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2013/163 Eradication of *Anoplophora glabripennis* in Braunau-am-Inn, Austria

In Austria, the presence of Anoplophora glabripennis was first reported in 2001 in Braunauam-Inn (Oberösterreich) and strict eradication measures have been applied there since then. Intensive surveys in the infested area (covering the whole city territory) were carried out by specially trained inspectors and tree climbers, as well as by sniffer dogs. Detailed computerized maps (GIS) of approximately 13 000 trees were established. All potential host trees growing in the vicinity of 'hot spots', along roads, railways tracks and in small dense forests (5.5 ha in 2008/2009 and 8 ha in 2011/2012) were preventively felled. In the case of positive findings of the pest (morphological and molecular identification), entire trees were immediately felled, chipped and incinerated. Random monitoring of host trees and inspections of hardwood cuttings were also carried out in the buffer zone. As a result of this intensive monitoring and eradication programme, no new infestation or living specimens of A. glabripennis have been detected in the infestation zone or within the 2 km buffer zone since 2009-06-29. This means that for 4 years (corresponding to at least 2 complete development cycles of the pest), no signs of the pest have been identified. Therefore, the NPPO of Austria declared in July 2013 that the outbreak of A. glabripennis in Braunau-am-Inn has been successfully eradicated.

A distinct and isolated outbreak was detected at the end of July 2012 in Geinberg (district of Ried im Innkreis, Oberösterreich) where 1 exit hole and 3 trees with living larvae were found. Eradication measures were immediately taken with the establishment of a demarcated area and the destruction (felling, chipping, incineration) of all host trees within a clear cut zone of 500 m radius. An intensive monitoring program (visual inspections, sniffer dogs) is being carried out within an area of 1100 m radius. The source of the infestation was Chinese wood packaging material used for granite stone imports that was stored at the outbreak site. There is no correlation to the outbreak area in Braunau (>20 km distance) or Neukirchen in Germany (>27 km distance). Since July 2012, no further specimens or signs of infestation were detected. It is considered that the pest has probably been eradicated from Geinberg. However, the absence of the pest has to be verified during 2 complete development cycles (i.e. 4 years in the case of *A. glabripennis*) before eradication can officially be declared successful over the whole territory of Austria.

Source: NPPO of Austria (2013-07) and Federal Forest Office (2013-08).

Additional key words: eradication Computer codes: ANOLGL, AT

2013/164 Situation of Agrilus planipennis in Canada

Since the previous EPPO report (EPPO RS 2012/049), *Agrilus planipennis* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae - EPPO A1 List) has been recorded in new areas in Ontario and Québec. As of mid-July 2013, it was considered that *A. planipennis* has been confirmed in 32 Ontario counties, and in 7 areas in the province of Québec. Biological control is being envisaged, and the parasitoid, *Tetrastichus planipennisi* (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae), has been released in limited areas in Southwestern Ontario.

The pest status of *Agrilus planipennis* in Canada is officially declared as: **Present only in** some areas of Ontario and Québec and is subject to official control in Canada.

Ontario

- Bruce county in July 2012.
- Frontenac county in August 2012.

- Renfrew County, Northumberland County, and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry in June 2013.
- City of Kawartha Lakes (in 2 private properties) reported in July 2013.
- Grey county in July 2013.

Québec

- Trapped near Des Prairies River in the district of Laval-des-Rapides in August 2012.
- City of Longueuil in October 2012.
- Municipality of Ange-Gardien and in the Gatineau Park in the municipality of Chelsea in October 2012.
- Trapped in Lochaber (Municipalité régionale du comté de Papineau) in November 2012.

Source:

NAPPO Phytosanitary Pest Alert System. Official Pest Reports. Canada

- Emerald ash borer confirmed in the city of Kawartha Lakes, Ontario (2013-07-17) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=552
- Emerald ash borer confirmed in Grey County, Ontario (2013-07-09) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=551
- Emerald ash borer confirmed in three New Ontario Counties: Renfrew County, Northumberland County, and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry (2013-06-24) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=549
- Emerald ash borer confirmed in Papineau, Québec (2012-11-15) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=535
- Emerald ash borer confirmed in the City of Longueuil, Québec (2012-10-01) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=531
- Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) confirmed in Ange-Gardien and Chelsea, Québec (2012-10-09). http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=528
- Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) confirmed in Laval, Québec (2012-08-22) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=526
- Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) confirmed in Frontenac County, Ontario (2012-08-08) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=524
- Emerald ash borer confirmed in Bruce County, Ontario (2012-07-12) http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=522

Additional key words: detailed record

Computer codes: AGRLPL, CA

2013/165 Situation of Agrilus planipennis in the USA

Since the previous EPPO report (EPPO RS 2010/117), *Agrilus planipennis* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae - EPPO A1 List) has been recorded in new areas of the USA (see below). In infested areas, official control measures are implemented to contain *A. planipennis*. In many cases, it is suspected that the insect has been introduced into new areas with movements of infested firewood. At present, *A. planipennis* has been recorded in the following US states: Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. A distribution map can be viewed on the Internet (Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project of 2013-07-01): http://www.emeraldashborer.info/files/MultiState_EABpos.pdf
The pest status of *Agrilus planipennis* in the USA is officially declared as: Present in some

parts of the USA and subject to official control to prevent further spread.

Connecticut

A. planipennis was detected for the first time in Connecticut in the town of Prospect on 2012-07-16. Infestations have now been detected in 9 Connecticut towns (Prospect, Naugatuck, Bethany, Beacon Falls, Waterbury, Cheshire, Oxford, Middlebury, Hamden) all in New Haven county.

Kansas

The pest was first found in November 2012 in Wyandotte county, and in July 2013 in Johnson county.

Massachusetts

It was first detected in Western Massachusetts, in the town of Dalton, on 2012-08-31.

New Hampshire

It was first found in Concord (Merrimack county) in March 2013.

North Carolina

It was detected for the first time in Granville county in June 2013.

Tennessee

The pest was first detected in July 2010 in Knox county. As of July 2013, 19 counties are under quarantine for *A. planipennis* in Tennessee (Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Blount, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Roane, Sevier, Smith and Union).

