NETS Eradication Workshop 2024

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Workshop Structure Outline (3 hours)

Introduction – **Paul**

- Definition of eradication
- Difficulty of eradication (high level)
- Important aspects of plant biology and ecology (covered more fully later in the workshop)
  - Reproductive biology
  - Plant structure
  - Dispersal - pathway analysis
  - Habitat requirements
  - Weed potential - risk assessment

Introduction to activity - **Heidi**

- Example of discussion
  - One species
  - Why are you having a problem?
  - Successes or failures (or both)

Small group activity Sort groups based either on employer or on problem species - **Trevor**

- One plant per region/group

Small group feedback (3-5 minutes)

Agent responsible for persistence – what do we know – what do you need to know!

Seed Bank – **Trevor**

- Seed longevity and viability (my broadleaf and grass studies to set the scene)
- Seed coat (hard vs soft, black vs light)
- Seed size (large vs small)
- Soil type (sand vs clay)
- Burial depth (shallow vs deep)
- Exudates (root exudates to protect istself from overcrowding)

Underground vegetative biomass (roots) – **Paul**

- Type of roots
  - Rhizomes
  - Tuber, corms and bulbs
  - Growing points and nodes
- Longevity of roots
- Exhausting the resource

Plant structure - **Heidi**

- Woody plants
- Annuals
- Other

Environmental, agricultural (primary production) and aquatic weeds – all 3

Abstract

One of the critical factors for effective biosecurity is the ability to eradicate. For plant species this can be very difficult due to dormant (seeds) or semi-dormant (roots, corms and tubers) phases in their life cycle. This workshop presents current knowledge and challenges participants to re-evaluate ‘Best Practice Procedures’ in the light of current understanding of some of New Zealand’s most pernicious weeds.