



Protecting Australia's plant resources

The damage to plants caused by pests varies from species to species, but it can be significant. It is estimated that every year between 20 and 40 per cent of crops are lost to plant pests and weeds globally. ¹⁶ Some invasive exotic pest species also have the potential to cause permanent damage to native plants in our unique natural ecosystems. Others can reduce the social value of public amenities such parks and gardens.

Identifying exotic pest threats, the ways in which they might enter Australia, and prioritising them according to their potential impact, allows the most serious risks to be targeted. Biosecurity activities – such as surveillance, pathway analysis, border screening, inspection and planning – can then help increase the chance of identifying, containing and successfully eradicating pests should they arrive. This chapter describes the priority pest threats to the major plant production industries and to the environment, as well as describing the biosecurity and risk mitigation planning activities.

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National priority pests

NATIONAL PRIORITY PLANT PESTS

The National Priority Plant Pests (2019) is a list of Australia's most serious exotic plant pest threats. The list shown in Table 3 was reviewed by the Plant Health Committee and endorsed in August 2019, with the top ten shown in Table 4.

To be considered a national priority:

- a pest must:
 - be injurious to plants, plant products, bees or impact social amenity
 - be exotic to Australia, or have limited distribution and be under official control
 - have potential to cause significant negative impact on national economies, the environment or community
 - have potential to enter, establish and spread in Australia
- there must be a clear benefit from, or requirement for, nationally coordinated action or approach.

The National Priority Plant Pest list enables decision makers to focus biosecurity activities to achieve higher returns on investments in risk management, facilitating an integrated and harmonised approach to prevent and prepare for priority pest threats.

Potential areas to focus national investment include:

- national pre-border or border measures to reduce the likelihood of entry
- controls on the movement of plant products that can carry regionalised pests interstate
- surveillance for early warning of the presence of pests, area freedom from pests and delimiting the extent of an incursion
- diagnostics, surveillance and incursion responses
- contingency planning, which may highlight areas for improvement such as:
 - tracing the origin and spread of pests
 - developing mapping systems
 - breeding new plant varieties
 - negotiating access to markets
 - training to improve preparedness
 - identification of pesticides for use in incursions
 - identifying possible biological control agents
 - identifying R,D&E needs
 - gaps in the regulatory system.

Table 3. Australia's National Priority Plant Pests

National priority plant pests (2019)			
1	Xylella fastidiosa and exotic vectors	22	Panama tropical race 4
2	Khapra beetle	23	Cyst nematodes of cereals (exotic species)
3	Spotted wing drosophila	24	Plum pox virus
4	Exotic, economic fruit fly (lure and non-lure responsive)	25	Exotic drywood termites
5	Karnal bunt	26	Wheat stem sawfly (exotic species)
6	Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus (and other strains) complex	27	Barley stripe rust (exotic strains)
7	Exotic invasive ants	28	Hessian fly (<i>Mayetiola</i> spp.)
8	Gypsy moths	29	Exotic subterranean termites
9	Brown marmorated stink bug	30	Phytoplasmas 16Srl group
10	Internal and external mites of bees (<i>Apis</i> spp.)	31	Armyworm (exotic species)
11	Guava (Eucalyptus) rust (exotic strains)	32	Exotic Tobamovirus
12	Exotic invasive snails	33	Bursaphelenchus spp. and exotic sawyer beetle vectors
13	Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum complex	34	Exotic longhorn beetles (<i>Anoplophora</i> spp.)
14	Airborne <i>Phytophthora</i> spp.	35	Grape phylloxera
15	Ug99 wheat stem rust	36	Exotic stem borers of sugarcane and cereals
16	Citrus canker	37	Potato late blight (exotic strains)
17	Exotic bees (<i>Apis</i> spp.)	38	Pine pitch canker
18	Fire blight	39	Grapevine leaf rust
19	Potato cyst nematode (exotic strains)	40	Exotic Begomovirus and vectors
20	Leaf miners (exotic species)	41	Dutch elm disease
21	Texas root rot	42	Banana phytoplasma diseases

For more information on National Priority Plant Pests go to **www.agriculture.gov.au/ pests-diseases-weeds/plant**

Table 4. The top 10 National Priority Plant Pests

1. Xylella fastidiosa and exotic vectors



Xylella fastidiosa is a bacteria that could devastate horticultural crops, native flora and gardens as hundreds of native, commercial and ornamental plant species are susceptible. There is no treatment and no documented example of it ever being eradicated once it has become established. It could enter Australia with illegally introduced plant material or with infected sap sucking insects that can hitch a ride to Australia.

2. Khapra beetle



Khapra beetle is a pest of stored grain that would have a major impact on the grains industry if it were to establish in Australia, threatening access to export markets. The beetle is small but tough: larvae can survive in a dormant state for up to two years with very little food. It could arrive in cargo, machinery, food or mail items, or be brought in by travellers in personal effects. Once here, it could spread easily via the movement of seed, straw, stored grain, cargo or machinery.

3. Spotted wing drosophila



Spotted wing drosophila (*Drosophila suzukii*) is a major horticultural pest affecting many crops particularly soft-skinned fruit. SWD attacks healthy ripening fruit as well as damaged fruit, reducing crop yields and impacting upon fruit quality. If introduced into Australia, SWD is likely to spread rapidly, primarily through the human movement of infested produce.

4. Exotic, economic fruit fly (lure and non-lure responsive)



Exotic fruit flies are one the world's most destructive group of horticultural pests and put at risk more 300 types of fruit and vegetables. While Australia already has some fruit flies, other exotic species such as oriental fruit fly (*Bactrocera dorsalis*, pictured left) are kept out by ongoing biosecurity measures.

5. Karnal bunt



Karnal bunt is a disease caused by the fungus *Tilletia indica*, a highly invasive exotic grain pest which threatens Australia's wheat industry by its potential heavy impact on the quality and ability to sell infected crops. If introduced, Karnal bunt would be almost impossible to eradicate as its spores can persist in soil for up to four years.

6. Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus (and other strains) complex



Huanglongbing is a disease caused by *Candidatus* Liberibacter asiaticus and was previously known as citrus greening disease. One of the worst diseases of citrus trees worldwide, it spreads through the tree canopy, causing decline and then death of the tree. There is no cure – the only way to stop the disease is to destroy all infected trees.

7. Exotic invasive ants



Invasive (tramp) ants are a diverse group of aggressive, invasive ant species that can rapidly establish and spread if introduced. Several species of invasive ants are amongst the most serious global invasive pests. Australia's environmental, economic, and social wellbeing are threatened by these ants, some of which have already been introduced and are now established in Australia.

8. Gypsy moths



Gypsy moths (*Lymantria* spp.) are destructive pests of forests and horticulture. They pose a high biosecurity risk to Australia because of their tendency to hitchhike and their high reproductive rate. If gypsy moths became established, they would be extremely difficult and expensive to manage, partly because of their broad host range.

9. Brown marmorated stink bug



Brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) poses a high biosecurity risk because it affects a very wide range of horticulture and other crops and could also impact native and amenity plants. If it established in Australia it would be extremely difficult and expensive to manage and have a broad impact on the community. The ability of this stink bug to lie dormant and spread hidden in cargo has enabled it to make its way to new regions of the world and spread rapidly.

10. Internal and external mites of bees (Apis spp)



Mites of bees such as Varroa mite (*Varroa destructor*) would pose a serious threat to bees, reducing the numbers of unmanaged European honey bees and the pollination services they provide by 90 to 100 per cent if it established in Australia. Other exotic mites like tracheal mite (*Acarapsi woodi*) and Tropilaelaps mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.) would also seriously impact the honey bee and honey bee reliant plant industries.

NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

The Department of Agriculture are developing national action plans for the National Priority Plant Pests. The plans identify the capabilities required to prepare for these pests if they enter Australia.

The national action plans are 'living' documents to be regularly reviewed. Once finalised, the plans will be available on the Department of Agriculture website.

To date, two plans have been finalised:



The National Invasive Ant Biosecurity Plan 2018–28¹⁷ provides a nationally agreed approach to enhance
 Australia's capacity to manage the ongoing threat of
 invasive ants establishing in Australia and the impacts
 caused by those species already established.



• The National Xylella Action Plan 2019–29¹⁸ provides a nationally agreed approach to enhance Australia's capacity to prevent the introduction of Xylella (and exotic vectors), and to improve detection and the ability to respond to an incursion should it enter Australia.

