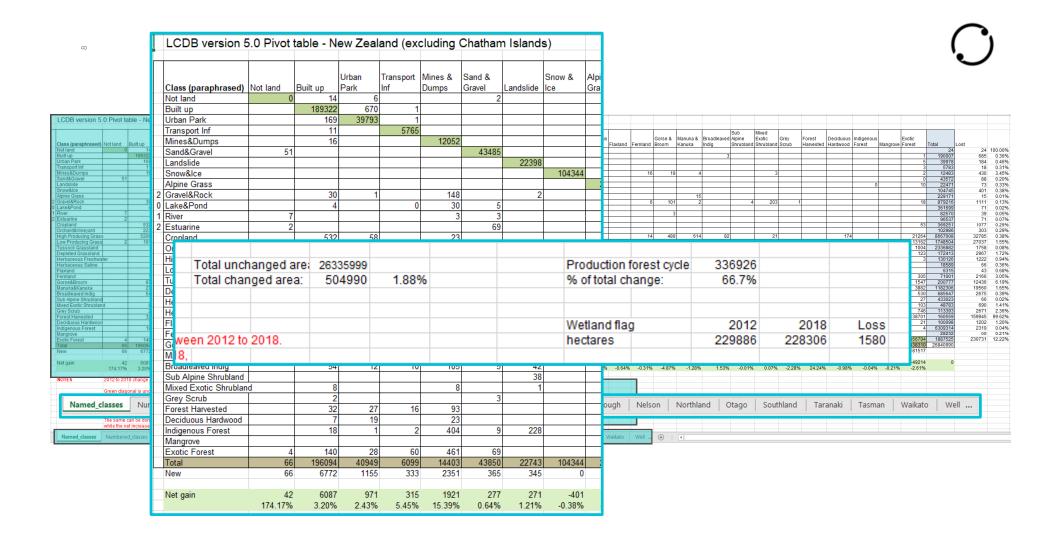




#### **Ancillary files and other information**

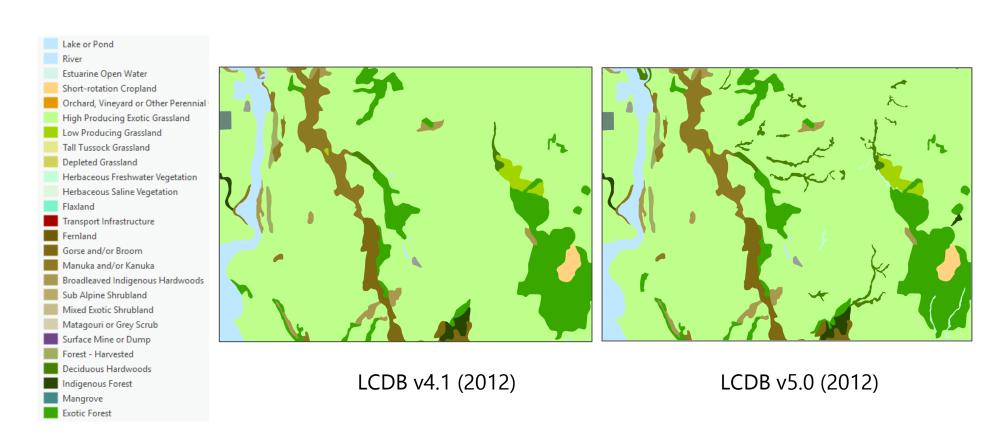
- Guides
- Class definitions
- Symbology (ArcPro)
- Feedback
- Change summaries





## Significant improvements – Wetlands, especially in Waikato



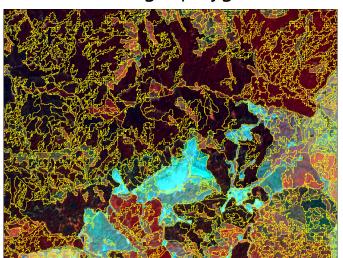


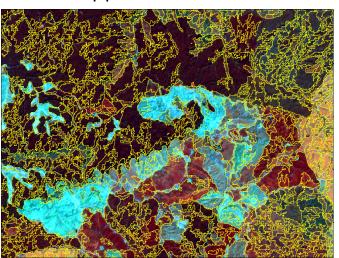
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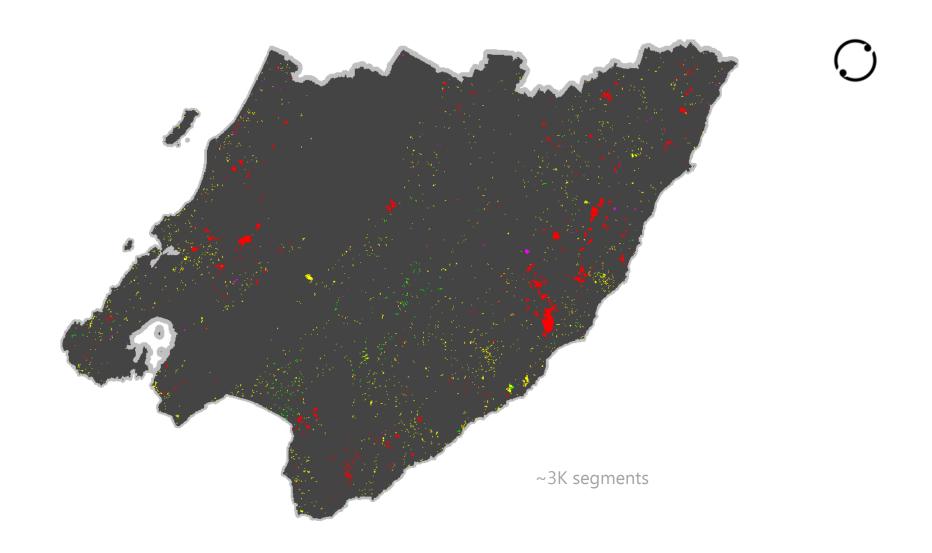
## **Targeted change polygon generation**



