



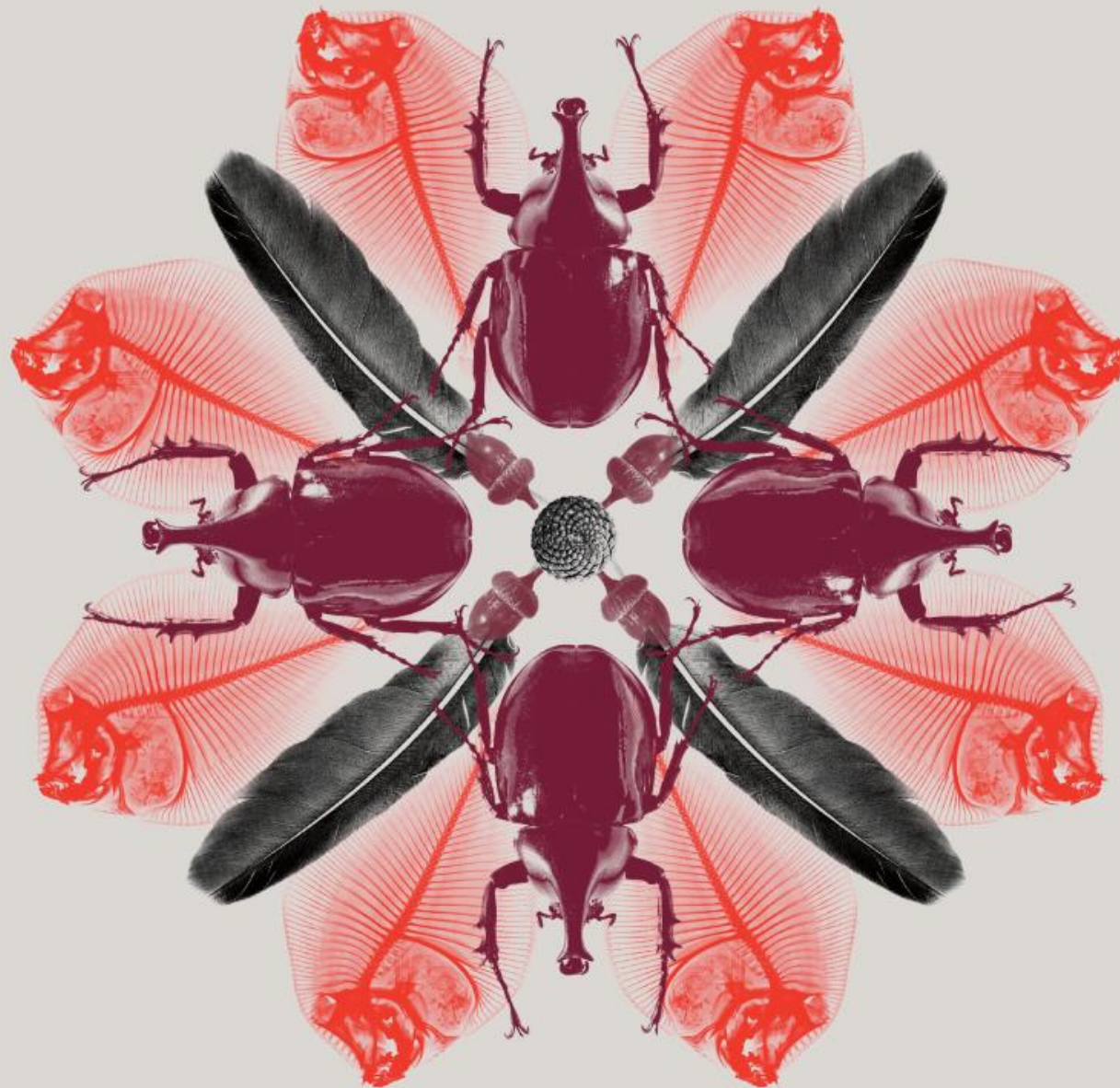
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Understanding Plant Health Surveillance

A vital part of the
phytosanitary and
biosecurity systems
protecting NPPO's from
plant pests and diseases

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What is Plant Health Surveillance?