National workshop prioritises action on Khapra beetle

On 13-14 June 2019, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment convened a workshop to increase Australia's preparedness for Khapra beetle by identifying activities to enhance Australia's capacity to manage the threat posed by this devasting pest. Khapra beetle is the number two National Plant Priority Pest and strong preventative and response measures are needed to protect Australia and industry from an incursion.

Participants included representatives from peak industry bodies from the grain, rice and seed industries, GRDC and PHA, along with state, federal and New Zealand biosecurity agencies.

During the workshop, there was strong support for a more coordinated national approach and the development of a national preparedness action and implementation plan for Khapra beetle, similar to those developed for Xylella fastidiosa and invasive ants.

Aspects of the behaviour and biology of the pest were discussed, particularly its hitchhiking habits, lifecycle, and resistance to many pest treatments. Several discussions were about the beetle's extraordinary ability to enter a hibernation-like state called diapause, making it hard to detect and treat.

Attendees were informed about the need for morphological and molecular expertise to identify Khapra beetle, and the decline in this former field within Australia. Also highlighted were several recent border interceptions, what led to them, and how such interceptions might be avoided in the future.

Outcomes from the workshop include:

- increased awareness the pest threat
- activities to raise awareness, potential areas for research, and the findings from the response to interception or detection of the pest
- where and how industry, jurisdictions, and the public could do surveillance for the pest
- recognition that fumigation to control Khapra beetle is untenable in the long-term or ineffective due to product packaging, requiring further research
- the need to review import conditions for host commodities and non-host commodity pathways to ensure these conditions reflect current understanding of pest risk and emerging pathways.

Environment and Invasives Committee (2019). National Invasive Ant Biosecurity Plan 2018–28. Accessed online 12 February 2020 www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/cd1170d3-7e62-4340-b0d1c366e495e238/files/invasive-ant-biosecurity-2019.pdf

^{18.} Plant Health Committee (2019). National Xylella Action Plan 2019–29. Accessed online 12 February 2020 www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/National-Xylella-Action-Plan-2019-2029.pdf

New program to prepare for Xylella fastidiosa

A national initiative began in 2019 to help Australia prepare for a potential incursion of our top – or most unwanted – exotic plant pest, *Xylella fastidiosa*.

The bacteria infects xylem vessels of host plants and is transmitted by sap sucking insects, with the potential to impact many crops and plants in our environment. Over 560 plant species, including grapevines, coffee, olives, citrus, berries, tree nuts and some ornamental and native species are now recognised as hosts of Xylella.

Due to the potential impacts on horticulture crops in Australia, Hort Innovation and Wine Australia are jointly funding the National Xylella Preparedness Program.

In February 2019, Craig Elliott was appointed as coordinator of the program to help work out how the bacteria could be detected, contained and eradicated as quickly, effectively and cost efficiently as possible.

Craig has been liaising with industries at risk and government biosecurity managers to raise awareness of the issue and address existing gaps.

"For winemakers and grape growers alone, the potential impact has been estimated at between \$2 billion and \$8 billion in production loses and management costs over a 50-year period.

He visited the wine industry in California to see how they are managing the disease by restricting the spread of the main insect vector and searching for resistant or tolerant varieties. He also met with European researchers examining Xylella, its insect vectors and ways to detect and contain it .

"The key is prevention, so growers are encouraged to review their biosecurity measures across their business and supply chains," he said.

Hort Innovation is also funding work to update Australia's diagnostic protocols for Xylella, including trialling field diagnostics kits, and tapping into international work underway to help be better prepared for the disease.

A National Xylella Action Plan 2019–29 was approved in late 2019. The plan provides a nationally agreed approach to enhance Australia's capacity to prevent the introduction of Xylella and exotic vectors and prepare for a response, should it be detected in Australia. It also sets out the actions to achieve this outcome.

NATIONAL PRIORITY LIST OF EXOTIC ENVIRONMENTAL PESTS, WEEDS AND DISEASES

In August 2019 the Department of Agriculture released a draft list of priority exotic environmental pests, weeds and diseases.

Development of the list was led by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences and other areas of the Department of Agriculture, in collaboration with over 100 experts.

Over 40 species were assessed as being a high risk to Australia, including the top five or six highest risk species for each of eight thematic groups: aquatic animal diseases, freshwater invertebrates, marine pests, native animal diseases, plant pathogens, terrestrial invertebrates, vertebrates, and weeds and freshwater algae.

The list includes some pests which pose a threat to plants in Australia, with a significant overlap between pests that threaten plants in the environment and the high priority pests of plant industries. Pests in common with the National Priority Plant Pests list include gypsy moths, invasive ants and Xylella.

The Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer is the custodian of the National Priority List of Exotic Environmental Pests, Weeds and Diseases, and is responsible for coordinating amendments and reviews of the list, with oversight by the Environment and Invasives Committee.

Following approval by the National Biosecurity Committee, the inaugural National Priority List of Exotic Environmental Pests, Weeds and Diseases is expected to be announced by the Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer in mid-2020.



Plant industry biosecurity preparedness

There are a number of ways that industries and governments can prepare for and reduce the risks posed by exotic pests. Developing a biosecurity plan enables governments and industries to identify the exotic pests that pose the greatest risk to an industry, and the activities that will help to mitigate the risks associated with the pests.

Developing a contingency plan is another aspect of preparedness, as they identify the information needed during a response to an exotic pest incursion.

BIOSECURITY PLANNING FOR PLANT INDUSTRIES

One of the first steps to reduce the biosecurity risks to an industry is to develop a biosecurity plan for the crop(s) produced. Each of PHA's plant industry members has developed a biosecurity plan in partnership with governments, and they are listed in Table 5. Biosecurity planning is a requirement for Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed signatories, and plans are generally funded by a research and development corporation (RDC) or plant industry peak body.

The first step in developing a biosecurity plan is to identify and prioritise exotic pests. Experts from industry and government are brought together to form a Technical Expert Group who assess each pest's likelihood of entry, establishment and spread, as well as the economic impact if it established in Australia.

The exotic pests that pose the greatest risk with the largest potential economic impact are deemed to be High Priority Pests. Table 6 lists all of the High Priority Pests identified in the 35 biosecurity plans developed by PHA. The same pests are also listed in the plant industry profiles throughout Chapter 3.

Having identified the pests that pose the greatest risk, the next step is to develop and agree on effective biosecurity measures to protect against them. This involves the industry, governments, the relevant research and development corporation(s) and PHA working in partnership with each other. Agreed risk mitigation activities are aligned to overarching strategies in the National Plant Biosecurity Strategy and the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity.

Each biosecurity plan is endorsed by the peak industry body and by all Australian governments through the Plant Health Committee. This means that key stakeholders in the plant biosecurity system have agreed on the priorities and risk mitigation efforts to protect that industry.





Since 2017, a Biosecurity Reference Panel of government and industry experts has been appointed to review and prioritise the activities in individual plans on an annual basis.

This ensures that by the end of a plan's timeframe activities have been completed, providing a significant boost in biosecurity preparedness. Biosecurity plans undergo formal reviews every four to five years to ensure they remain up-to-date, taking into consideration new research, incursions overseas and changes to potential entry pathways.

In 2019 new biosecurity plans were produced for the tea tree and sweetpotato industries, and revised biosecurity plans were produced for the mango and summerfruit industries.

Growers too can support Australia's biosecurity status by planning and implementing biosecurity practices to protect their crops from established and exotic pests. See on-farm biosecurity and biosecurity manuals for producers in Chapter 7.

Table 5. Current biosecurity plans covering Australia's plant industries

Biosecurity plans		
Apple and Pear BP (Version 3.0)	Lychee IBP (Version 1.0)	Rubus IBP (Version 1.0)
Avocado IBP (Version 2.01)	Mango BP (Version 3.1)	Strawberry IBP (Version 2.0)
Banana BP (Version 3.1)	Melon IBP (Version 1.0)	Sugarcane IBP (Version 3.0)
Blueberry BP (Version 1.0)	Nursery IBP (Version 3.0)	Summerfruit IBP (Version 2.1)
Cherry BP (Version 3.1)	Olive BP (Version 2.0)	Sweetpotato BP (Version 1.0)
Citrus BP (Version 3.0)	Onion BP (Version 3.1)	Tea Tree BP (Version 1.1)
Coffee BP (Version 1.0)	Papaya IBP (Version 1.0)	Tomato BP (Version 1.0)
Cotton BP (Version 3.2)	Passionfruit IBP (Version 1.0)	Tree nut BP (Version 3.0)
Cut flower BP (Version 1.0)	Pineapple BP (Version 2.0)	Truffle BP (Version 1.0)
Ginger IBP (Version 1.0)	Plantation forest IBP (Version 2.0)	Vegetable BP (Version 3.1)
Grains IBP (Version 3.0)	Potato BP (Version 3.1)	Viticulture IBP (Version 3.0)
Honey bee IBP (Version 1.1)	Rice IBP (Version 3.0)	

Preparedness for vegetable leaf miner

A collaborative R,D&E program is helping Australia prepare for vegetable leaf miner (*Liriomyza sativae*), serpentine leaf miner (*L. huidobrensis*) and American serpentine leaf miner (*L. trifolii*).

