

# New Zealand Myrtle Rust Strategy 2019 – 2023

## OUR VISION

The mauri of myrtle plants and dependent ecosystems is safeguarded and sustained.

### Understanding

The behaviour and impact of myrtle rust in Aotearoa New Zealand is understood and options for managing it are identified.

### Protection

Native myrtle and dependent species are safeguarded and sustained.

### Resilience

The resilience and integrity of ecosystems vulnerable to myrtle rust is enhanced.

### Kaitiakitanga

Whānau, hapū and iwi are supported to exercise their responsibilities as kaitiaki of their taonga, and natural and cultural resources that may be affected by myrtle rust.

### Collaboration

Those with an interest in myrtles and associated ecosystems work collaboratively to manage myrtle rust in Aotearoa New Zealand.

### Sustainability

The impact of myrtle rust on places and plants of value to people is minimised (to the greatest extent possible).

## KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

What does success look like by 2023?

We have viable, representative germplasm of priority species impacted by myrtle rust

Myrtle rust research is strategically planned and aligned and informs myrtle rust management

Our culture and wellbeing experiences with myrtles do not decline

Communities, industry, whānau, hapū and iwi are actively safeguarding their myrtle plants and ecosystems

Collaboration between partners results in better relationships and more effective delivery

## MEASUREMENT

Public knowledge and awareness of myrtle species and myrtle rust increases

Scientific understanding of the spread and impact of myrtle rust increases

All native myrtle species have a viable collection of germplasm stored

Improved understanding and application of mitigation options is underway

Trust and respect between partners increases

Partners are clear about everyone's roles and responsibilities

A programme is in place that recognises kaitiakitanga and supports active participation

## OUR PRINCIPLES

Partnership

Collaboration

Transparency

Mātauranga Māori

Collective responsibility

Empowered communities