ISPM 5 Glossary of Phytosanitary Terms;

- **Surveillance** - An **official** process which collects and records data on **pest** presence or absence by **survey, monitoring** or other procedures [CEPM, 1996; revised CPM, 2015]



National Surveillance Requirements

- Surveillance is one of the core activities of national plant protection organizations (NPPOs)
- It provides NPPOs with a technical basis for many phytosanitary measures including;
 - Determining national and regional phytosanitary and biosecurity risks
 - Supporting claims of pest absence
 - Developing pest lists to justify phytosanitary measures and inform pest risk analyses
 - Informing eradication and control measures
 - Meeting International reporting requirements (ISPM 17 pest reporting)

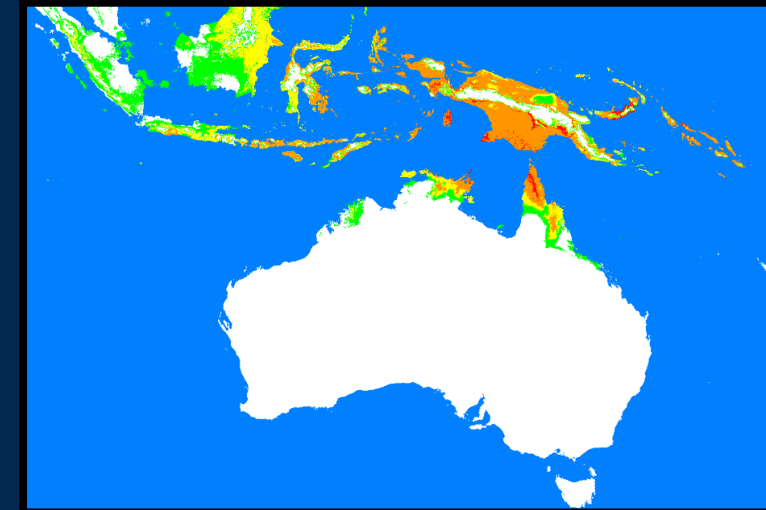


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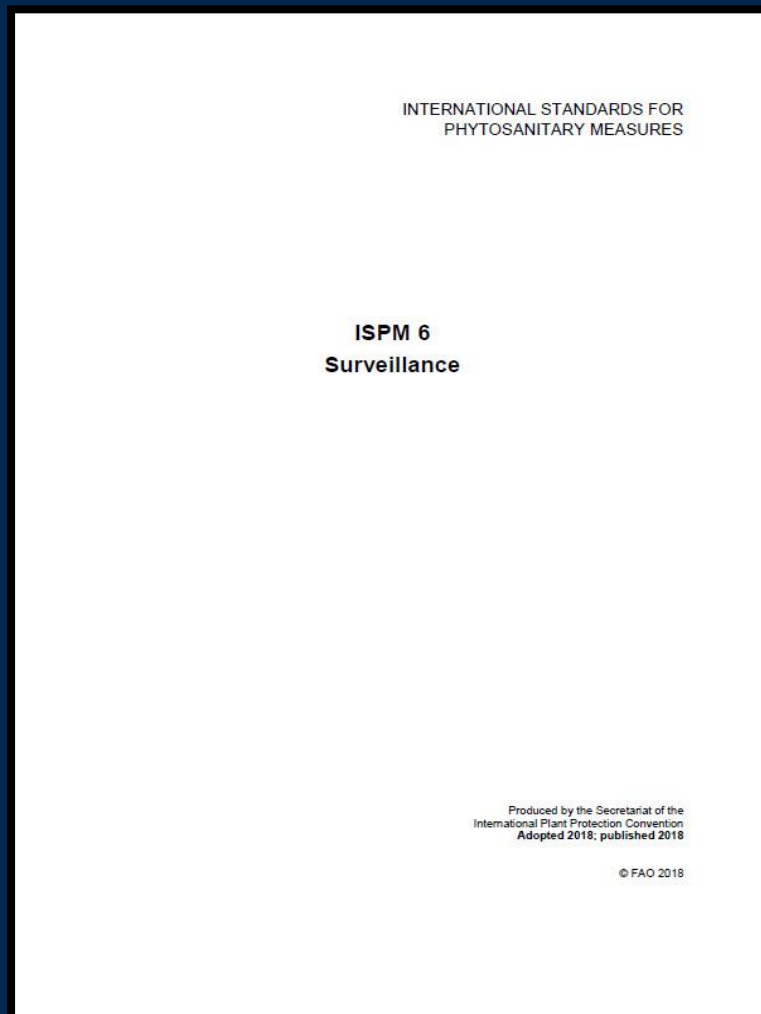
International Surveillance Requirements