Source:

NAPPO Phytosanitary Pest Alert System. Official Pest Reports. USA

- Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*): New counties in Kansas and New York added to the regulated area (2012-11-19)

http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=536

- Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) - Additional counties in Kentucky and New York added to the regulated area (2012-04-24).

http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=518

- Emerald Ash Borer (*Agrilus planipennis*): Counties in Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, and Tennessee added to the regulated area (2013-08-01). http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=555

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- Emerald ash borer. Where is EAB?

http://www.emeraldashborer.info/surveyinfo.cfm#sthash.ShAJDfO3.dpbs

- Kansas Department of Agriculture (2013-07-15) Temporary Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine. https://agriculture.ks.gov/docs/default-source/pp-emerald-ash-borer-.pdf?sfvrsn=0
- KCTV News Kansas City. Tree-killing beetle found in Johnson county. http://www.kctv5.com/story/22850701/tree-killing-beetle-found-in-johnson-county
- Massachusetts introduced pests outreach project (2012-08-01) Pest Alert: Emerald ash borer in Connecticut. http://www.massnrc.org/pests
- Massachusetts introduced pests outreach blog. Emerald ash borer found in Massachusetts (2012-09-12). http://massnrc.org/pests/blog/2012/09/emerald-ash-borer-found-in-massachusetts.html
- NC State University. Extension Forestry Woodland owners update. Emerald ash borer identified in Granville county, NC.

http://cnr.ncsu.edu/blogs/wou/2013/06/17/emerald-ash-borer-identified-ingranville-county-nc/

- NHBugs. Protecting trees and forests. Damaging insects and diseases. http://nhbugs.org/

- University of New Hampshire. Cooperative Extension (2013-04-05) Invasive emerald ash borer detected in New Hampshire. http://extension.unh.edu/articles/Invasive-emerald-ash-borer-detected-New-Hampshire

Additional key words: detailed record Computer codes: AGRLPL, US

2013/166 First report of *Cyrtogenius luteus* in Italy

In summer 2009, specimens of a bark beetle which was later identified as *Cyrtogenius luteus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) were trapped in the international harbours of Venice (Marghera) and Chioggia in the Veneto region, Northern Italy. In summer 2010 and 2012, many other specimens were caught again in the same harbours. In summer 2011, *C. luteus* was caught in traps located in the semi-urban areas in Martellago and San Biagio di Callalta, respectively at about 15 km and 40 km from the closest harbour (Marghera). It is noted that all specimens were collected in traps and that no dying or trees that recently died were found to be infested by *C. luteus*. This is the first time that *C. luteus* is reported from Italy and from Europe. *C. luteus* is a bark beetle which occurs in Asia (at least in China (Yunnan), Japan, Taiwan and Thailand) on pine trees (*Pinus* spp.). No data is available on its biology and impact on forest trees.

Interestingly, its introduction has recently been reported from Uruguay where it was first detected in December 2009 in the department of San José in *Pinus pinaster* and *P. taeda*. In 2010, it was also found in the departments of Rocha, Paysandú, Durazno and Tacuarembó. Following its initial finding in 2009, a monitoring programme was implemented and showed that the captures of *C. luteus* were more abundant and stable in the southern region, and increasing in the north. In Uruguay, *C. luteus* was found in commercial plantations of *P. taeda*, *P. elliotii* and *P. pinaster*. It is noted that although *C. luteus* appears to behave as a secondary pest in Asia (attacking only dying or dead trees), several infested areas with dead *P. taeda* trees were reported in Uruguay.

Source:

Beaver RA, Liu LY (2010) An annotated synopsis of Taiwanese bark and ambrosia beetles, with new synonymy, new combinations and new records (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Scolytinae). *Zootaxa* 2602, 1-47.

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Faccoli M, Simonato M, Toffolo EP (2012) First record of *Cyrtogenius* Strohmeyer in Europe, with a key to the European genera of the tribe Dryocoetini (Coleoptera: Curculionidae, Scolytinae). *Zootaxa* **3423**, 27-35 (abst.).

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Additional key words: new record Computer codes: CYRGLU, IT, UY

2013/167 First report of *Pseudaulacaspis brimblecombei* in Italy

In Italy, *Pseudaulacaspis brimblecombei* (Hemiptera: Diaspididae) was discovered in the province of Pistoia (Toscana region) in September 2012. *P. brimblecombei* was found in a nursery on 20 plants belonging to 2 varieties of *Telopea* spp. (Proteaceae). Scales were observed on the stems and leaves; damage was limited and mainly cosmetic. These plants had been imported from Australia in March 2011 and were grown in a glasshouse for breeding purposes. Chemical treatments were applied to eliminate the pest. Interestingly, an incursion of this scale was detected in September 2012 on 2 *Telopea* cv. 'Golden Globe' plants in a commercial glasshouse in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The infested plants had been imported from Italy six months earlier.

P. brimblecombei was originally described in 1973 in Australia on *Macadamia* sp. (Proteaceae). This scale also occurs in New Zealand (North and South Islands), and Hawaii (US). Its known host plants are *Telopea speciosissima* (waratah), *Macadamia* sp., and *Embothrium* sp. (Chilean firebush - Proteaceae).

Source: NPPO of Italy (2013-07).

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Malumphy C, Halstead AJ (2012) First incursions in Europe of four Australasian species of armoured scale insect (Hemiptera: Diaspididae). *British Journal of Entomology and Natural History* **25**(4), 193-197 (abst.).

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http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/haraa/CPS%20Seminar%20May%202012%20smaller%20New%20Emerging%20Pests.pdf

Additional key words: new record Computer codes: PSEABR, IT

2013/168 First report of Vespa velutina in Italy

The presence of the invasive alien species, *Vespa velutina* (Hymenoptera: Vespidae - Indian hornet), is reported for the first time in Italy. An adult specimen was collected at the end of 2012 in the province of Savona, Liguria region. *V. velutina* is not a plant pest but is a predator of social insects, and in particular of honey bees, which has been introduced from Asia into France in 2005 (see EPPO RS 2007/197).

Source: NPPO of Italy (2013-07).

Additional key words: new record Computer codes: VESPVE, IT

2013/169 Korean oak wilt disease: associated with Raffaelea quercus-mongolicae and transmitted by Platypus koryoensis

Platypus koryoensis is an ambrosia beetle found in forests and native to Korea. Together with its symbiotic fungus Raffaelea quercus-mongolicae (a new fungal species described in 2009), it has been involved in a significant mortality of oak trees (Quercus mongolica) in the Republic of Korea. Korean oak wilt was first observed in 2004 and it is estimated that during 2006-2009, more than 16 000 oak trees have been killed in the Gyeonggi province. It can be recalled that in Japan, a similar type of association, Platypus quercivorus/Raffaelea quercivora, has also been reported to cause extensive mortality on oak trees (Quercus serrata, Q. crispula) since the 1980s (EPPO RS 2003/067, RS 2007/070). Morphological and phylogenetic studies have showed that R. quercus-mongolicae and R. quercivora are two distinct fungal species. Although different oak species are present in the EPPO region, it seems that the risks presented by the possible emergence of ambrosia beetles and their associated fungi should not be underestimated.

