

Dataversity

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Overview of Dataversity

Dataversity is a community of biodata practitioners from local government, the Department of Conservation, CRIs and other government and non-government organisations.

Participants share knowledge and tools to benefit their own practice, and to increase the potential to share data to support biodiversity management nationally and globally.

Purpose of Dataversity

Dataversity aims to improve the cost-effectiveness of biodiversity and biosecurity data-management and increase the potential for data-sharing, by facilitating the coordination of biodata practices and systems at three levels:

1. between local government organisations,
2. between local government, the Department of Conservation, CRIs and other parts of the NZ biodata sector, and
3. between the NZ biodata sector and other parts of the NZ environmental science sector.

Structure of Dataversity

Participation of Dataversity members is voluntary. Membership of Dataversity is open to everyone interested in biodiversity and biosecurity data management in New Zealand.

Steering Team

The Steering Team is a subgroup of the Regional Council Biodiversity Forum.

The role of the Steering Team is to:

- determine the strategy for Dataversity,
- maintain participation in Dataversity,
- obtain resources for Dataversity, and
- engage Dataversity with related organisations.

Membership of the steering team includes representation from local government, the Department of Conservation and Landcare Research, and from organisations outside government.

The Steering Team may engage a Coordinator to help carry out its role.