- Surveillance is essential in plant protection
- Article IV of the IPPC prescribes general provisions for the organizational arrangements for national plant protection and specifically states that the responsibilities of an official national plant protection organization shall include “the surveillance of growing plants, including both areas under cultivation (*inter alia* fields, plantations, nurseries, gardens, greenhouses and laboratories) and wild flora, and of plants and plant products in storage or in transportation, particularly with the object of reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests, and of controlling those pests, including the reporting referred to under Article VIII paragraph 1(a)”
- According to the same article the “designation, maintenance and surveillance of pest free areas and areas of low pest prevalence” are a responsibility of NPPOs. In addition, Article VII.2(j) specifies that “contracting parties shall, to the best of their ability, conduct surveillance for pests and develop and maintain adequate information on pest status”

(Source – ISPM 6 , 2018)



IPPC Surveillance Standard – ISPM6 (Surveillance)



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Requirements for the establishment of pest free areas

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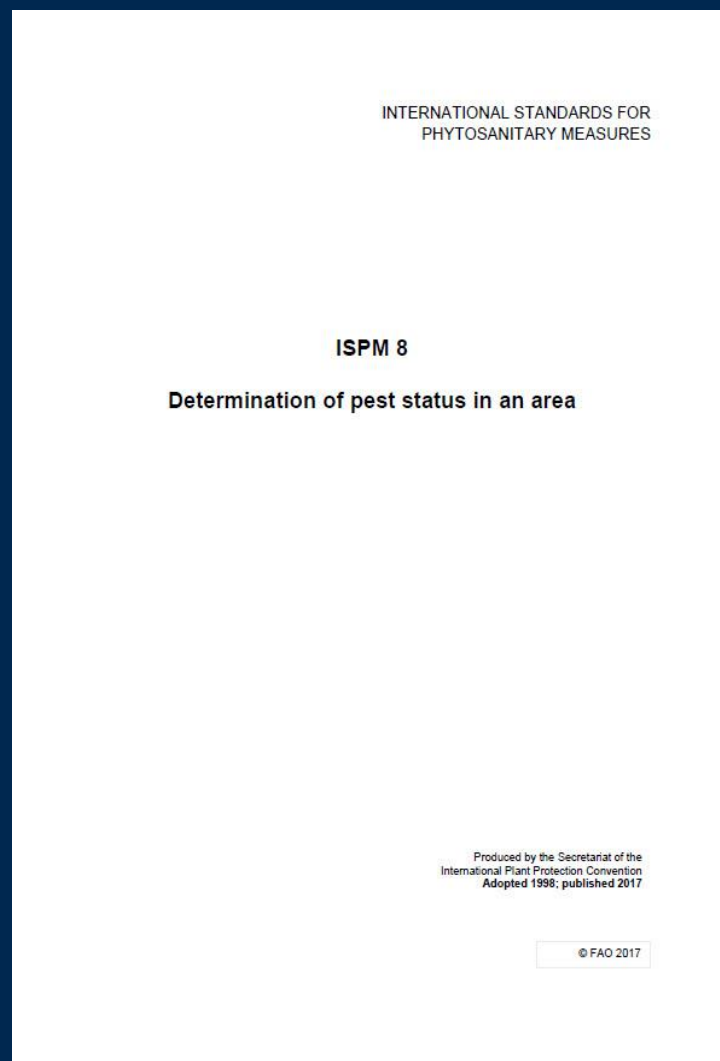
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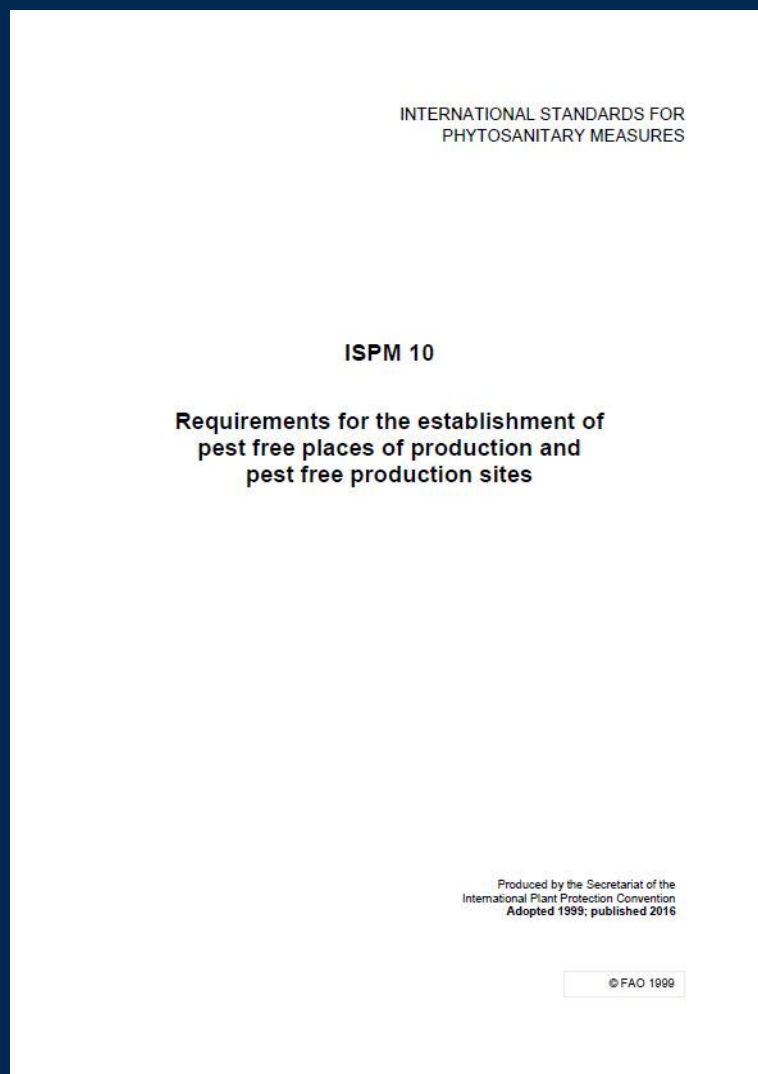