Source:

Kim KH, Choi YJ, Seo ST, Shin HD (2009) *Raffaelea quercus-mongolicae* sp. nov. associated with *Platypus koryoensis* on oak in Korea. *Mycotaxon* **110**, 189-197 (abst.).

Lee JS, Haack RA, Choi WI (2011) Attack pattern of *Platypus koryoensis* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Platypodinae) in relation to crown dieback of Mongolian oak in Korea. *Environmental Entomology* **40**(6), 1363-1369.

Moon MJ, Park JG, Oh E, Kim KH (2008) External microstructure of the ambrosia beetle *Platypus koryoensis* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Platypodinae). *Entomological Research* **38**(3), 202-210 (abst.).

Additional key words: new pest Computer codes: PLTPKO, RAFFQM, KR

2013/170 Meloidogyne enterolobii detected on potatoes in South Africa

In South Africa, *Meloidogyne enterolobii* (EPPO A2 List) was first reported in 1997 in declining guava trees (*Psidium guajava*) in Mpumalanga province. During the 2011/2012 potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) growing season, 78 composite samples of potato tubers infected by root-knot nematodes were obtained from different potato-growing regions in South Africa. Molecular analysis (PCR, sequencing) detected *M. enterolobii* in 5 potato samples which had been collected from the KwaZulu-Natal province. None of the samples tested from the other regions were positive for *M. enterolobii*. The authors concluded that *M. enterolobii* could represent a threat to potato production in South Africa and that control methods should be investigated.

Source:

Onkendi EM, Moleleki LN (2013) Detection of *Meloidogyne enterolobii* in potatoes in South Africa and phylogenetic analysis based on intergenic region and the mitochondrial DNA sequences. *European Journal of Plant Pathology* **136**(1), 1-5.

Additional key words: detailed record, host plant

Computer codes: MELGMY, ZA

2013/171 First report of *Xanthomonas citri* pv. citri in Louisiana (US)

In 2013-06-21, USDA-APHIS confirmed the presence of *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri* (EPPO A1 List) in Louisiana (US). Three citrus trees were found infected in the City Park of New Orleans (Orleans Parish), as well as one tree in a nearby residential area. It is noted that in this urban area there is no citrus commercial production, nurseries or packing houses. Delimiting surveys are currently being implemented.

The pest status of *Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri* in the USA is officially declared as: Present, only in Florida and in a city park in one Parish in Louisiana and subject to official control in the United States.

Source: NAPPO Phytosanitary Pest Alert System. Official Pest Reports. USA (2013-07-01)

Detection of citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri) in Louisiana.

http://www.pestalert.org/oprDetail_print.cfm?oprid=550

Additional key words: detailed record Computer codes: XANTCI, US

2013/172 First report of Xanthomonas citri pv. citri in Mayotte

Asiatic citrus canker, caused by *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri* (EPPO A1 List) has recently been detected in Mayotte. In May 2012, typical canker-like symptoms were observed on sweet orange (*Citrus sinensis*) groves on Mtsamboro islet and soon after on the main island of Mayotte, mainly on sweet oranges but also on Tahiti limes (*C. latifolia*) and mandarins (*C. reticulata*). 81 *Xanthomonas*-like strains were isolated on semi-selective medium (KC) from diseased samples collected from commercial groves and nurseries on various citrus species and from several locations across Mayotte. As a result, 16 isolates were tentatively identified (PCR) as *X. citri* pv. *citri*. Further analysis (sequence analysis) confirmed that 3 strains belonged to *X. citri* pv. *citri* pathotype A. In addition, Koch's postulates could be verified. This is the first time that *X. citri* pv. *citri* is reported from Mayotte. It can be recalled that citrus canker occurs in other islands of the Indian Ocean (i.e. Comoros, Mauritius, Réunion, Rodrigues and Seychelles).

The situation of *Xanthomonas citri* pv. *citri* in Mayotte can be described as follows: Present, first found in 2012.

Source: Hoarau J, Boyer C, Vital K, Chesneau T, Vernière C, Roux-Cuvelier M, Pruvost O,

Moreau A, Hostachy B, Yahaya N, Abdoul-Karime AL (2013) First report of

Xanthomonas citri pv. citri-A causing Asiatic citrus canker in Mayotte. Plant Disease

97(7), p 989.

Additional key words: new record Computer codes: XANTCI, YT

2013/173 First report of 'Candidatus Phytoplasma mali' in Finland

In Finland, 'Candidatus Phytoplasma mali' (associated with apple proliferation - EPPO A2 List) was first detected in psyllid specimens (Cacopsylla picta) which had been collected in 2009-2010 from 2 localities. However, in these localities no symptoms of apple proliferation were observed at that time. In August 2012, a specific survey for apple proliferation was conducted in 17 apple orchards. The presence of 'Ca. Phytoplasma mali' was detected in 2 samples which had been collected from 2 apple orchards, one located on

the mainland and the other on the Island of Åland. The survey will continue in 2013 to delimit the extent of the infestation both on the mainland and the Island of Åland.

The situation of 'Candidatus Phytoplasma mali' in Finland can be described as follows: Present, first confirmed in 2012 in two apple orchards (mainland and Island of Åland), under official control.

Source: INTERNET

Evira. Finnish Food Safety Authority (2013-01-17) New plant pests in horticultural

production came as a surprise in 2012.

http://www.evira.fi/portal/en/plants/current+issues/?bid=3290

Lemmetty A, Mirkka Soukainen M, Tuovinen T (2013) First report of 'Candidatus Phytoplasma mali', the causal agent of apple proliferation disease, in apple trees in

Finland. Plant Disease (in press)

http://apsjournals.apsnet.org/doi/abs/10.1094/PDIS-04-13-0397-PDN

Lemmetty A, Tuovinen T, Kemppainen R (2011) 'Candidatus Phytoplasma mali' infected Cacopsylla picta found in apple orchards in South-Western Finland. Bulletin

of Insectology 64 (Suppl.), \$257-\$258.

Additional key words: new record Computer codes: PHYPMA, FI

2013/174 First report of Phytophthora fragariae in Finland

In 2012, the presence of *Phytophthora fragariae* (EPPO A2 List) was found for the first time in Finland during phytosanitary inspections conducted in 55 strawberry plantations in different parts of the country. It is supposed that the wet and cool weather of summer 2012 favoured disease spread and symptom expression. As the pathogen can survive in the soil for long periods without any host plant, eradication was not considered feasible but containment measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease from contaminated farms to other commercial production areas.