Leaf miners are small flies that damage a wide range of plants including horticultural and broadacre crops. The larvae feed inside of plant leaves and stems creating tunnels or mines, reducing yield and quality. Serpentine and American serpentine leaf miners are widespread exotic pests. The vegetable leaf miner is widespread overseas and was first detected at the tip of Cape York in 2015. To date it has not spread much further south of its original detection.

The Hort Innovation funded project is being led by research company cesar in partnership with PHA, AUSVEG, Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy and the University of Melbourne. The program aims to improve Australia's preparedness for these three leaf miner species by undertaking the following:

- reviewing chemical and biological control options
- developing an interactive tool to guide surveillance and awareness raising activities to forecast the risk of establishment and spread
- developing statistically sound visual surveillance methods and new diagnostic tests for damaged plants
- securing minor use permits for at risk crops
- developing contingency plans to guide actions in the event of a detection
- holding workshops in high risk locations to improve awareness of the pest amongst growers.



Vegetable leaf miner damage to siratro leaf on Thursday Island, Queensland. Image courtesy of Elia Pirtle, cesar

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Abaca bunchy top virus (Babuvirus)	Abaca bunchy top virus	Banana
Acanthocoris scabrator	Squash bug	Mango
Acarapis woodi	Tracheal mite	Honey bee
Achatina achatina	Giant African snail, giant Ghana snail	Sweetpotato, Vegetable
Agrotis segetum	Turnip moth, cutworm, black cutworm	Sweetpotato
Aleurocanthus woglumi	Citrus blackfly	Mango
Aleurolobus barodensis	Sugarcane whitefly	Sugarcane
Alternaria humicola	Leaf spot	Vegetable
Amritodus atkinsoni	Mango leafhopper	Mango
Amyelois transitella	Navel orangeworm	Tree nut
Anastrepha ludens	Mexican fruit fly	Citrus, Summerfruit
Anastrepha obliqua	West Indian fruit fly	Mango
Anastrepha serpentina	Sapodilla fruit fly, sapote fruit fly	Summerfruit
Anastrepha striata	Guava fruit fly	Summerfruit
Anisogramma anomala	Eastern filbert blight, hazelnut blight	Tree nut, Truffle
Anthonomus grandis	Boll weevil	Cotton
Aphis fabae	Black bean aphid	Potato, Vegetable
Aphis gossypii (exotic strains)	Cotton aphid	Nursery and Garden, Potato
Apis cerana (exotic strains, genotypes and sub-species)	Asian honey bee	Honey bee
Apis mellifera capensis	Cape honey bee	Honey bee
Apis mellifera scutellata	African honey bee	Honey bee
Apis mellifera scutellata (hybrid)	Africanised honey bee	Honey bee
Aristobia testudo	Lychee longicorn beetle	Lychee
Arthuriomyces peckianus	Orange rust (long-cycled)	Rubus
Ascochyta rabiei (exotic mating types)	Ascochyta blight	Grains
Aspidiella hartii	Yam scale, rhizome scale	Ginger
Aulacophora foveicollis	Red pumpkin beetle	Vegetable
Austropuccinia psidii sensu lato (exotic variants) (syn. Puccinia psidii)	Myrtle rust, guava rust, Eucalyptus rust	Cutflower, Nursery and Garden, Plantation forest, Tea tree
Avocado sunblotch viroid (asymptomatic strains)	Avocado sunblotch	Avocado
Avocado sunblotch viroid (symptomatic strains)	Avocado sunblotch	Avocado

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Bactericera cockerelli *	Tomato potato psyllid	Tomato
Bactrocera albistrigata	White striped fruit fly	Mango
Bactrocera carambolae	Carambola fruit fly	Avocado, Citrus, Mango, Papaya, Passionfruit, Tomato, Vegetable, Viticulture
Bactrocera correcta	Guava fruit fly	Mango
Bactrocera curvipennis	Banana fruit fly	Mango
Bactrocera dorsalis (syn. B. invadens, B. papayae, B. philippinensis)	Oriental fruit fly	Apple and Pear, Avocado, Banana, Cherry, Citrus, Coffee, Lychee, Mango, Melon, Papaya, Passionfruit, Summerfruit, Tomato, Vegetable, Viticulture
Bactrocera facialis	Tropical fruit fly, Tongan fruit fly	Avocado, Mango, Passionfruit, Tomato
Bactrocera kandiensis	Fruit fly	Avocado, Citrus, Mango, Passionfruit
Bactrocera kirki	Fijian fruit fly	Avocado, Mango, Passionfruit
Bactrocera latifrons	Solanum fruit fly	Melon
Bactrocera melanotus	Fruit fly, Cook Islands fruit fly	Avocado, Mango, Passionfruit
Bactrocera occipitalis	Fruit fly, Bezzi fruit fly	Citrus, Mango
Bactrocera oleae	Olive fly	Olive
Bactrocera passiflorae	Fijian fruit fly	Avocado, Mango, Papaya, Passionfruit, Vegetable
Bactrocera psidii	South Sea guava fruit fly	Mango, Passionfruit
Bactrocera trilineola	Vanuatu fruit fly	Mango
Bactrocera trivialis	New Guinea fruit fly	Citrus, Mango, Vegetable
Bactrocera tuberculata	Fruit fly	Mango
Bactrocera xanthodes	Pacific fruit fly	Avocado, Mango, Passionfruit
Bactrocera zonata	Peach fruit fly	Mango
Banana bunchy top virus (Babuvirus) (Asian subgroup)	Bunchy top	Banana
Barley mild mosaic virus (Bymovirus)	Barley mild mosaic virus	Grains
Batocera rubus	Lateral-banded mango longhorn beetle	Mango
Batocera rufomaculata	Red-spotted longhorn beetle	Mango
Bean common mosaic virus (Potyvirus), peanut stripe strain	Bean common mosaic virus	Grains

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Belonolaimus longicaudatus	Sting nematode	Sweetpotato
Bemisia tabaci (types Asia 1, China 1, China 2, Asia II (1-8), Italy, Sub-Saharan Africa (1-4), Uganda, New World, Mediterranean, Middle East-Asia Minor 2, Indian Ocean)	Silverleaf whitefly	Melon, Nursery and Garden, Tomato, Vegetable
Botrytis squamosa	Leaf blight	Onion
Burkholderia caryophylli (syn. Pseudomonas caryophylli)	Bacterial wilt of carnation	Cutflower
Bursaphelenchus spp. including B. xylophilus	Pinewood nematode species complex	Plantation forest
Cacoecimorpha pronubana	Carnation tortrix	Cutflower
Caliothrips fasciatus	Bean thrips	Citrus
Calonectria brassicae (syn. C. gracile)	No common name	Tea tree
Calonectria pteridis	Blight, leaf spot, cutting and root rot	Tea tree
Candidatus Liberibacter africanus	Huanglongbing (African strain)	Citrus
Candidatus Liberibacter americanus	Huanglongbing (American strain)	Citrus
Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus	Huanglongbing (Asiatic strain)	Citrus, Nursery and Garden
Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum (syn. Candidatus Liberibacter psyllaurous)	Zebra chip	Potato, Tomato, Vegetable
Candidatus Phytoplasma solani	Bois noir	Viticulture
Carposina sasakii	Peach fruit moth, small peach fruit borer	Apple and Pear
Cephus cinctus	Wheat stem sawfly	Grains
Cephus pygmeus	European wheat stem sawfly	Grains
Ceratocystis fimbriata sensu lato	Mango sudden decline syndrome, Ceratocystis blight	Coffee, Mango
Ceratocystis manginecans	Mango sudden decline syndrome	Mango
Ceratocystis omanensis	Mango sudden decline syndrome	Mango
Ceratovacuna lanigera	Sugarcane woolly aphid	Sugarcane
Cercosporella rubi	Rosette	Rubus