- Change polygons identified (destock, re-stock, scrub, urban, water)
  - Multidate image segmentation
  - Additional attributes, e.g. radar, dem
  - Rules and thresholds based on polygon statistics identify likely change
  - Visual confirmation
- LUM mapping (up to 2016)
- New 2016-18 target polygons identified and mapped









#### **Significant improvements – Stewart Island / Paterson Inlet**

#### Grassland, Sedge and Saltmarsh

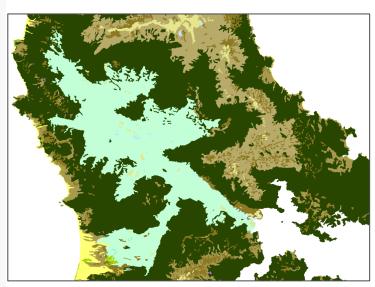
- High Producing Exotic Grassland
- Low Producing Grassland
- Tall Tussock Grassland
- Depleted Grassland
- Herbaceous Freshwater Vegetation
- Herbaceous Saline Vegetation
- Flaxland

#### Scrub and Shrubland

- Fernland
- Gorse and/or Broom
- Manuka and/or Kanuka
- Broadleaved Indigenous Hardwoods
- Sub Alpine Shrubland
- Mixed Exotic Shrubland
- Matagouri or Grey Scrub
- Peat Shrubland (Chatham Is)
- Dune Shrubland (Chatham Is)

#### Forest

- Forest Harvested
- Deciduous Hardwoods
- Indigenous Forest
- Exotic Forest



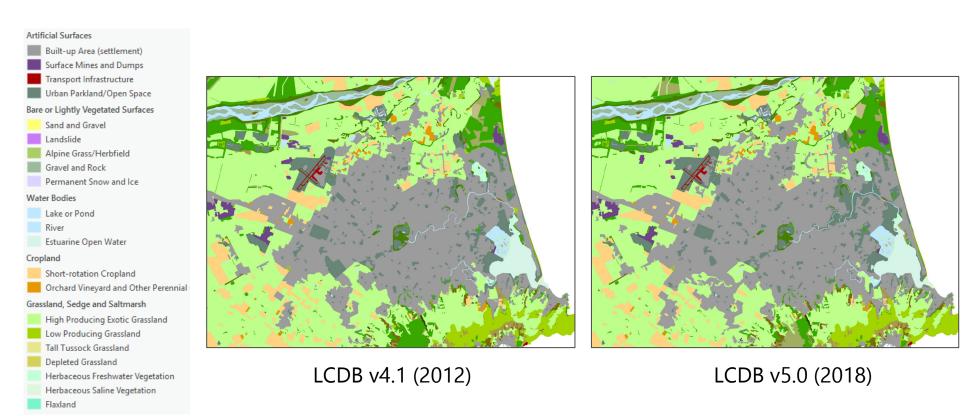


LCDB v4.1 (2012)

LCDB v5.0 (2012)



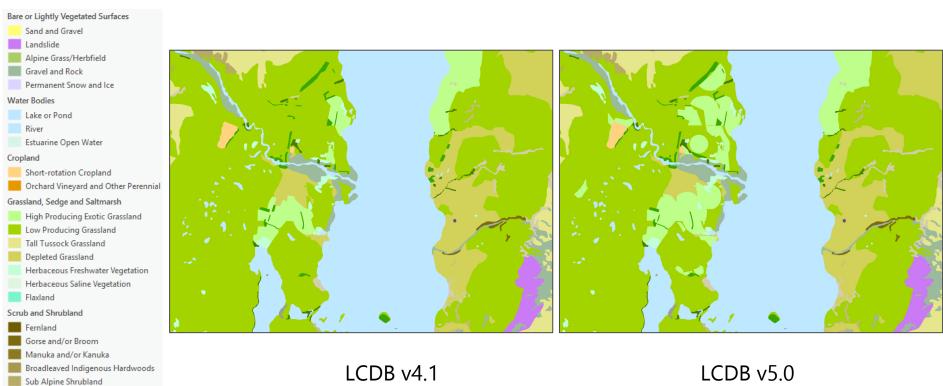
#### **Significant improvements – Post Earthquake Christchurch**



Mixed Exotic Shrubland Matagouri or Grey Scrub



## Significant improvements – Irrigated Grassland





## **Other Significant improvements**

- User feedback from v4.1 (known errors)
- Mappers spent two weeks "freestyle scanning" their areas



#### **Quality Assurance, and Usage issues**

- A variety of means used to pick up errors
  - Unexpected significant changes in class areas
  - Improbable transitions
  - Stakeholder feedback (MfE, MPI, DOC)
- Usage issues
  - Fundamentally still a 1 hectare mapping scale
  - Will pick up broader scale patterns of change
  - Can miss an accumulation of smaller changes if they are inherently small

#### **Summary**

- LCDB v5.0 is available please use this new version
- New 2018 timestep, but also really significant improvements throughout
- Summary information available from portal
- Please feed back errors or other datasets that could improve future versions

• Thank you for listening