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IPPC Reporting Standard – ISPM17 (Pest Reporting)

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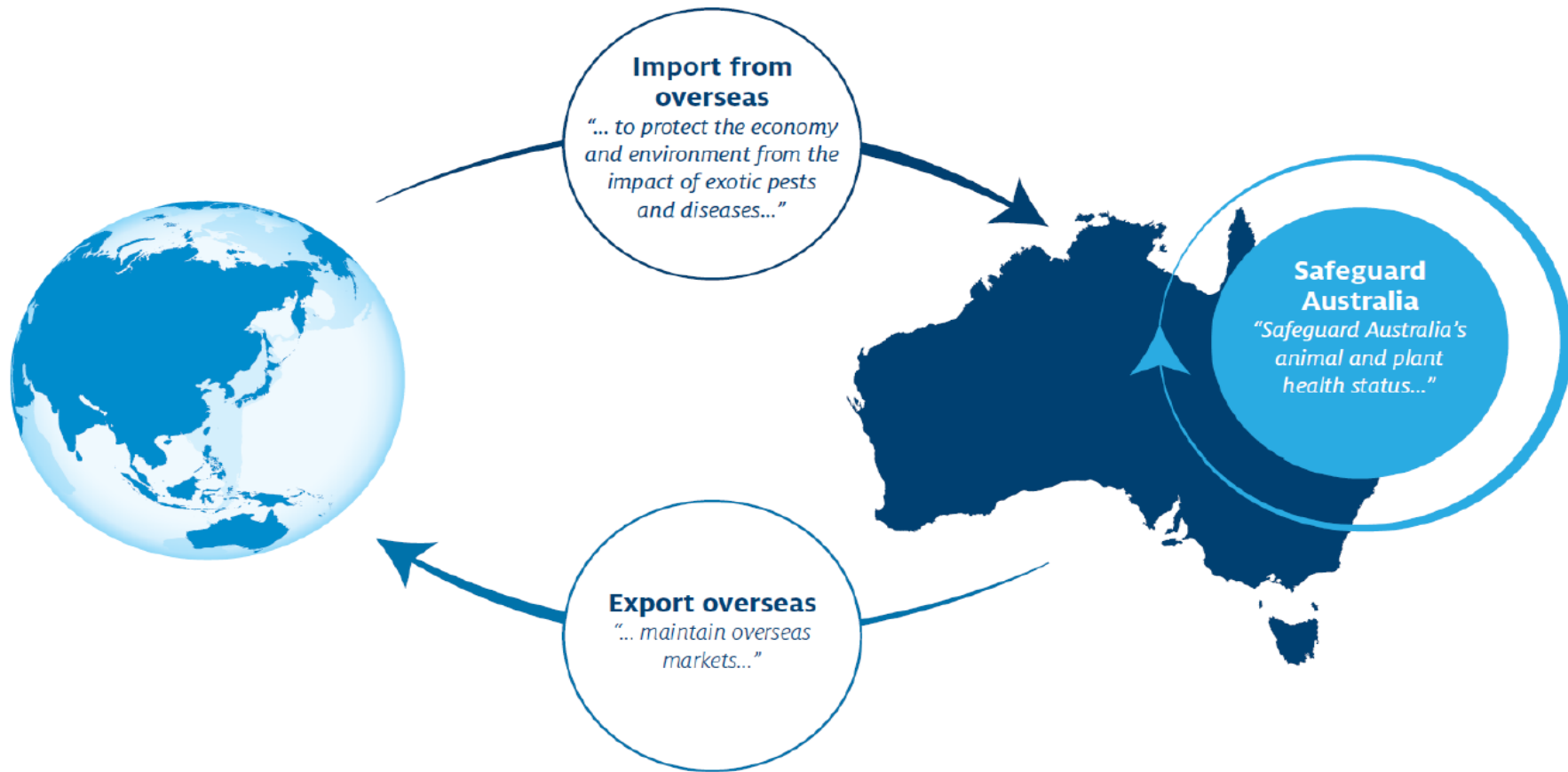
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IPPC Plant Pest Surveillance Guide (NPPO Implementation)