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Ceutorhynchus assimilis (syn. C. obstrictus)	Cabbage seedpod weevil	Grains
Ceutorhynchus napi	Rape stem weevil	Grains
Ceutorhynchus pallidactylus	Cabbage stem weevil	Grains
Cherry leaf roll virus (Nepovirus) (exotic strains)	Blackline	Rubus
Chickpea chlorotic dwarf virus (Mastrevirus)	Chickpea chlorotic dwarf virus	Grains
Chickpea chlorotic stunt virus (Polerovirus)	Chickpea chlorotic stunt virus	Grains
Chilo auricilius	Sugarcane internode borer	Sugarcane
Chilo infuscatellus	Yellow top borer of sugarcane	Sugarcane
Chilo orichalcociliellus	Coastal stem borer	Grains
Chilo partellus	Spotted stem borer	Grains
Chilo sacchariphagus	Sugarcane internode borer	Sugarcane
Chilo terrenellus	Sugarcane stem borer	Sugarcane
Chilo tumidicostalis	Spotted sugarcane stem borer	Sugarcane
Chinavia hilaris (syn. C. hilare)	Green stink bug	Tree nut
Chromatomyia horticola	Pea leaf miner	Cutflower
Chrysoporthe austroafricana	Eucalyptus canker disease	Plantation forest
Chlumetia transversa	Mango shoot borer	Mango
Citripestis sagittiferella	Citrus fruit borer	Citrus
Citrus leprosis virus (unassigned)	Citrus leprosis disease	Citrus
Citrus tristeza virus (Closterovirus) (mandarin stem-pitting strain)	Mandarin stem-pitting	Citrus
Cladosporium allii (syn. C. allii-cepae, Heterosporium allii, Mycosphaerella allii)	Leaf spot	Onion
Colletotrichum higginsianum	Anthracnose	Vegetable
Colletotrichum kahawae subsp. kahawai (syn. C. coffeanum)	Coffee berry disease	Coffee
Colletotrichum lentis (lentil strain)	Lentil anthracnose, soybean anthracnose	Vegetable

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Colletotrichum truncatum (lentil strain)	Lentil anthracnose	Grains
Conopomorpha sinensis	Lychee fruit borer	Lychee
Conotrachelus aguacatae	Small avocado seed weevil	Avocado
Conotrachelus perseae	Small seed weevil	Avocado
Coptotermes formosanus	Formosan subterranean termite	Plantation forest
Coptotermes gestroi	Asian subterranean termite	Plantation forest
Cotinis mutabilis	Fig beetle	Pineapple
Cotton leaf curl virus complex (Begomovirus)	Cotton leaf curl disease	Cotton
Cotton leafroll dwarf virus (Polerovirus)	Cotton blue disease	Cotton
Croesia curvalana	Blueberry leaftier	Blueberry
Cryphonectria parasitica	Chestnut blight	Tree nut
Cryptosporella umbrina	Brown rose canker	Cutflower
Cydia inopinata (syn. Grapholita inopinata)	Manchurian fruit moth	Apple and Pear
Cylindrocopturus adspersus	Sunflower stem weevil	Grains
Daktulosphaira vitifoliae (exotic strains)	Grapevine phylloxera	Viticulture
Dasineura mali	Apple leaf curling midge	Apple and Pear
Dasineura amaramanjarae	Mango gall midge	Mango
Deanolis sublimbalis (syn. Noorda albizonalis)	Red banded mango caterpillar	Mango
Deformed wing virus (Iflavirus)	Deformed wing virus	Honey bee
Delia antiqua	Onion fly	Onion, Vegetable
Delia floralis	Summer cabbage fly	Vegetable
Delia florilega	Bean fly	Onion, Vegetable
Dendroctonus ponderosae	Mountain pine beetle	Plantation forest
Dendroctonus valens	Red turpentine beetle	Plantation forest
Diabrotica barberi	Northern corn root worm	Grains
Diabrotica undecimpunctata	Southern corn root worm	Grains
Diabrotica virgifera	Western corn root worm	Grains
Diaphorina citri	Asian citrus psyllid	Citrus, Nursery and Garden



Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Diaporthe helianthi	Sunflower stem canker	Grains
Diaprepes abbreviatus	Citrus weevil, West Indian weevil, sugarcane rootstalk borer	Sweetpotato
Dickeya dianthicola (syn. Erwinia chrysanthemi pv. dianthicola)	Slow wilt	Cutflower
Dickeya spp. (pineapple infecting strains) syn. Erwinia chrysanthemi	Bacterial fruit collapse, bacterial heart rot	Pineapple
Dickeya spp. (onion infecting exotic pathovars) syn. Erwinia chrysanthemi	Bacterial soft rot	Onion
Diuraphis noxia*	Russian wheat aphid	Grains
Ditylenchus destructor	Potato tuber nematode	Sweetpotato
Drosophila suzukii	Spotted wing drosophila	Apple and Pear, Blueberry, Cherry, Rubus, Summerfruit, Viticulture
Dryocosmus kuriphilus	Oriental chestnut gall wasp	Tree nut
Dysaphis plantaginea	Rosy apple aphid	Apple and Pear
Dysdercus spp. including D. honestus, D. maurus, D. suturellus (American species)	Cotton stainer	Cotton
Dysmicoccus neobrevipes	Grey pineapple mealybug	Banana, Pineapple
East Asian passiflora virus (Potyvirus)	East Asian passiflora virus	Passionfruit
Echinothrips americanus	Poinsettia thrips	Nursery and Garden
Elasmopalpus lignosellus	Lesser corn stalk borer	Sweetpotato
Eldana saccharina	African sugarcane stalkborer	Sugarcane
Elytroteinus subtruncatus	Fijian ginger weevil	Ginger
Endocronartium harknessii	Western gall rust	Plantation forest
Epichoristodes acerbella	South African carnation tortrix, South African carnation miner	Cutflower
Ericaphis fimbriata (with blueberry scorch Carlavirus)	Blueberry aphid	Blueberry
Erionota thrax	Banana skipper butterfly	Banana
Erwinia amylovora	Fire blight	Apple and Pear
Erwinia herbicola (exotic strains)	Avocado blast	Avocado
Erwinia herbicola pv. gypsophilae	Bacterial gall	Cutflower

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Erwinia papayae	Bacterial crown rot	Papaya
Erwinia spp.	Mushy canker	Papaya
Erwinia tracheiphila	Cucurbit bacterial wilt	Melon
Euscepes postfasciatus (syn. E. batatae)	West Indian sweetpotato weevil	Sweetpotato
Eumerus strigatus	Lesser bulb fly	Vegetable
Eumetopina flavipes	Sugarcane leafhopper (vector of Ramu stunt disease)	Sugarcane
Eurygaster integriceps	Sunn pest	Grains
Euschistus conspersus	Consperse stink bug	Rubus
Eutetranychus banksi	Texas citrus mite	Coffee
Frankliniella bispinosa	Florida flower thrips	Citrus
Frankliniella intonsa	Flower thrips	Cutflower, Tomato
Frankliniella invasor	Thrips	Banana
Frankliniella tritici	Eastern flower thrips	Cutflower
Fusarium circinatum	Pitch canker	Plantation forest
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. chrysanthemi	Fusarium wilt of chrysanthemum	Cutflower
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. ciceris	Fusarium wilt of chickpea	Grains
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. cubense (exotic vegetative compatibility groups)	Fusarium wilt, Panama disease	Banana
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. glycines	Fusarium wilt of soybean	Grains
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. lupini	Fusarium wilt of lupin	Grains
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. melonis (exotic races)	Fusarium root and stem rot of melons	Melon
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. niveum (exotic races)	Fusarium root and stem rot of melons	Melon
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. radicis- cucumerinum	Fusarium root and stem rot of melons	Melon
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. vasinfectum (exotic races)	Fusarium wilt	Cotton
Fusarium spp. (F. ananatum and F. guttiforme syn. F. subglutinans f. sp. ananas)	Fusariosis, Fusarium stem rot, pineapple eye rot, fruitlet core rot	Pineapple

