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Invertebrates are important

Invertebrates are important in many areas of human society. Some species cause massive ecological and economic damage as pests and pathogens in New Zealand, whereas other species play enormously beneficial roles as pollinators, biological control agents and decomposers in natural and agricultural ecosystems.

Two hundred years of research at your fingertips

Over a quarter of a million pages have been published on invertebrate biodiversity in New Zealand covering more than 200 years of scientific research. BUGZONLINE allows free access to the information where and when its needed, enabling much more freedom and flexibility than traditional sources such as libraries and museums.

A digital revolution

Rapid advances in digital technology have allowed a major new initiative to provide the entire BUGS bibliography free online to scientists and the public alike. With funding from the Terrestrial and Freshwater Biodiversity Information System (TFBIS) programme, the BUGZONLINE project became a reality.

World first integration

New Zealand is the first country to undertake a national digital compilation of all the scientific literature on terrestrial invertebrate biodiversity. The BUGZONLINE Digital Library is also the first database in New Zealand to integrate uBio technology – the Universal Biological Indexer and Organiser.

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