

INTERNATIONAL COLLECTION OF MICROORGANISMS FROM PLANTS (ICMP)

Conditions of Sale and Supply of ICMP Fungi and Bacteria

Strains are supplied for legitimate research purposes only on the understanding that the recipient will not seek intellectual property rights over the strain or any derivatives from the strain, or use them or any derivatives for the development of commercial products, without prior consultation with Landcare Research.

1. **Limitations.** Landcare Research will endeavour to replace non-viable or contaminated strains provided they are notified within a reasonable time of delivery.
2. **Disclaimer.** Customers receiving ICMP strains are responsible for their safe storage, handling and use. While strains are supplied in good faith as being accurately labelled as to identity, Landcare Research cannot provide any guarantees on this matter. Identification usually relies on identification supplied by the depositor but may have been updated in the light of further research.
3. **Ownership.** Strains are accessioned to ICMP on the basis that the depositor is the rightful owner and, unless otherwise arranged at the time of deposition, they are available for legitimate research purposes. Recipients, who wish to seek intellectual property rights over the strain or any derivatives from the strain, or use them or any derivatives for the development of commercial products, must consult with Landcare Research, who will act on behalf of the owner and ensure fulfilment of obligations under the Convention of Biological Diversity concerning fair equitable benefit sharing.
4. **Transfer.** The recipient shall not distribute, sell, lend or otherwise transfer the strains or any derivatives to third parties, without prior consultation with Landcare Research.
5. **Publication and data lodging.** The recipient agrees to mention the ICMP strain number in all publications and public database deposits (e.g., GenBank etc.) that refer to the strain or any derivatives. In GenBank submissions the ICMP culture should be cited in the format: /culture_collection="ICMP:16988".

Expected timeframe for dispatch:

- Liquid nitrogen-stored cultures need to be cultured on agar first before sending, and are usually sent on agar slants. Allow up to 2 weeks for normal cultures and 4 or more weeks for slow-growing cultures before the cultures will be ready for dispatch. Being special products the expected delivery time is 4–6 weeks from placing the order.