The situation of *Phytophthora fragariae* in Finland can be described as follows: **Present**, first found in 2012, under official control.

Source: INTERNET

Evira. Finnish Food Safety Authority (2013-01-17) New plant pests in horticultural

production came as a surprise in 2012.

http://www.evira.fi/portal/en/plants/current+issues/?bid=3290

Additional key words: new record Computer codes: PHYTFR, FI

2013/175 Hosta virus X: addition to the EPPO Alert List

Because *Hosta virus X* is an emerging disease of *Hosta* spp. in different parts of the world, the EPPO Secretariat decided to add this virus to the EPPO Alert List.

Hosta virus X (Potexvirus)

Why

Hosta virus X (Potexvirus, HVX) was first identified and described in Minnesota, USA in 1996. Since then, HVX has been reported from other US states, Canada, as well as from other continents. HVX is generally considered to be the most economically important virus infecting hostas. As HVX is an emerging disease that

is causing problems for growers, garden centres, and gardeners, the EPPO

Secretariat felt that HVX could usefully be added to the EPPO Alert List.

Because HVX can be easily spread by infected planting material and is mechanically transmissible, its distribution is probably wider than which is recorded in the literature.

EPPO region: Czech Republic, Finland, France, Italy (transient, found once and all infected plants were destroyed), Netherlands, Poland.

Asia: China (Beijing), Republic of Korea.

North America: Canada (British Columbia, Québec, Ontario), USA (Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin).

Oceania: New Zealand (North Island).

On which plants Hosta spp. However, among hostas there is a great diversity of cultivars

presenting different levels of susceptibility to the virus (susceptible, tolerant, or

immune).

Symptoms may vary according to the type of cultivar and time of infection. Leaves infected with HVX commonly show symptoms of mosaic, mottling, interveinal chlorosis between secondary veins, deformation and desiccation. Infected plants often exhibit reduced growth and dieback. Colour-breaking can also be observed on flowers of infected plants. HVX can also remain latent in infected plants for years without showing symptoms. On susceptible cultivars, HVX produces a serious and sometimes destructive disease.

Pictures of symptoms can be viewed from the Internet:

http://pestsurvey.wi.gov/plantdisease/pdf/ornamentals/GalleryOfPlantVirusSymptoms-2012.pdf

http://www.invasive.org/browse/autthumb.cfm?aut=11521

As HVX is sap-transmissible, it is easily transmitted during vegetative plant propagation. Hostas can also be propagated by seeds, but the possible seed transmission of HVX needs to be clarified. As is the case for other potexviruses, HVX is also spread by mechanical contact. Therefore, it is easily transmitted from plant to plant on hands and tools (e.g. pruning tools when removing old leaves or flowers). Over long distances, trade of infected plants has probably been the most significant source of the disease. In addition, it is suggested that some cultivars which have been selected and commercialized because of their 'interesting foliage' were in fact infected by HVX, which has contributed to further spreading the virus. There is no evidence that HVX might be transmitted

by insects or other vectors.

Plants for planting of *Hosta* spp. from countries where HVX occurs.

Hosta spp. are popular herbaceous perennial plants with more than 7000 varieties, and widely cultivated due to their diversity in leaf shape and colour patterns, shade tolerance and pest resistance. In the USA, it is considered that HVX has had a significant economic impact on hosta growers (but no figures could be found). As is the case for other viruses, the control of the disease is difficult and essentially based on the use of resistant cultivars and of prophylactic measures to minimize the possibility of mechanical transmission of HVX. The production of virus-free planting material through the implementation of certification schemes could also contribute to limiting the spread of HVX.

Anonymous (2006) Fighting HVX in Hosta. Naktuinbouw News no. 7, p 3.

Bellardi MG, Cavicchi L, Davino S (2011) First report of Hosta virus X infecting Hosta in Italy. Journal of Plant Pathology 93(suppl.), S4.26.

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Currier S, Lockhart BEL (1996) Characterization of a potexvirus infecting Hosta spp. Plant Disease 80, 1040-1043

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University of Arkansas System. Division of Agriculture. Research and Extension. Hosta virus X by S.

Damage

Where

Transmission

Possible risks

Pathway

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2013/176 EPPO report on notifications of non-compliance

The EPPO Secretariat has gathered below the notifications of non-compliance for 2012 received since the previous report (EPPO RS 2013/149). Notifications have been sent directly to EPPO via Europhyt for the EU countries and Switzerland. The EPPO Secretariat has selected notifications of non-compliance made because of the detection of pests. Other notifications of non-compliance due to prohibited commodities, missing or invalid certificates are not indicated. It must be pointed out that the report is only partial, as many EPPO countries have not yet sent their notifications. When a consignment has been re-exported and the country of origin is unknown, the re-exporting country is indicated in brackets. When the occurrence of a pest in a given country is not known to the EPPO Secretariat, this is indicated by an asterisk (*).

