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The SSDM Ecological Review System (ERS) For New Zealand Golf Courses

Objective of the ERS:

To enable a golf course to initially measure and then monitor the existing and on-going ecological value of their site.

Benefits of the ERS:

- Ecological accountability of the Club regarding its management and practices
- The ability to identify ecological priorities and targets for the short and long term enhancement of the course
- Evidence of a proactive and focussed approach to ecological enhancement of the site, that can be used in applying for external funding streams
- Commitment to the programme will result in enhancements to the biodiversity and wildlife value of the golf course
- The programme allows a club to budget and plan resources towards future ecological goals

Implementation of the ERS:

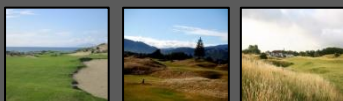
The ERS programme is specifically designed for New Zealand's unique geographical situation and Flora and Fauna. The system was developed with scientific input from Land care Research and is endorsed by New Zealand Forest and Bird.

The system is designed to give the Club control. An initial measurement (or benchmark) of the existing ecological value of the course is generated and from this point specific goals to further enhance this value are identified. On-going support and advice is made available to the Club as and when required. A follow up review is carried out at an agreed future time, with the Club being awarded Ecological Certification based upon specific environmental enhancements over time.

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SSDM: Proactively advancing the ecological value of New Zealand's golf courses