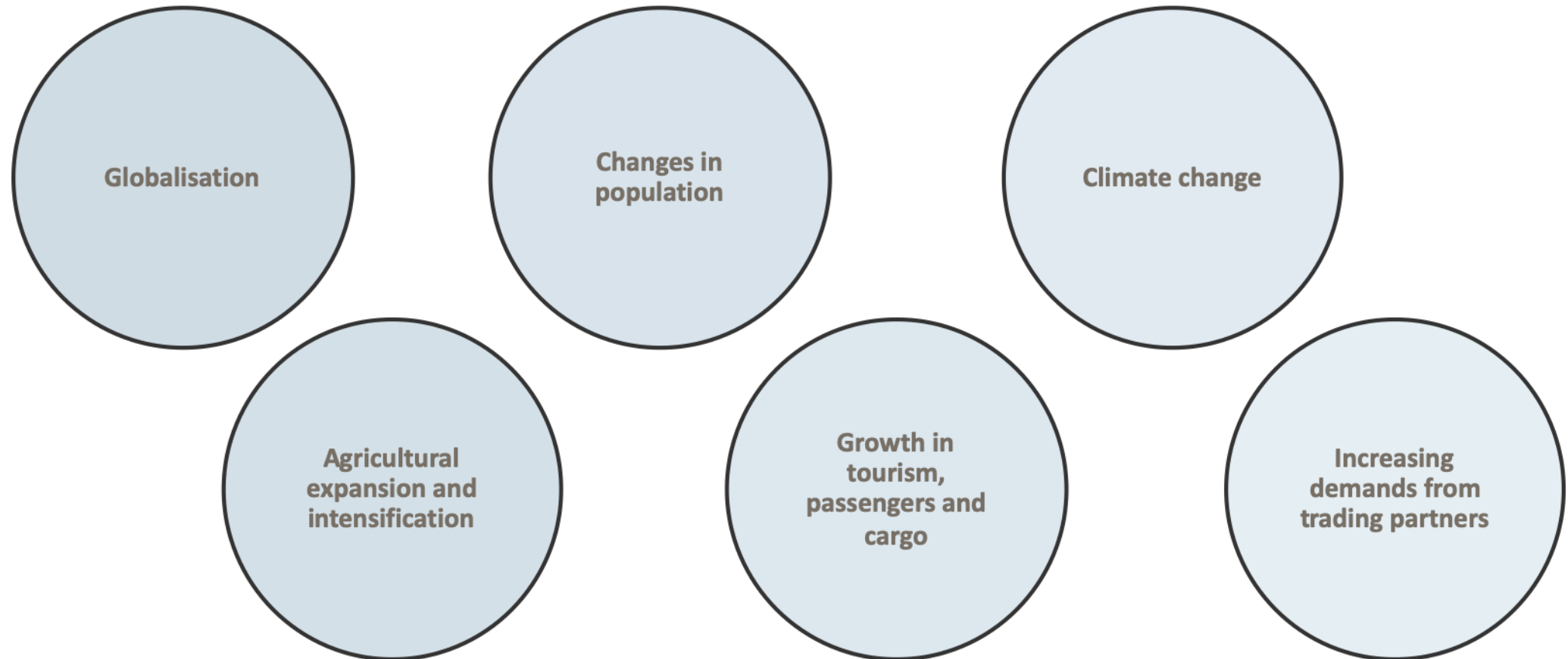


The Australian NPPPO Plant Biosecurity Surveillance System (case study)



Why is plant health surveillance important?

Growing phytosanitary and biosecurity