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Anthonomus eugenii	Capsicum frutescens	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.*	Netherlands	3
Aonidiella aurantii, Fungi	Citrus limon	Fruit	Argentina	Spain	1
Bemisia tabaci	Alternanthera Alternanthera cardinalis Amaranthus Amaranthus Colocasia Colocasia esculenta Colocasia esculenta Colocasia esculenta var. antiquorum Corchorus Corchorus olitorius Corchorus olitorius Corchorus olitorius Dipladenia Dipladenia Gomphrena globosa Hibiscus Hygrophila corymbosa Hygrophila polysperma Ipomoea batatas Limnophila aromatica Manihot Nerium oleander	Aquarium plants Aquarium plants Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Plants for planting Plants for planting Vegetables Vegetables (leaves) Plants for planting Aquarium plants Aquarium plants Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables Plants for planting Vegetables	Indonesia Indonesia Bangladesh Ghana India India India India India India Lebanon Ghana India Jordan Lebanon Israel Netherlands India Bangladesh Belgium Indonesia Indonesia Indonesia Ghana Thailand Italy Bangladesh Netherlands	France France United Kingdom France United Kingdom France United Kingdom	1 1 2 1 6 1 2 2 1 1 5 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
B. tabaci (cont.)	Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Pterocarpus soyauxii Solanum macrocarpon	Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables	Cambodia Israel Malaysia Thailand Nigeria Nigeria	United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom	1 3 1 1 1
Bemisia tabaci, Liriomyza trifolii	Chrysanthemum, Solidago	Cut flowers	Egypt	Netherlands	1
Bruchidae	Antirrhinum, Arecaceae, Canna, Nerium oleander	Seeds and cuttings	USA	Czech Republic	1
Cherry leafroll virus, Cherry virus A, Prune dwarf virus	Prunus avium, Prunus	Pollen	USA	Italy	1
Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. michiganensis	Solanum lycopersicum Solanum lycopersicum	Seeds Seeds	China India	France France	1 1
Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. sepedonicus	Solanum tuberosum	Ware potatoes	Poland	Hungary	2
Coleoptera	Diospyros kaki	Fruit	Congo	Spain	1
Cryptophlebia leucotreta	Capsicum frutescens	Vegetables	Uganda	Netherlands	3
Cucumber mosaic virus	Petunia	Cuttings	Israel	Italy	1
Diaphorina citri	Murraya koenigii	Vegetables (leaves)	Dominican Rep.	United Kingdom	6
Diptera	Momordica	Vegetables	Kenya	United Kingdom	2
Ditylenchus dipsaci	Tulipa	Bulbs	Australia	Netherlands	1
Elsinoe	Citrus limon	Fruit	Argentina	Spain	1
Ephestia	Cyperus esculentus	Stored products	Burkina Faso	Spain	1
Guignardia citricarpa	Citrus limon Citrus limon Citrus sinensis Citrus sinensis Citrus limon Citrus limon Citrus limon Citrus limon Citrus limon Citrus sinensis	Fruit	Argentina Argentina Brazil South Africa Argentina Argentina Argentina Argentina Brazil	Netherlands Poland Netherlands Netherlands Germany Italy Netherlands Poland Netherlands	4 1 1 1 1 1 2 1
Lepidoptera	Abelmoschus esculentus Solanum	Vegetables Vegetables	Sri Lanka Sri Lanka	Italy Italy	1 1
Leucinodes orbonalis	Momordica Solanum aethiopicum Solanum melongena	Vegetables Vegetables Vegetables	Pakistan Burundi India	Italy Belgium Sweden	1 1 1
Liriomyza	Chrysanthemum Chrysanthemum	Cut flowers Cut flowers	Colombia Ecuador	United Kingdom United Kingdom	1 1

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Liriomyza (cont.)	Gypsophila Gypsophila Gypsophila Gypsophila paniculata Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum Ocimum basilicum	Cut flowers Cut flowers Cut flowers Cut flowers Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves)	Ethiopia Israel Kenya Israel Cambodia Cambodia Ethiopia Tunisia	Netherlands Netherlands United Kingdom United Kingdom France United Kingdom United Kingdom Czech Republic	1 1 1 1 1 2 1
Liriomyza bryoniae, Liriomyza trifolii	Gypsophila	Cut flowers	Israel	Germany	1
Liriomyza huidobrensis	Gypsophila Gypsophila Gypsophila Trachelium	Cut flowers Cut flowers Cuttings Cut flowers	Ecuador Kenya Kenya Ecuador	Netherlands Netherlands Netherlands Netherlands	1 2 1 2
Liriomyza huidobrensis, Liriomyza trifolii	Gypsophila paniculata	Cut flowers	Kenya	Netherlands	1
Liriomyza sativae	Apium graveolens Ocimum americanum Ocimum basilicum	Vegetables Vegetables (leaves) Vegetables (leaves)	Cambodia* Cambodia* Thailand	Sweden Sweden France	1 1 1
Liriomyza trifolii	Dianthus barbatus Gypsophila Solidago	Cut flowers Cut flowers Cut flowers	Ethiopia Ethiopia Ethiopia	Netherlands Netherlands Netherlands	1 1 2
Listronotus bonariensis	Ornamentals	Seeds	New Zealand	United Kingdom	1
Meloidogyne	Anethum graveolens Lonicera	Vegetables Plants for planting	Cambodia Canada	United Kingdom Switzerland	1 1
Meloidogyne chitwoodi	Solanum tuberosum	Ware potatoes	Tunisia*	France	1
Meloidogyne, Pratylenchus, Xiphinema	Chrysalidocarpus, Cycas revoluta	Plants for planting	Costa Rica	Switzerland	1
Opogona sacchari	Ficus	Plants for planting	China	Netherlands	1
Phthorimaea operculella	Solanum tuberosum Solanum tuberosum	Ware potatoes Ware potatoes	Morocco Tunisia	Spain Italy	2 1
Phytophthora ramorum	Viburnum tinus	Plants for planting	Netherlands	United Kingdom	1
Plum pox virus	Prunus armeniaca, Prunus domestica, Prunus persica	Plants for planting	Greece	Cyprus	1
Pratylenchus	Codiaeum variegatum	Plants for planting	Costa Rica	Switzerland	1
Pratylenchus, Xiphinema	Chrysalidocarpus	Plants for planting	Costa Rica	Switzerland	1
Ralstonia solanacearum	Solanum tuberosum	Ware potatoes	Egypt	Germany	1
Scirtothrips dorsalis	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	Cambodia*	Netherlands	1
Spodoptera	Ananas	Plants for planting	Costa Rica	Netherlands	1

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Spodoptera (cont.)	Basella alba	Vegetables (leaves)	Bangladesh	United Kingdom	1
Spouopiera (cont.)	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	Pakistan	Ireland	1
	Womordiod ondramid	vogotabios	Tamotan	ii olalla	•
Spodoptera frugiperda	Capsicum frutescens	Vegetables	Surinam	Netherlands	1
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Spodoptera littoralis	Rosa	Cut flowers	Uganda	Netherlands	3
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Thripidae	Amaranthus tricolor	Vegetables (leaves)	Bangladesh	United Kingdom	1
	Corchorus	Vegetables (leaves)	India	United Kingdom	1
	Luffa acutangula	Vegetables	Ghana	United Kingdom	15
	Luffa acutangula	Vegetables	Pakistan	United Kingdom	2
	Momordica	Vegetables	Cambodia	United Kingdom	1
	Momordica	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.	United Kingdom	l ,
	Momordica	Vegetables	India	United Kingdom	6
	Momordica Momordia	Vegetables	Pakistan	United Kingdom	2
	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	Bangladesh	United Kingdom	1
	Solanum melongena	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.	United Kingdom	5
	Solanum melongena	Vegetables	Ghana	United Kingdom	2
Thrips	Momordica charantia	Voqotablos	Sri Lanka	Italy	1
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Thrips palmi	Dendrobium	Cut flowers	Thailand	France	1
	Momordica	Vegetables	India	United Kingdom	1
	Momordica	Vegetables	Pakistan	United Kingdom	3
	Momordica	Vegetables	Sri Lanka	United Kingdom	1
	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	Cambodia*	France	2
	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.	France	1
	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.	Italy	1
	Momordica charantia	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.	Netherlands	1
	Momordica charantia,	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.	France	1
	Solanum melongena	3	·		
	Orchidaceae	Cut flowers	Thailand	Austria	1
	Solanum aethiopicum	Vegetables	Togo*	France	1
	Solanum melongena	Vegetables	Dominican Rep.	Netherlands	3
	Solanum melongena	Vegetables	Surinam	Netherlands	1
Xanthomonas axonopodis pv.	Citrus latifolia	Fruit	Pakistan	United Kingdom	1
citri					
Xiphinema	Chrysalidocarpus	Plants for planting	Costa Rica	Switzerland	1
Дринена	On ysundocurpus	riunts for planting	Oosta Nica	Switzeriaria	
 Fruit flies 					
Doct	Consignment	Country of origin	Destination	nh	
Pest	Consignment	, ,		nb	
Anastrepha	Mangifera	Dominican Rep.	Netherlands	2	
	Mangifera indica	Dominican Rep.	Netherlands	2	
	Mangifera indica	Grenada	United Kingdom	1	
	Mangifera indica	Jamaica	United Kingdom	4	
	Mangifera indica	Puerto Rico	Netherlands	1	
	Syzygium malaccense	Surinam	Netherlands	2	
Pactrocora	Avorrhoa carambala	Malaysia	Nothorlando	2	
Bactrocera	Averrhoa carambola	Malaysia Cambadia	Netherlands	2	
	Capsicum frutescens	Cambodia	Netherlands	5	
	Mangifera indica	Burkina Faso	Germany	1	
	Mangifera indica	Cameroon	France Switzerland	1	
	Mangifera indica	Cameroon	Switzerland	1	