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Fusarium virguliforme	Sudden death syndrome	Grains
Fusarium xylarioides f. sp. abyssiniae and F. xylarioides f. sp. canephorae	Coffee wilt	Coffee
Fusicladium effusum (syn. Cladosporium caryigenum)	Pecan scab	Tree nut
Globodera pallida	Pale potato cyst nematode	Potato
Globodera rostochiensis (pathotypes RO2, RO3, RO4 and RO5)	Golden potato cyst nematode	Potato
Grapevine flavescence dorée phytoplasma	Flavescence dorée	Viticulture
Grassy shoot phytoplasma	Grassy shoot	Sugarcane
Groundnut bud necrosis virus (Tospovirus)	Bud necrosis disease	Grains, Vegetable
Groundnut ringspot virus (Tospovirus)	Groundnut ringspot virus	Grains
Guignardia bidwellii	Black rot	Viticulture
Gymnoconia nitens	Orange rust (short-cycled)	Rubus
Halyomorpha halys	Brown marmorated stink bug	Apple and Pear, Cherry, Rubus, Summerfruit, Tree nut, Truffle, Vegetable
Haplothrips chinensis	Chinese thrips	Cutflower
Harpophora maydis	Late wilt	Grains, Vegetable
Heilipus lauri	Large seed weevil	Avocado
Helicoverpa armigera (carrying Bt resistance alleles)	Cotton bollworm	Cotton
Hemileia vastatrix	Coffee leaf rust	Coffee
Heterocrossa rubophaga	Raspberry bud moth	Rubus
Heterodera carotae	Carrot cyst nematode	Vegetable
Heterodera ciceri	Chickpea cyst nematode	Grains, Vegetable
Heterodera filipjevi	Cereal cyst nematode	Grains
Heterodera glycines	Soybean cyst nematode	Grains
Heterodera latipons	Mediterranean cereal cyst nematode	Grains

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Heterodera sorghi	Sorghum cyst nematode	Grains
Homalodisca vitripennis (syn. H. coagulata)	Glassy winged sharpshooter	Cherry, Citrus, Nursery and Garden, Summerfruit, Viticulture
Homalodisca vitripennis (with Xylella fastidiosa)	Glassy winged sharpshooter	Blueberry
Homoeosoma electellum	Sunflower moth	Grains
Hoplostoma fuligineus	Large hive beetle	Honey bee
Hyalesthes obsoletus	Cixiidae planthopper	Viticulture
Hylesia nigricans	Burning moth	Plantation forest
Hypocryphalus dilutus	Ambrosia beetle	Mango
Hypothenemus hampei	Coffee berry borer	Coffee
Hypothenemus obscurus	Tropical nut borer	Tree nut
Idioscopus nagpurensis	Mango leafhopper	Mango
lps typographus	Spruce bark beetle	Plantation forest
Leptinotarsa decemlineata	Colorado potato beetle	Potato
Leptoglossus clypealis	Leaf footed bug	Tree nut
Leptoglossus occidentalis	Western conifer seed bug	Tree nut
Leptoglossus zonatus	Western leaf footed bug	Tree nut
Lettuce infectious yellows virus (Crinivirus)	Lettuce infectious yellows virus	Nursery and Garden
Liriomyza bryoniae	Tomato leaf miner	Melon, Tomato, Vegetable
Liriomyza congesta	Pea leaf miner	Cutflower
Liriomyza huidobrensis	Serpentine leaf miner	Cutflower, Melon, Nursery and Garden, Potato, Tomato, Vegetable
Liriomyza sativae	Vegetable leaf miner, American leaf miner	Melon, Onion, Potato, Tomato, Vegetable
Liriomyza trifolii	American serpentine leaf miner	Cutflower, Melon, Potato, Tomato, Vegetable
Lissachatina fulica (syn. Achatina fulica)	Giant African snail	Banana, Nursery and Garden, Sweetpotato, Tomato, Vegetable
Lissorhoptrus oryzophilus	Rice water weevil	Rice
Lobesia botrana	European grapevine moth	Viticulture

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Lygus hesperus	Western plant bug	Cotton, Strawberry, Vegetable
Lygus lineolaris	Tarnished plant bug	Cotton, Nursery and Garden, Strawberry
Lymantria dispar	Asian gypsy moth	Apple and Pear, Nursery and Garden, Plantation forest, Summerfruit, Tree nut
Lymantria mathura	Rosy gypsy moth, pink gypsy moth	Apple and Pear
Lymantria monacha	Nun moth	Apple and Pear, Plantation forest, Truffle
Magnaporthe grisea	Rice blast	Grains, Rice
Mayetiola destructor	Hessian fly	Grains
Mayetiola hordei	Barley stem gall midge	Grains
<i>Meloidogyne enterolobii</i> (syn. <i>M. mayaguensis</i>)	Root knot nematode	Onion, Potato, Sweetpotato, Vegetable
Meloidogyne naasi	Barley root knot nematode	Vegetable
Monilinia fructigena	Brown rot	Apple and Pear, Blueberry, Cherry
Monilinia mali	Monilinia leaf blight, blossom wilt	Apple and Pear
Monilinia polystroma (syn. Monilia polystroma)	Asiatic brown rot	Apple and Pear, Summerfruit
Monilinia vaccinii-corymbosi	Mummy berry, cotton ball disease	Blueberry
Monochamus spp. including M. alternatus, M. galloprovinicialis, M. titillator, M. scutellatus	Longhorn beetles	Plantation forest
Monosporascus cannonballus	Monosporascus root rot	Melon
Mungbean yellow mosaic virus (Begomovirus)	Mungbean yellow mosaic virus	Grains
Mycosphaerella eumusae	Eumusae leaf spot	Banana
Nemorimyza maculosa	Chrysanthemum leaf miner	Cutflower
Neonectria ditissima (syn. N. galligena and Nectria galligena)	European canker	Apple and Pear, Cherry
Nysius huttoni	Wheat bug	Grains
Oligonychus ilicis	Southern red mite	Coffee, Nursery and Garden
Oligonychus perseae	Persea mite	Avocado

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Orgyia thyellina	White spotted tussock moth	Plantation forest
Pantoea stewartii	Stewart's wilt of maize	Grains
Paracoccus marginatus	Papaya mealy bug	Coffee, Papaya
Paradasynus longirostris	Hong Kong stink bug	Lychee
Parasa lepida	Blue striped nettle grub	Mango
Passiflora chlorosis virus (Potyvirus)	Passiflora chlorosis virus	Passionfruit
Passionfruit crinkle virus (Potyvirus)	Passionfruit crinkle virus	Passionfruit
Passionfruit ringspot virus (Potyvirus)	Passionfruit ringspot virus	Passionfruit
Passionfruit severe leaf distortion virus (Begomovirus)	Passionfruit severe leaf distortion virus	Passionfruit
Passionfruit Sri Lankan mottle virus (Potyvirus)	Passionfruit Sri Lankan mottle virus	Passionfruit
Passionfruit vein clearing virus (Rhabdovirus)	Passionfruit vein clearing virus	Passionfruit
Passionfruit yellow mosaic virus (Tymovirus)	Passionfruit yellow mosaic virus	Passionfruit
Peanut clump virus (Pecluvirus)	Peanut clump virus	Grains
Pennisetia hylaeiformis	Raspberry crown borer	Rubus
Pennisetia marginata	Raspberry crown borer	Rubus
Perkinsiella vastatrix	Sugarcane plant hopper	Sugarcane
Perkinsiella vitiensis	Sugarcane plant hopper	Sugarcane
Peronophythora litchii	Brown blight	Lychee
Peronosclerospora philippinensis	Philippine downy mildew of maize	Grains, Sugarcane
Peronosclerospora sacchari	Sugarcane downy mildew	Sugarcane
Peronosclerospora sorghi	Downy mildew of sorghum	Grains
Phialophora cinerescens	Phialophora wilt	Cutflower
Phyllosticta spp. including P. cavendishii, P. sydowiana	Banana freckle	Banana
Phytomyza gymnostoma	Allium leaf miner	Vegetable
Phytophthora fragariae var. fragariae	Red steele root rot	Strawberry

