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**BIOLOGY**  
**Demonstrate knowledge of Monera,  
Protista and Fungi**

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| <b>level:</b>                  | <b>5</b>   |
| <b>credit:</b>                 | <b>4</b>   |
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| <b>sub-field:</b>              | Science  |
| <b>purpose:</b>                | People credited with this unit standard are able to describe: the features of Monera; the habitats and the major ecological roles of Monera; the evidence for bacterial origin of organelles in eukaryotic cells; the features which distinguish the Protista groups; the habitats and major ecological roles of selected Protista; the structural and functional characteristics which distinguish the divisions of Fungi; and the ecological roles of Fungi. |
| <b>entry information:</b>      | Open.  |
| <b>accreditation option:</b>   | Evaluation of documentation and visit by NZQA and industry.  |
| <b>moderation option:</b>      | A centrally established and directed external moderation system has been set up by NZQA on behalf of the Science and Technology National Standards Body.   |

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**special notes:**

- 1 It is intended that in demonstrating knowledge for this unit standard the emphasis is placed on:
  - a evolutionary trends;
  - b the dynamic nature of biological classification systems.
  
- 2 It is intended that, except where there are widespread global implications, examples used in description of species will reflect their significance in New Zealand, in relation to, but not limited to: ecology, health, medicine, and food production.

**Elements and Performance Criteria****element 1**

Describe the features of Monera.

**performance criteria**

- 1.1 The description compares the characteristics of selected Monera in terms of their structure.

Range: Archaeobacteria, Eubacteria.

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- 1.2 The description compares the characteristics of selected Monera in terms of their function.

Range: may include, but is not limited to - nutrition, major energy producing pathway, locomotion, reproduction.

**element 2**

Describe the habitats and the major ecological roles of Monera.

**performance criteria**

- 2.1 The description compares two selected Monera in terms of their major habitats.
- 2.2 The description compares the major ecological roles of selected Monera.

Range: includes, but is not limited to - bacteria in nutrient recycling, primary production and disease.

**element 3**

Describe the evidence for bacterial origin of organelles in eukaryotic cells.

**performance criteria**

- 3.1 The description outlines theories for the bacterial origin of mitochondria and chloroplasts in eukaryotic cells.

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**element 4**

Describe the features which distinguish the Protista groups.

**performance criteria**

- 4.1 The description compares the structural features of a named unicellular alga and a named multi cellular alga.
- 4.2 The description compares modes of locomotion in a flagellate protist, a ciliate protist and an amoeboid protist.
- 4.3 The description outlines two modes of nutrition in selected protists.
- 4.4 The description outlines the life cycle of a named parasite.
- 4.5 The description states one reason for each of the slime moulds and the water moulds to be classified as protists rather than as fungi.

**element 5**

Describe the habitats and major ecological roles of selected Protista.

**performance criteria**

- 5.1 The description compares two selected Protista in terms of their major habitats.
- 5.2 The description compares the major ecological roles of selected Protista.  
Range: includes but is not limited to - primary production, disease.

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**element 6**

Describe the structural and functional characteristics which distinguish the divisions of Fungi.

**performance criteria**

6.1 The description outlines the structure of typical representatives to illustrate the characteristics of each division.

Range: Zygomycota, Ascomycota, Basidiomycota.

6.2 The description outlines the life-cycle of one selected Fungus.

6.3 The description compares modes of nutrition of three named Fungi.

Range: saprobic, parasitic, symbiotic.

**element 7**

Describe the ecological roles of Fungi.

**performance criteria**

7.1 The description explains the ecological importance of Fungi as decomposers.

7.2 The description explains the importance of lichens as colonisers.

7.3 The description explains the role of mycorrhizae.

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7.4 The description identifies one plant and one animal pathogen.

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