Pest	Consignment	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Bactrocera (cont.)	Mangifera indica Momordica Psidium guajava Syzygium samarangense	Cote d'Ivoire India India India Mali Mali Pakistan Pakistan Thailand India Thailand Thailand	France Netherlands United Kingdom France Spain Netherlands United Kingdom France United Kingdom France France	3 1 3 4 2 2 13 1 1 1 1
Bactrocera cucurbitae	Ziziphus mauritiana Momordica charantia	Thailand Sri Lanka	France France	1
Bactrocera dorsalis	Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Mangifera indica	Cameroon* India Thailand Vietnam	France France France France	1 3 5 1
Bactrocera invadens	Mangifera indica	Cote d'Ivoire	Germany	1
Bactrocera zonata	Mangifera indica Mangifera indica	India Pakistan	France Sweden	2 1
Ceratitis cosyra	Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Mangifera indica	Burkina Faso Burkina Faso Mali	Belgium Germany Spain	1 2 1
Dacus	Luffa acutangula	Ghana	United Kingdom	1
Tephritidae (non-European)	Capsicum Capsicum Capsicum frutescens Citrus reticulata Luffa acutangula Mangifera indica	Ghana Uganda Cambodia Uruguay Ghana Burkina Faso Cameroon Cote d'Ivoire Cote d'Ivoire Dominican Rep. Dominican Rep. Dominican Rep. Guinea India India Jamaica Kenya Mali Mali Pakistan Pakistan Peru Senegal	Germany Germany Netherlands Spain United Kingdom France Belgium France United Kingdom Netherlands Switzerland United Kingdom France Netherlands Sweden United Kingdom France Belgium	3 1 1 1 2 2 6 1 1 1 1 2 1 4 3 1 1 1 7 9 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

Pest	Consignment	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Pest Tephritidae (non-European)	Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Mangifera indica Manilkara zapota Momordica Momordica Momordica charantia Momordica charantia Psidium guajava Psidium guajava Psidium guajava Psidium guajava Pyrus communis Solanum melongena Syzygium Syzygium samarangense	Senegal United Arab Emirates Vietnam India India India Kenya Sri Lanka Pakistan Sri Lanka Cameroon Nigeria Thailand Thailand South Africa Ghana Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand	France United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom Ireland France France United Kingdom Germany United Kingdom Germany United Kingdom United Kingdom United Kingdom France	nb 1 1 1 1 8 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2
	Trichosanthes cucumerina Ziziphus mauritiana	Sri Lanka Thailand	United Kingdom United Kingdom	1

• Wood

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Anoplophora Anoplophora glabripennis	Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material (dunnage) Wood packing material Wood packing material	China China China	Czech Republic Germany Switzerland	1 2 1
	Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallet) Wood packing material (pallet)	China China	Austria Germany	2
Apriona germari	Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallet)	China	Austria	1
Batocera lineolata	Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallet)	China	Switzerland	1
Bostrichidae	Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material Wood packing material (crate) Wood packing material (crate) Wood packing material (pallet) Wood packing material (pallet)	Vietnam Pakistan Malaysia India India	Hungary Poland Switzerland Germany Poland	1 1 1 1
Cerambycidae	Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallet)	China	Austria	1
Coleoptera	Unspecified	Wood packing material	India	Spain	1
Insecta	Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallet)	Vietnam India China Brazil China	Switzerland Switzerland Switzerland Switzerland Switzerland	1 1 2 1 1
Monochamus alternatus	Unspecified	Wood packing material	China	United Kingdom	1
Monochamus titillator	Unspecified	Wood packing material	USA	United Kingdom	1

Pest	Consignment	Type of commodity	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Scolytidae	Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material (pallet) Wood packing material (pallet)	China Brazil	Austria Switzerland	2 1
Sinoxylon	Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified Unspecified	Wood packing material Wood packing material Wood packing material Wood packing material (crate) Wood packing material (crate) Wood packing material (crate) Wood packing material (pallet) Wood packing material (pallet)	India India Vietnam India India Sri Lanka India China	Germany Poland Poland Germany Switzerland Switzerland Germany Germany	4 1 5 1 1 9
Sinoxylon anale	Unspecified	Wood packing material (crate)	India	Switzerland	1
Tremex fuscicornis	Unspecified	Wood packing material (crate)	China	Lithuania	1
Xylothrips religiosus	Unspecified	Wood packing material	Malaysia	Germany	1

Bonsais

Pest	Consignment	Country of origin	Destination	nb
Helicotylenchus, Pratylenchus	Juniperus chinensis, Juniperus rigida	Japan	Italy	1
Meloidogyne	Camellia sasanqua	Japan	Italy	1
Meloidogyne, Pratylenchus	Enkianthus perulatus, Taxus cuspidata	Japan	Netherlands	1
Pratylenchus	Juniperus chinensis, Rhododendron indicum	Korea Rep.	Netherlands	1
Pratylenchus, Xiphinema	Taxus cuspidata	Japan	Netherlands	1
Pseudaulacaspis pentagona	Ligustrum	China	United Kingdom	1

Source: EPPO Secretariat, 2013-08.