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Phytophthora infestans (A2 mating type and exotic strains of A1 mating type)	Late blight	Potato, Vegetable
Phytophthora kernoviae	Phytophthora blight	Avocado
Phytophthora mengei	Trunk canker	Avocado
Phytophthora pinifolia	Dano foliar del pino	Plantation forest
Phytophthora ramorum	Sudden oak death	Avocado, Blueberry, Cutflower, Nursery and Garden, Plantation forest, Tea tree, Tree nut, Truffle
Planococcus ficus	Vine mealybug	Viticulture
Planotortrix octo	Green headed leaf roller	Cherry
Plasmopara halstedii	Downy mildew of sunflower	Grains
Plum pox virus (Potyvirus)	Plum pox virus, sharka	Cherry, Summerfruit
Polychrosis viteana	American berry moth	Viticulture
Polyocha depressella	Root borer	Sugarcane
Pomacea canaliculata	Golden apple snail	Nursery and Garden, Rice
Popillia japonica	Japanese beetle	Rubus
Potato spindle tuber viroid (Pospiviroidae) (exotic strains)	Potato spindle tuber viroid	Potato, Vegetable
Prays oleae	Olive moth	Olive
Procontarinia allahabadensis	Mango gall midge	Mango
Procontarinia fructiculi	Gall midge	Mango
Procontarinia frugivora	Mango fruit gall midge	Mango
Procontarinia mangiferae (syn. Dasineura mangiferae, Erosomyia mangiferae, E. indica, Mangodiplosis mangiferae, Rhabdophaga mangiferae)	Mango blossom gall midge	Mango
Procontarinia matteiana	Mango leaf gall midge	Mango
Procontarinia pustulata	Mango leaf gall midge	Mango
Procontarinia schreineri	Mango gall midge	Mango
Prostephanus truncatus	Larger grain borer	Grains
Pseudocercospora fijiensis (syn. Mycosphaerella fijiensis)	Black Sigatoka	Banana

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Pseudococcus cryptus (syn. P. citriculus)	Citrus mealybug, citriculus mealybug, cryptic mealybug	Coffee
Pseudococcus jackbeardsleyi	Jack Beardsley mealybug	Banana
Pseudococcus maritimus	Grape mealybug	Viticulture
Pseudomonas avellanae (syn. P. syringae pv. avellanae)	Bacterial canker	Truffle
Pseudomonas syringae pv. syringae (exotic races)	Bacterial canker	Avocado, Nursery and Garden
Pseudotheraptus wayi	Coconut bug	Lychee
Psila rosae	Carrot rust fly	Vegetable
Puccinia agrophila	No common name	Vegetable
Puccinia allii ('Koike's race')	Rust of garlic and chives	Onion
Puccinia apii	Rust of celery	Vegetable
Puccinia graminis f. sp. tritici (exotic pathogenic races)	Stem rust of wheat	Grains
Puccinia mixta	Rust of chives	Onions
Puccinia nitida	Rust of dill	Vegetable
Puccinia opizii	Rust	Vegetable
Puccinia porri	Rust of leek	Onion
Puccinia spp. (exotic species)	Rusts	Vegetable
Puccinia striiformis f. sp. hordei	Barley stripe rust	Grains
Pucciniastrum coryli	Hazelnut rust	Truffle
Pyrilla perpusilla	Sugarcane pyrilla	Sugarcane
Radopholus similis (exotic strains)	Burrowing nematode	Ginger
Raffaelea lauricola	Laurel wilt	Avocardo
Ralstonia solanacearum phylotype IIB (banana infecting strains)	Moko	Banana
Ralstonia solanacearum, race 4 (exotic strains)	Bacterial wilt	Ginger
Ralstonia syzigii (syn. R. solanacearum race 4, Pseudomonas solanacearum)	Bacterial wilt	Potato
Ralstonia syzygii subsp. celebesensis (syn. R. solanacearum race 2, biovar 1)	Blood disease	Banana
Raspberry ringspot virus (Nepovirus)	Raspberry ringspot virus	Rubus, Strawberry

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Rastrococcus invadens	Mango mealybug	Banana, Mango
Rastrococcus spinosus	Mango mealybug	Banana, Coffee
Rhagoletis pomonella	Apple maggot	Apple and Pear
Rhipiphorothrips cruentatus	Grapevine thrips	Mango
Rhizoctonia solani f. sp. sasaki (AG 1) (teleomorph <i>Corticium sasakii</i> (syn. <i>Thanatephorus cucumeris</i>)	Banded leaf and sheath spot	Grains, Vegetable
Rhizoglyphus setosus	Bulb mite	Cutflower, Vegetable
Rhodococcus fascians	Leafy gall	Cutflower
Rice grassy stunt virus (Tenuivirus)	Rice grassy stunt virus	Rice
Rice ragged stunt virus (Oryzavirus)	Ragged stunt virus	Rice
Rice tungro bacilliform virus (unassigned)	Rice tungro bacilliform virus	Rice
Rice tungro spherical virus (Waika virus)	Rice tungro spherical virus, waikavirus	Rice
Riptortus dentipes	Pod sucking bug	Grains
Schizaphis graminum	Greenbug	Grains
Scirpophaga excerptalis	Top shoot borer	Sugarcane
Scirtothrips perseae	Avocado thrips	Avocado
Sesamia grisescens	Stem borer	Sugarcane
Slow paralysis virus (Iflavirus)	Slow paralysis virus	Honey bee
Soil-borne wheat mosaic virus (Furovirus)	Soil-borne wheat mosaic virus	Grains
Sphaceloma perseae	Avocado scab	Avocado
Spiroplasma citri	Stubborn	Citrus
Spodoptera eridania	Southern armyworm	Cutflower
Spodoptera frugiperda	Fall armyworm	Cotton, Cutflower, Vegetable
Spodoptera littoralis	Cotton leafworm	Cutflower
Stagonospora sacchari	Leaf scorch	Sugarcane
Stenoma catenifer	Avocado seed moth	Avocado
Sternochetus frigidus	Mango pulp weevil	Mango
Strawberry latent ringspot virus (Sadwavirus)	Strawberry latent ringspot virus	Rubus
Strymon megarus (as a vector of Fusariosis)	Pineapple fruit borer	Pineapple

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Sugarcane streak mosaic virus (Poacevirus)	Sugarcane streak mosaic	Sugarcane
Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus (Crinivirus)	Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus	Sweetpotato
Sweet potato mild mottle virus (Ipomovirus)**	Mild mottle of sweet potato	Sweetpotato
Sweet potato mild speckling virus (Potyvirus)**	Sweet potato mild speckling virus	Sweetpotato
Teratosphaeria gauchensis	Coniothyrium eucalyptus canker	Plantation forest
Teratosphaeria zuluensis	Coniothyrium eucalyptus canker	Plantation forest
Tetranychus piercei	Banana spider mite	Banana
Thaumatotibia leucotreta (syn. Cryptophlebia leucotreta)	False codling moth	Citrus, Cotton, Grains, Mango, Pineapple, Vegetable
Thrips tabaci (exotic strains and biotypes)	Onion thrips	Onion
Tilletia indica	Karnal bunt	Grains
Tomato black ring virus (Nepovirus)	Tomato black ring virus	Strawberry
Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (Tobamovirus)	Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV)	Vegetable
Tomato mottle mosaic virus (Tobamovirus)	Tomato mottle mosaic virus (ToMMV)	Vegetable
Tomato ringspot virus (Nepovirus)	Tomato ringspot virus	Rubus, Strawberry
Tomicus piniperda	Pine shoot beetle	Plantation forest
Toxotrypana curvicauda (syn. Anastrepha curvicauda)	Papaya fly	Mango, Papaya
Trichoplusia ni	Cabbage looper	Vegetable
Trioza erytreae	African citrus psyllid	Citrus
Trogoderma granarium	Khapra beetle	Grains, Rice, Tree nut
Tropilaelaps clareae	Tropilaelaps mite	Apple and Pear, Honey bee, Tree nut
Tropilaelaps mercedesae	Tropilaelaps mite	Apple and Pear, Honey bee, Tree nut
Tuta absoluta	South American tomato moth, tomato leaf miner	Tomato, Vegetable
Unknown	Ramu stunt disease	Sugarcane

Table 6. High Priority Pest threats (continued)

