New Zealand’s ePhyto Certification System

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Growing and Protecting New Zealand
New Zealand’s Current Electronic Phytosanitary Certification System

New Zealand ePhyto system → Tahora (MPI Internal Electronic Data Exchange) → IPPC Hub

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New Zealand is currently exchanging with

→ Government to Government Exchange:
  - Australia
  - Indonesia

→ Via the IPPC Hub:
  - Argentina
  - Fiji
  - Samoa
  - The United States
What are the benefits of the IPPC Hub & NZ’s experience

- Data is easily exchanged between NPPOs through the Hub by participant countries agreeing to a standardised transmission protocols;

- Improves the security of transmission of documentation;

- Reduces the possibilities for fraudulent documentation;

- Maintenance costs associated with the exchange of electronic certificates are reduced since only one system is maintained;

- A single set of Hub protocols minimizes the required support staff and improves trade facilitation by allowing all countries to cost-effectively participate;

- Increased harmonisation of exchange of phytosanitary certificates through the implementation of IPPC ePhyto schema.
What next for New Zealand?

- GeNS work with the Pacific
  - Trials with PNG and other Pacific nations soon
- Continue and/or progress trials with other countries
- Develop/enhance functionality of internal applications
- Providing feedback on technical papers to IPPC ePhyto steering group