threats and challenges domestically, regionally and globally

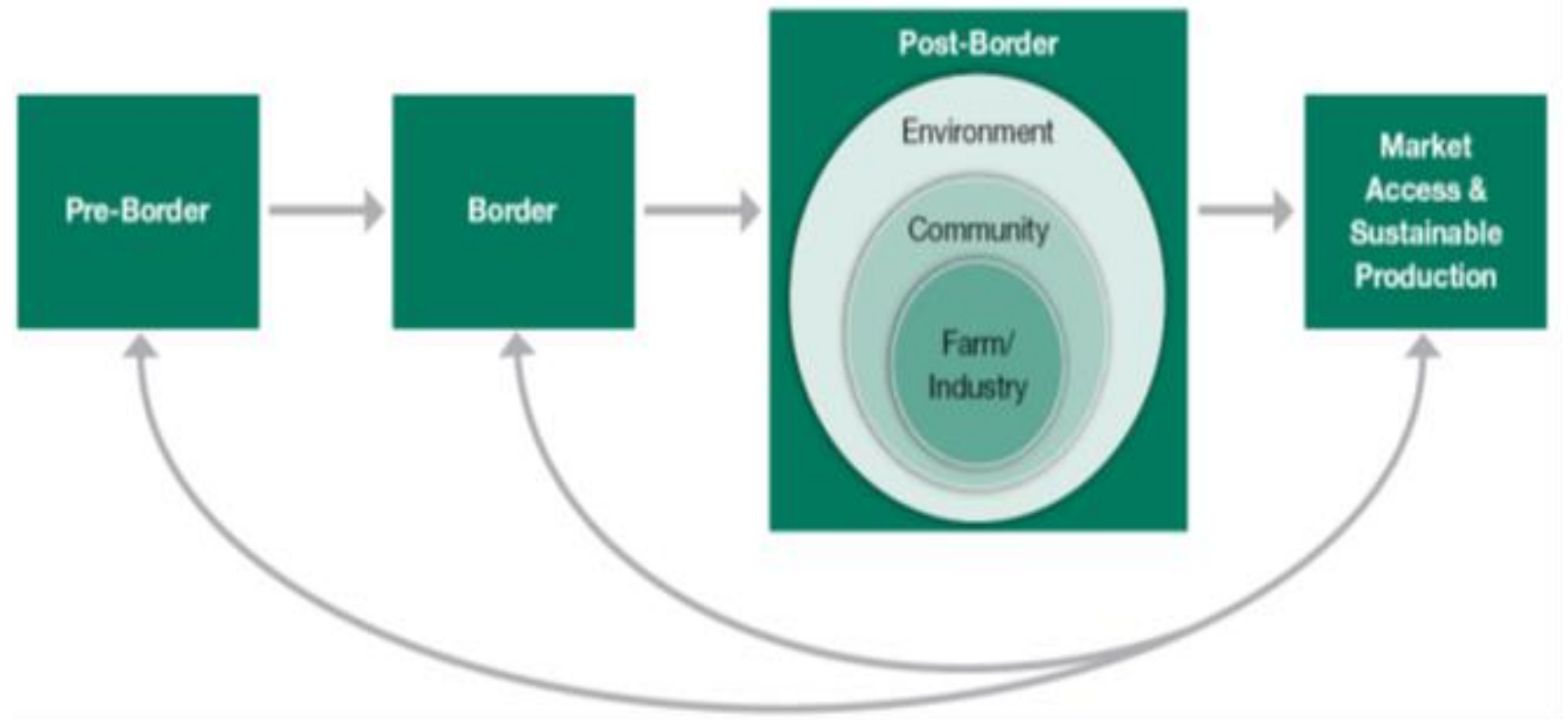


Plant Health Surveillance is essential for NPPO phytosanitary and biosecurity risk management



