



Site registration form for the release of the sea spurge biocontrol agent (*Venturia paralias*)

Thank you for your interest in participating in the release program for *V. paralias*, a fungus that has been approved as a biocontrol agent for sea spurge in Australia. This overarching project is titled "*Community engagement in release of biocontrol agents*", with the sea spurge sub-project named "*From lab to land: strengthening coastal resilience through community-led sea spurge biocontrol*". This initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) under the Supporting Communities to Manage Pest Animals and Weeds Program and is being led by the CSIRO.

The CSIRO is supporting targeted releases of the fungus on sea spurge populations across southern Australia, in partnership with public sector stakeholders, community groups, and private landholders. The project will run from **October 2025** to **June 2027**, with releases made all year round, depending on availability of the fungus at the time and suitable climate conditions.

To successfully register to receive the fungus, participants are required to provide a list of their **proposed release sites** to the CSIRO for consideration. This includes a description of the local habitat and GPS coordinates. There is no limit to the number of sites that can be registered for release of the fungus, or the number of times that a participant may request a supply of the fungus for release into the environment. Supply is dependent upon availability of fungal material and demand for participation.

Site registration information and other enquiries should be sent via email to: seaspurgebiocontrol@csiro.au

For more information about the biocontrol program, please visit our website: <https://research.csiro.au/sea-spurge/>

Participant information
Name of participant (person or group etc):
Preferred postal address: Please note that the biocontrol agent will be sent as a priority mail package via a courier, and for this reason, we prefer a physical address. However, a PO box is fine if this is the only delivery point for packages.
Preferred telephone number: Your phone number will also be provided to the courier

Please briefly describe who will be involved in the release of the fungus at your site (e.g., individual, volunteer group, Landcare/Coastcare group, park ranger, government agency, etc.), and on what basis you are seeking to participate.

Potential release site(s) information

What time of year would best suit you for releasing the fungus, to align with your other sea spurge management activities?

Name and GPS coordinates (degrees latitude/longitude) of proposed release site(s):

We consider a beach to represent a single site.

Location(s) description and extent of sea spurge infestation:

In your response, please include any relevant details about land use tenure, custodianship, habitat condition, and other contextual information. This information helps us tailor the biocontrol program to local conditions and ensure effective and culturally respectful implementation.

How to extract GPS coordinates of a location using the Maps app on your smartphone:

Using Google Maps:

- 1) Open the Google Maps app on your smartphone or tablet.
- 2) When the blue circle for your location appears on the map, touch and hold this area of the map (that isn't labelled) to drop a red pin.
- 3) The GPS coordinates will appear in the search box at the top of the screen.

Using Apple Maps:

- 1) Open Apple Maps on your iPhone or tablet.
- 2) Tap the current location button on the top right.
- 3) When the blue circle for your location appears on the map, tap it.
- 4) Swipe up from the bottom to view full details for your location and the GPS coordinates will be listed for your location.