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Unknown (suspected phytoplasma)	Longan and lychee witches' broom disease	Lychee
Urocerus gigas	Giant wood wasp	Plantation forest
Urocystis cepulae	Onion smut	Onion
Uromyces lineolatus	Rust	Vegetable
Varroa destructor	Varroa mite	Apple and Pear, Honey bee, Tree nut
Varroa jacobsoni	Varroa mite	Honey bee
Veronicella cubensis	Cuban slug	Sweetpotato
Verticillium dahliae (defoliating strain)	Verticillium wilt	Cotton, Olive, Tree nut
Vespa spp. (exotic species)	Hornets	Honey bee
Watermelon bud necrosis virus (Tospovirus)	Watermelon bud necrosis	Vegetable
White leaf phytoplasma	White leaf	Sugarcane
Xanthomonas albilineans (exotic strains, serological groups 2 or 3)	Leaf scald	Sugarcane
Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. allii	Xanthomonas leaf blight	Onion
Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. passiflorae	Bacterial blight	Passionfruit
Xanthomonas campestris (avocado strain)	Bacterial canker	Avocado
Xanthomonas citri subsp. citri (syn. X. axonopodis pv. citri)	Citrus canker	Citrus
Xanthomonas citri subsp. malvacearum (syn. X. axonopodis pv. malvacearum)	Bacterial blight, angular leaf spot	Cotton
Xanthomonas fragariae	Strawberry angular leaf spot	Strawberry
Xylella fastidiosa (subsp. not specified)	Pierce's disease, blueberry leaf scorch, olive leaf scorch, olive quick decline, phony peach, plum leaf scald	Blueberry, Cherry, Nursery and Garden, Summerfruit, Viticulture
Xylella fastidiosa subsp. fastidiosa	Pierce's disease, blueberry leaf scorch, olive leaf scorch	Coffee, Tree nut
Xylella fastidiosa subsp. multiplex	No common name	Olive, Tree nut
Xylella fastidiosa subsp. pauca	Pierce's disease, blueberry leaf scorch, olive quick decline	Citrus, Coffee, Olive
Xylella fastidiosa subsp. piercei	No common name Tree nut	
Xylosandrus compactus	Black twig borer	Mango, Tea tree

Scientific name	Common name	High priority pest of
Zea mosaic virus (Potyvirus)	Zea mosaic virus	Grains
Zeugodacus curcubitae (syn. Bactrocera cucurbitae)	Melon fruit fly	Avocado, Mango, Melon, Papaya, Passionfruit, Tomato, Tropicals, Vegetable

Legend

f. sp. forma specialis
pv. pathovar
sp. species
syn. synonym
sp. species
*established in Australia

spp. multiple species **with Sweet potato feathery mottle virus and Sweet potato chlorotic stunt virus



Review of environmental risk management

In 2018, the Inspector-General for Biosecurity conducted a review of environmental risk management in Australia. The review was instigated to examine how effectively the Department of Agriculture manages environmental biosecurity concerns. The report was published on 12 April 2019 and is available from **igb.gov.au**

The review found that Australia's framework for managing environmental biosecurity challenges has improved considerably in recent years, with the respective roles of the agriculture and environment departments in implementing pre-border and border biosecurity risk management measures much clearer.

The report praised the appointment of the Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer but noted that there remained a need to engage with agricultural and environmental agencies in all jurisdictions, non-government organisations and communities to develop a greater acceptance of the shared responsibility for better biosecurity outcomes.

The government was advised to source a high level of scientific expertise and innovation, both nationally and internationally, to ensure that novel and more efficient solutions to new biosecurity threats can be rapidly developed and applied as needed.



CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Contingency planning is a pre-emptive preparedness initiative that improves readiness for a particular exotic pest threat. Contingency plans are developed by PHA, industries and governments.

Before an incursion occurs, experts are brought together to collate information on a particular pest or pest group, its biology and available control measures. This includes identifying gaps in diagnostics, surveillance and R&D for the pest. Each contingency plan provides guidelines and options for steps to be considered and undertaken when developing a response plan for the pest.

Table 7 (on page 58) provides a list of 101 contingency plans that have been developed to date. These plans make a considerable contribution to Australia's preparedness for serious exotic plant pest threats. Most contingency plans are located on PHA's website in the Pest Information Document Database at planthealthaustralia.com.au/pidd

Environmental biosecurity preparedness

Environmental biosecurity is distinct from agricultural biosecurity, which focuses on pests that could have an economic impact on Australia's agricultural productivity. Although distinct, there is a significant overlap in pests that affect plants grown for agricultural purposes and those found in the natural environment or that have social amenity in urban spaces.

Environmental biosecurity can make use of and build on many aspects of the system established for production biosecurity. The approach to environmental biosecurity is similar to that used for production pests: preparedness, response, management, and actions taken to address the issues.

In 2019 the development of Environmental Risk Mitigation Plans for Acacia and mangroves were commissioned by the Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer, with the work being progressed by PHA. The Environmental Risk Mitigation Plan for Australian Acacia Species is the first developed by PHA specifically considering all environmental stakeholders and will provide a template for similar work in the future. In 2019 PHA identified potential biosecurity risks and risk pathways to selected mangrove ecosystems to enable the development of a risk mitigation plan in 2020.

In May and October of 2019, Environmental Biosecurity Roundtables were held in Canberra and Melbourne, respectively. The roundtables are held to facilitate discussion on environmental biosecurity issues, to identify potential solutions to shape future actions and share information. They are an initiative of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment and Energy.

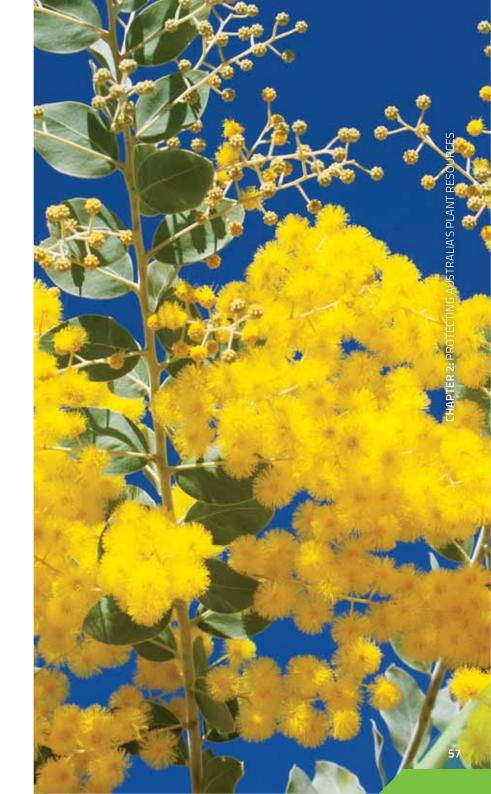


Table 7. Contingency plans

Scientific name	Common name	Year	Location of document	Scope
Acarapis woodi	Tracheal mite	2012	PHA	National – honey bee industry
Agromyza ambigua, A. megalopsis, Cerodontha denticomis, Chromatomyia fuscula and C. nigra	Cereal leaf miners	2009	РНА	National – grains industry
Agrotis segetum	Turnip moth	2011	PHA	National – grains industry
Alternaria humicola	Leaf spot of field pea	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Alternaria triticina	Leaf blight of wheat	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Anoplophora chinensis	Citrus longicorn beetle	2009	PHA	National – production nurseries
Anoplolepis gracilipes, Linepithema humile, Solenopsis invicta and Wasmannia auropunctata	Tramp ants – yellow crazy, Argentine, fire and electric ants	2015 draft	DJPR	National – production nurseries
Aphis fabae, Haplothrips tritici and Schizaphis graminum	Exotic sap-sucking pests	2015	PHA	National – grains industry
Atherigona soccata	Sorghum shoot fly	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
Austropuccinia psidii (syn. Uredo rangelii)	Myrtle rust	2015	PIRSA	State
Bactericera cockerelli and Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum	Zebra chip complex	2011	Hort Innovation, PHA	National – vegetable and potato industries
Bactrocera tryoni and Ceratitis capitata	Queensland fruit fly and Mediterranean fruit fly	2013	DPIPWE	State
Bactrocera tryoni, Ceratitis capitata and exotic fruit fly species	Fruit flies	Updated bi-annually	PIRSA	State
Barley stripe mosaic virus (Hordeivirus)	Barley stripe mosaic virus	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Beet pseudo yellows virus (Closterovirus), Diodia vein chlorosis virus (Crinivirus), Lettuce infectious yellows virus (Crinivirus) and Tomato yellow leaf curl virus (Begomovirus)	Whitefly transmitted viruses	2010	РНА	National – production nurseries
Brachyponera chinensis, Camponotus pennsylvanicus, Lasius neglectus, Myrmica rubra, Nylanderia fulva, Solenopsis richteri, Tapinoma sessile, Technomyrmex spp. (excluding T. difficilis and T. vitensis that are already established), Tetramorium tsushimae	Asian needle, carpenter, invasive garden, European fire, tawny crazy or raspberry ant, black imported fire, odorous house, white footed (about 100 species) and Japanese pavement ants	2019	QDAF, GIA	National – production nurseries
Braula coeca	Braula fly	2012	PHA	National – honey bee industry
Burkholderia glumae	Panicle blight	2009	PHA	National – rice industry
Candidatus Liberibacter africanus, Ca. L. americanus, Ca. L. asiaticus, Diaphorina citri and Trioza erytreae	Huanglongbing and vectors	2009 (under review)	PHA, Hort Innovation	National – citrus and nursery industries
Candidatus Liberibacter africanus, Ca. L. americanus, Ca. L. asiaticus, Diaphorina citri and Trioza erytreae	Huanglongbing and vectors	2013	QDAF, GIA	National – production nurseries
Candidatus Liberibacter africanus, Ca. L. americanus, Ca. L. asiaticus, Diaphorina citri and Trioza erytreae	Huanglongbing and vectors	2015	Hort Innovation, PHA	National – citrus and nursery industries
Cephus cinctus and Thaumatotibia leucotreta	Wheat stem sawfly and false codling moth	2015	PHA	National – grains industry