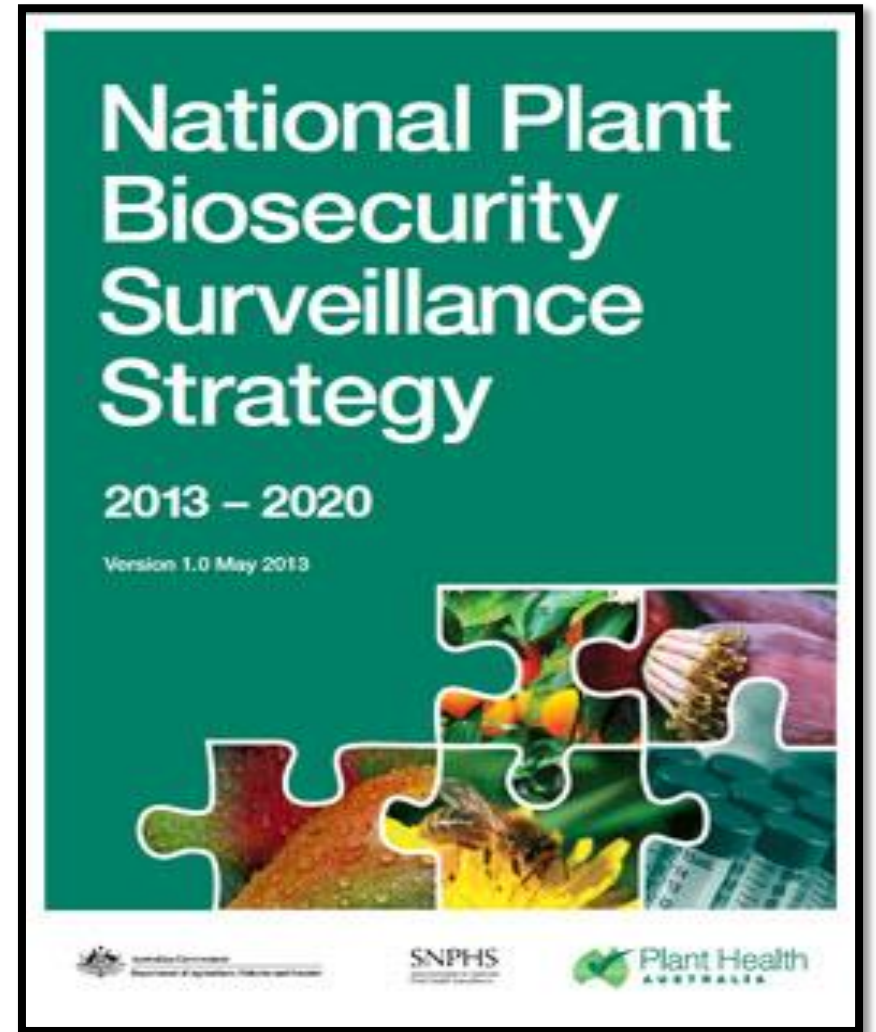
Surveillance supports phytosanitary and biosecurity risk management across the continuum

- The plant biosecurity system is a continuum that integrates biosecurity and phytosanitary activities at the pre-border, border and post-border levels
- Surveillance programs may be conducted across the three layers of the phytosanitary and biosecurity continuum



