**NVS Express Training Workshop 2015**

**Description**:

The National Vegetation Survey databank (NVS) is a physical archive and computer databank containing records from approximately 98,000 vegetation survey plots. Landcare Research has developed a freely available software package called ‘NVS Express’ which is specifically designed for the purpose of entering and analysing permanent plot and Recce data that has been collected using standard methodology (as per Hurst & Allen 2007). NVS Express provides an easy way to enter, validate and analyse these data. An electronic copy of the data can be archived in the NVS databank as part of this process.

This workshop will acquaint participants with the ‘NVS Express’ software. There will be a brief introduction to how data in the NVS databank support research and practical conservation applications and the types of data stored in the NVS databank. The rest of the morning (2 hours) will focus on the mechanics of how to use NVS-Express to enter data, with some discussion of how the NVS databank is organized as background to help participants understand why NVS-Express works the way it does.

In the afternoon, participants will work through typical scenarios for summarising and analysing common data types. The NVS–Analysis module is a very flexible tool, so we will not attempt to be exhaustive, rather the aim will be for participants to feel sufficiently comfortable with the standard options to allow them to explore alternatives on their own. This approach should complement the NVS Express User Manual that catalogues the options for each type of analysis.

**Duration**: Full day

**Date**: Monday 16 November

**Location**:

New Zealand Ecological Society Conference

University of Canterbury

**Cost**: Free

**To Register**:

If you are attending the NZES conference go to conference website and select the workshop as part of the registration options <https://innovators.eventsair.com/QuickEventWebsitePortal/nzes2015/home>

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