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Cephus pygmeus	European wheat stem sawfly	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
Ceratocystis ulmi	Dutch elm disease	2001	DJPR	State
Ceutorhynchus assimilis and Dasineura brassicae	Cabbage seedpod weevil and brassica pod midge	2011	PHA	National – grains industry
Chilo partellus	Spotted stem borers	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Chilo spp.	Sugarcane stem borer	2002	SRA	National – sugarcane industry
Chortoicetes terminifera	Plague locust	2010	PIRSA	State
Chromatomyia horticola, Liriomyza bryoniae, L. cicerina, L. huidobrensis, L. sativae and L. trifolii	Agromyzid leaf miners	2008	РНА	National – grains industry
Chrysanthemum stem necrosis virus (Tospovirus), Impatiens necrotic ringspot virus (Tospovirus), Pelargonium flower break virus (Carmovirus) and Tomato spotted wilt virus (Tospovirus)	Thrips-transmitted viruses	2011	РНА	National – production nurseries
Colletotrichum truncatum (lentil strain)	Lentil anthracnose	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
Curvularia spicifera (syn. Bipolaris spicifera)	Leaf blotch of cereals	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Daktulosphaira vitifolii	Grape phylloxera	Updated bi-annually	PIRSA	State – viticulture industry
Deanolis sublimbalis	Red banded mango caterpillar	2008	PHA	State
Diatraea spp.	Sugarcane borer	2008	SRA, PHA	National – sugarcane industry
Diuraphis noxia	Russian wheat aphid	2012	PHA	National – grains industry
Dorysthenes buqueti	Sugarcane longhorn stemborer	2009	SRA, PHA	National – sugarcane industry
Echinothrips americanus	Poinsettia thrips	2010	PHA	National – production nuseries
Eldana saccharina	African sugarcane moth borer	2002	SRA	National – sugarcane industry
Eoreuma loftini	Mexican rice borer	2008	SRA, PHA	National – sugarcane industry
Erwinia amylovora	Fire blight	2007	PHA	National – apple and pear industry
Erwinia amylovora	Fire blight	2014	PHA	National – production nurseries
Erwinia papayae	Bacterial crown rot	2011	PHA	National – papaya industry
Eumetopina flavipes	Island sugarcane planthopper	2009	SRA, PHA	National – sugarcane industry
Eurogaster integriceps	Sunn pest	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
Fulmekiola serrata	Oriental sugarcane thrips	2009	SRA, PHA	National – sugarcane industry
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. ciceris, F. oxysporum f. sp. lentis and F. oxysporum f. sp. lupini	Fusarium wilt of chickpea, lentil and lupin	2009	РНА	National – grains industry
Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. conglutinans	Fusarium wilt of canola	2007	PHA	National – grains industry
Gibberella fujikuroi	Bakanae	2008	PHA	National – rice industry
Halyomorpha halys	Brown marmorated stink bug	2016	GIA	National – production nurseries

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Halyomorpha halys	Brown marmorated stink bug	2017	PHA	Not specific to a particular industry
Harpophora maydis and Plasmopara halstedii	Exotic soil-borne pathogens of grains	2013	PHA	National – grains industry
Helicoverpa zea	Corn earworm	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Heterodera avenae, H. filipjevi and H. latipons	Cereal cyst nematodes	2012	PHA	National – grains industry
Heterodera carotae	Carrot cyst nematode	2008	DPIRD, Hort Innovation	National – vegetable industry
Heterodera ciceri, H. glycines and H. zeae	Exotic nematodes of grains	2013	PHA	National – grains industry
Homalodisca vitripennis	Glassy winged sharpshooter	2017	PHA, GIA	National – production nurseries
Liriomyza bryoniae, L. cicerina, L. huidobrensis, L. sativa, L. trifolii and Chromatomyia horticola	Agromyzid leaf miners	2009	РНА	National
Liriomyza bryoniae, L. huidobrensis, L. sativa, L. trifolii and Chromatomyia horticola	Agromyzid leaf miners	2008	QDAF, Hort Innovation	National
Liriomyza huidobrensis	Serpentine leaf miner	2009	PHA	National – production nurseries
Lissachatina fulica (syn. Achatina fulica)	Giant African land snail	2015	GIA	National – ornamentals, vegetable legumes
Lissorhoptrus oryzophilus	Rice water weevil	2009	PHA	National – rice industry
Lygus lineolaris	Tarnished plant bug	2011	PHA	National – production nurseries
Lymantria dispar dispar	Gypsy moth (Asian and European strains)	2009	PHA	National – production nurseries
Magnaporthe grisea	Rice blast	2008	PHA	National – rice industry
Maize dwarf mosaic virus (Potyvirus)	Maize dwarf mosaic virus	2011	PHA	National – grains industry
Mayetiola destructor	Hessian fly	2005	PHA	National – grains industry
Mayetiola hordei	Barley stem gall midge	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
Meromyza americana and M. saltatrix	Wheat stem maggots	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Nysius huttoni	Wheat bug	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
<i>Ophiostoma</i> spp.	Dutch elm disease	2016	QDAF, GIA	National – production nurseries
Paracoccus marginatus	Papaya mealy bug	2011	PHA	National – papaya industry
Peronosclerospora philippinensis and P. sorghi	Downy mildew of maize and sorghum	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Phyllophaga spp.	May beetle	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
Phytophthora ramorum	Sudden oak death	2019	PHA, GIA	National – production nurseries
Plum pox virus (Potyvirus) and Tobacco etch virus (Potyvirus)	Aphid-transmitted viruses	2011	PHA	National – production nurseries
Pomacea canaliculata	Golden apple snail	2009	PHA	National – rice industry
Psila rosae	Carrot rust fly	2009	DPIRD, Hort Innovation	National - vegetable industry

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Puccinia psidii	Myrtle rust	2015	DPIRD	State
Puccinia psidii sensu lato	Eucalyptus rust	2009	PHA	National – production nurseries
Puccinia striiformis f. sp. hordei	Barley stripe rust	2010	PHA	National – grains industry
Pyrenophora teres f. sp. teres	Net form of net blotch	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Red clover vein mosaic virus (Carlavirus)	Red clover vein mosaic virus	2008	PHA	National – grains industry
Scirpophaga spp.	Top borers	2008	SRA, PHA	National – sugarcane industry
Sesamia spp.	Sugarcane and maize borers	2001	SRA	National – sugarcane industry
Sitobion avenae	Wheat aphid	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Sitona spp. complex, especially S. lineatus	Pea leaf weevils	2005	DPIRD, PHA	National – grains industry
Solenopsis invicta	Red imported fire ant	2013	QDAF, NBC	National
Solenopsis invicta	Red imported fire ant	2013	QDAF, TACC	State
Tilletia barclayana	Kernel smut of rice	2008	PHA	National – rice industry
Tilletia contraversa	Dwarf bunt of wheat	2007	PHA	National – grains industry
Tilletia indica	Karnal bunt	2006 draft	PHA	National – grains industry
Trogoderma granarium	Khapra beetle	2005	PHA	National – grains industry
Tropilaelaps clareae and T. mercedesae	Tropilaelaps mites	2012	PHA	National – honey bee industry
Uromyces pisi and U. viciae-fabae	Field pea and lentil rust	2009	PHA	National – grains industry
Varroa destructor and V. jacobsoni	Varroa mites	2012	PHA	National – honey bee industry
Verticillium longisporum	Verticillium wilt of canola	2011	PHA	National – grains industry
Wasmannia auropunctata	Electric ant	2013	QDAF, TACC	State
Xanthomonas translucens pv. translucens and X. translucens pv. undulosa	Bacterial leaf streak	2011	РНА	National – grains industry
Xylella fastidiosa	Pierce's disease	2011	PHA	National – production nurseries
Xylella fastidiosa	Pierce's disease	2016	GIA, QDAF	National – production nurseries