2013/177 Phytophagous insects found on Baccharis halimifolia in France

Field surveys and a literature review were undertaken to develop an initial inventory of phytophagous insects found on the invasive alien plant *Baccharis halimifolia* (Asteraceae, EPPO List of Invasive Alien Plants) in its introduced range in France.

The field survey allowed the identification of 4 natural enemies of *B. halimifolia*: 2 soft scales (Coccidae), *Ceroplastes sinensis* and *Saissetia oleae*; and 2 aphids (Aphididae), *Aphis fabae* and *Aphis spiraecola*. The 2 aphid species were observed only on young leaves of new shoots without significant damage. Only *Ceroplastes sinensis* showed a capacity to alter the fertility of *B. halimifolia* and to lead to some mortality. However, *C. sinensis* is a polyphagous scale which is considered to be a crop pest, it is therefore not possible to consider it as a potential biological control agent.

Source:

Fried G, Balmès V & Germain JF (2013) A contribution to the inventory and study of the impacts of phytophagous insects found on *Baccharis halimifolia* in its introduced range in France. *Bulletin OEPP/EPPO Bulletin* **43**(2), 285-289.

Additional key words: invasive alien plants, biological control

Computer codes: APHIFA, APHISI, BACHA, CERPSI, SAISOL, FR

2013/178 Eradication and control of invasive alien plants in the Mediterranean Basin: results of the EPPO questionnaire

The EPPO Secretariat launched a questionnaire in 2010 to gather information on eradication and control actions against invasive alien plants in the Mediterranean Basin. Thirty-four (34) eradication actions were reported: 16 occurring in Spain, 7 in Italy, 7 in France, 1 in Portugal, 1 in Malta, and 2 on the southern rim of the Mediterranean, with 1 in Israel and 1 in Tunisia. Twenty-four (24) species were targeted, and the habitats where such actions were undertaken were most frequently coastal dunes, sandy shores and aquatic ecosystems. Control actions concerning 90 species were also reported. The results of this questionnaire show that a large number of eradication campaigns, as well as management actions, are being undertaken in Mediterranean countries.

The results of the EPPO questionnaire concerning eradication campaigns are summarized below.

Alien species targeted for eradication	Country
Agave americana (Agavaceae)	- Spain (on sand dunes in Andalucía)
Ailanthus altissima (Simaroubaceae, EPPO List of Invasive Alien Plants)	Italy (Capraia island, Tuscany Archipelago National Park) Italy (Montecristo island, Tuscany Archipelago National Park) Italy (Isola delle Femmine, Nature reserve, Sicilia) Spain
Ambrosia confertiflora (Asteraceae)	- Israel (Heffer valley)
Asparagus asparagoides (Asparagaceae, EPPO Alert List)	- Spain (Andalucía)
Buddleia davidii (Scrophulariaceae, EPPO List of IAP)	- Spain (Aragón)
Carpobrotus edulis (Aizoaceae, EPPO List of IAP)	- Spain (Minorca Island) - Spain (Valencia region)

Alien species targeted for eradication	Country
Carpobrotus spp. (= C. edulis & C. acinaciformis)	- France (Bagaud Island)
(Aizoaceae, EPPO List of IAP)	- Malta (Ir-Ramla tat-Torri (northern coast
	of the island of Malta) and Ir-Ramla I-Hamra
	(along the northern coast of the island of
	Gozo))
	- Spain (Andalucía, on sand dunes)
Cortaderia selloana (Poaceae)	- Spain (Aragón)
Cylindropuntia rosea (Cactaceae)	- France (Salagou Lake)
	- Spain (Castellón, Valencia and Alicante)
Eichhornia crassipes (Pontederiaceae, EPPO A2 List)	- Spain (Valencia region)
Leersia oryzoides (Poaceae)	- Spain (Catalunia)
Leptochloa fusca subsp. uninervia (Poaceae)	- Spain (Catalunia)
Ludwigia peploides (Onagraceae, EPPO A2 List)	- Spain (Castellón, Valencia and Alicante)
Marsilea drummondii (Marsileaceae)	- France (Lac de l'Ecureuil, Esterel,
	domanial forest)
Nicotiana glauca (Solanaceae)	- France (Saint Laurent de Salanque)
Oenothera biennis (Onagraceae)	- Spain (Aragón)
Opuntia stricta (Cactaceae)	- Italy (Isola delle Femmine, Nature
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Description (Description EDDO List CLAD)	reserve, Sicilia).
Pennisetum setaceum (Poaceae, EPPO List of IAP)	- France (Sète)
and P. villosum (Poaceae)	Consider (Anadalises)
Pistia stratiotes (Araceae, EPPO List of IAP)	- Spain (Andalucía
Salvinia molesta (Salviniaceae, EPPO List of IAP)	- France (Corse)
	- Italy (Pozzo del Merro)
	- Portugal (Southern Portugal)
Solanum elaeagnifolium (Solanaceae, EPPO A2 List)	- France (Etang de Berre)
	- Tunisia (Mahdia)
Solanum linnaeanum (Solanaceae)	- Italy (Isola delle Femmine, Nature
	reserve, Sicilia).
Sicyos angulatus (Cucurbitaceae, EPPO List of IAP)	- Italy (Parco del Serio, protected area)
	- Spain (Catalunia)

Source:

Brunel S, Brundu G & Fried G (2013) Eradication and control of invasive alien plants in the Mediterranean Basin: towards better coordination to enhance existing initiatives. *Bulletin OEPP/EPPO Bulletin* 43(2), 290-308.

Additional key words: invasive alien plants, eradication, control

Computer codes: 1CBSG, AGVAM, AILAL, ASPAS, BUDDA, CBSED, CDTSE, EICCR, FRSCO, LEFUN, LEROR, LUDPM, MASDR, NIOGL, OEOBI, OPURS, OPUST, PESSA, PESVI, PIIST, SAVMO, SIYAN, SOLEL, SOLSO, ES, FR, IL, IT, MT, PT, TN

2013/179 First report of Sesbania punicea in Corse (FR)

Sesbania punicea (Fabaceae, EPPO Observation List of Invasive Alien Plants) is reported as naturalized (= established) for the first time in Corse, France in 2012. The species had initially been recorded as casual (= transient) in Calvi and Galeria in 1996. Two populations of this plant are described, one of these is currently considered casual but the other is naturalized.

S. punicea is still used as an ornamental plant and was found in 2012 in Galeria again. The plant was found along a road, just north of a bridge over the Fango River close to where it had been planted. S. punicea is considered as casual there, even if it produces viable

Computer codes: SEBPU, FR

seeds, and it may threaten the population of the protected *Delphinium pictum* (Ranunculaceae) growing nearby on the riverbed.

S. punicea was also recorded in Algajola in a ruderalized marsh along a road, close to the town, where it is considered as established. The plant escaped from an ornamental plantation and more than 50 individual plants were observed in the marsh, forming locally dense bushes covering several square meters, outcompeting other taxa. The number and age of the plants suggest that the population is more than 10 years old.

The two populations discovered in Corse do not currently represent major threats because the Galeria site suffers from drought and is not climatically optimal for *S. punicea*, and the Algajola site is a marsh with low biodiversity in a peri-urban area which probably will be built on in the near future. These observations nevertheless support the need for eradication of the species in Corse, to prevent it from spreading other sensitive sites.

Source: Tison JM (2013) Establishment of *Sesbania punicea* (Cav.) Benth. in Corsica. *Bulletin OEPP/EPPO Bulletin* 43(1), 193-194.

Additional key words: invasive alien plants, new record

2013/180 First report of Lemna valdiviana in Italy

While Lemna minuta (Araceae) is already a widespread invasive alien plant in Europe, Lemna valdiviana, originating from the Americas, is reported for the first time in Italy. The species is reported as casual (= transient) in Lazio (Agro Pontino, Uffente river), and as naturalized (= established) in Sardegna (Valle di Palabanda, Cagliari) according to Podda et al. (2010).

L. valdiviana is a free-floating hydrophyte growing in aquatic habitats characterized by a very low waterflow. Italian populations show a vigorous vegetative reproduction, but no sexual reproduction.

Source:

Iberite M, Iamonico D, Abati S & Abbate G (2011) *Lemna valdiviana* Phil. (Araceae) as a potential invasive species in Italy and Europe: taxonomic study and first observations on its ecology and distribution. *Plant Biosystems* 145(4), 751-757.

Podda L, Fraga Arguimbau P, Mayoral García-Berlanga O, Mascia F & Bacchetta G (2010) Comparación de la flora exótica vascular en sistemas de islas continentales: Cerdeña (Italia) y Baleares (España). *Anales del Jardín Botánica de Madrid* 67, 157-176.

Additional key words: invasive alien plants, new record Computer codes: LEMVA, IT

2013/181 The impact of *Solanum elaeagnifolium* on the flower visitation and seed set of the native *Glaucium flavum*

Glaucium flavum (Papaveraceae) is a perennial herb that occurs along the Mediterranean shores and the coasts of Western Europe above sand dunes. The effect of the invasive alien plant Solanum elaeagnifolium (Solanaceae, EPPO A2 List) on flower visitation patterns and seed set of the co-flowering native G. flavum was examined. While observing flowering G. flavum plants in invaded and uninvaded sites, it appeared that G. flavum flowers in uninvaded sites received significantly more total visits.

Computer codes: GUCFL, SOLEL

In separate experiments it was shown that seed setting was not significantly affected by the presence of *S. elaeagnifolium* pollen.

Source:

Tscheulin T, Petanidou, Potts SG & Settele J (2009) The impact of *Solanum elaeagnifolium*, an invasive plant in the Mediterranean, on the flower visitation and seed set of the native co-flowering species *Glaucium flavum*. *Plant Ecology* **205**, 77-85

Additional key words: invasive alien plants, impacts

2013/182 Distinguishing invasive alien plants from non-invasive ones through DNA barcoding

Certain plants belonging to the genera *Myriophyllum*, *Ludwigia* and *Cabomba* and to the Hydrocharitaceae family are particularly invasive in water bodies. However, many related species are commercially traded and non-invasive, and are very similar morphologically in a vegetative stage. Preventing the entry of the invasive alien plants belonging to these groups requires that they can be distinguished from non-invasive species. As DNA barcoding could be a useful identification tool to achieve this, a study has been undertaken on chloroplast loci and could distinguish the following species from their respective related species:

- Egeria densa (EPPO List of Invasive Alien Plants), E. najas, Elodea canadensis, E. nuttallii (EPPO List of IAP), Lagarosiphon major (EPPO List of IAP) and L. muscoides (Hydrocharitaceae);
- Ludwigia adsendens, L. grandiflora (EPPO A2 List), L. inclinata, L. octovalvis, L. palustris, L. peploides (EPPO A2 List), L. repens and L. sedioides (Onagraceae);
- Myriophyllum alterniflorum, M. aquaticum (EPPO List of IAP), M. heterophyllum (EPPO List of IAP), M. robustum, M. simulans, M. spicatum, M. tuberculatum, and M. verticillatum (Haloragaceae);

It appeared that a non-coding spacer (*trnH-psbA*) was the best performing barcode for the aquatic plant species studied. DNA barcoding may therefore be helpful with enforcing a ban on trade on such invasive alien plants, such as that which is already in place in the Netherlands.

Source:

Ghahramanzadeh R, Esselink G, Kodde P, Duistermaat H, Van Valkenburg JLCH, Marashi SH, Smulders MJM & Van de Wiel CCM (2012) Efficient distinction of invasive aquatic plant species from non-invasive related species using DNA barcoding. *Molecular Ecology Resources*. doi: 10.1111/1755-0998.12020.

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2013/183 EPPO Expert Working Group for performing a PRA on *Parthenium hysterophorus*

Parthenium hysterophorus (Asteraceae) is an annual plant (or short-lived perennial under certain conditions) native to the subtropics of North and South America. Within the EPPO region, the species is so far only officially recorded in Israel. *P. hysterophorus* is reported as a weed in pastures and in several crops (e.g. cereals, vegetables, alfalfa, clover,

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sugarcane, orchards). For example, in Ethiopia, the yield in *Sorghum bicolor* grain was reduced by 40 to 97% when *P. hysterophorus* was left uncontrolled throughout the season. Frequent contact with the plant or its pollen can produce serious allergic reactions such as dermatitis, hay fever and asthma in humans, but also in livestock.

The species was added to the EPPO Alert List in 2012. The Working Party on Phytosanitary Regulations decided in June 2012 that a Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) should be performed for this species. An Expert Working Group on *P. hysterophorus* met in Paris in 2013-07-02/05 to perform a PRA, on the basis of the hundreds of scientific publications available on the species. The overall conclusion of the PRA was that, if the pest spreads further in the EPPO region, it would be likely to establish in the EPPO Mediterranean countries and result in economic damage and health impacts.

A summary of the risk assessment is available on the EPPO website: http://www.eppo.int/MEETINGS/2013_meetings/EWG_PTNHY.htm

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