National Plant Pest Surveillance Systems

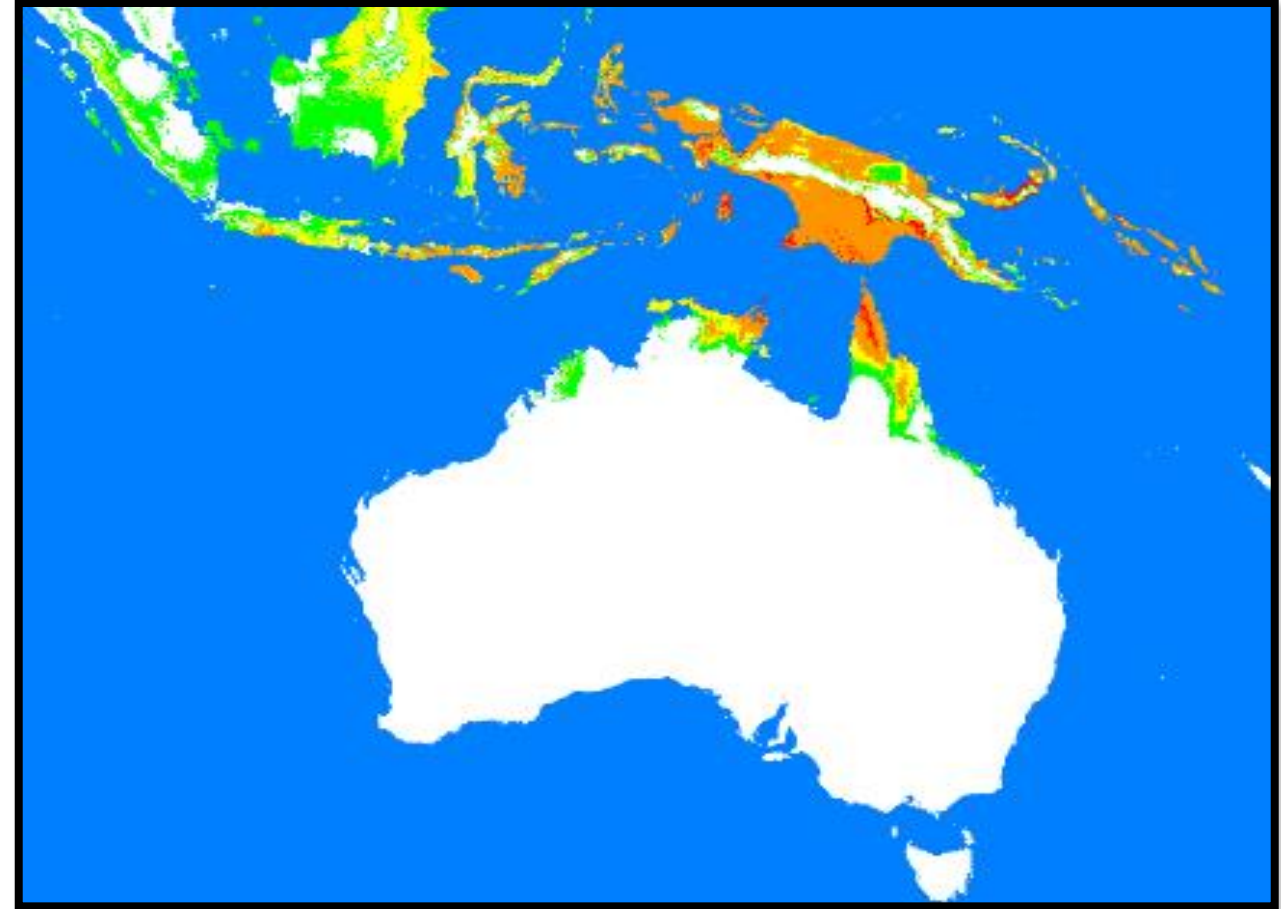
- A national surveillance system is an integral part of a country's plant health strategy and should contribute to the facilitation of trade.
- A national surveillance system should comprise surveillance programs and the infrastructure and governance to implement them;
 - NPPO Programs (Pre-border, Border, Post-Border)
 - Pest Specific Programs (fruit flies, BMSB, AGM)
 - Commodity Specific Programs (forestry, citrus, grain)
 - Trade and Market Access Specific Programs (PFA, delimiting)



Pre-Border (Early Warning) Surveillance Programs



- Identifies regional and international plant pest risks for both regulated and non-regulated (natural) pathways
- Can be delivered through specific and/or general surveillance programs
- Assists in the early detection, preparedness and management of exotic plant pests
- Relies on close working relationships, formal agreements and shared regional biosecurity goals between NPPO's



Border (Early Detection) Surveillance Programs



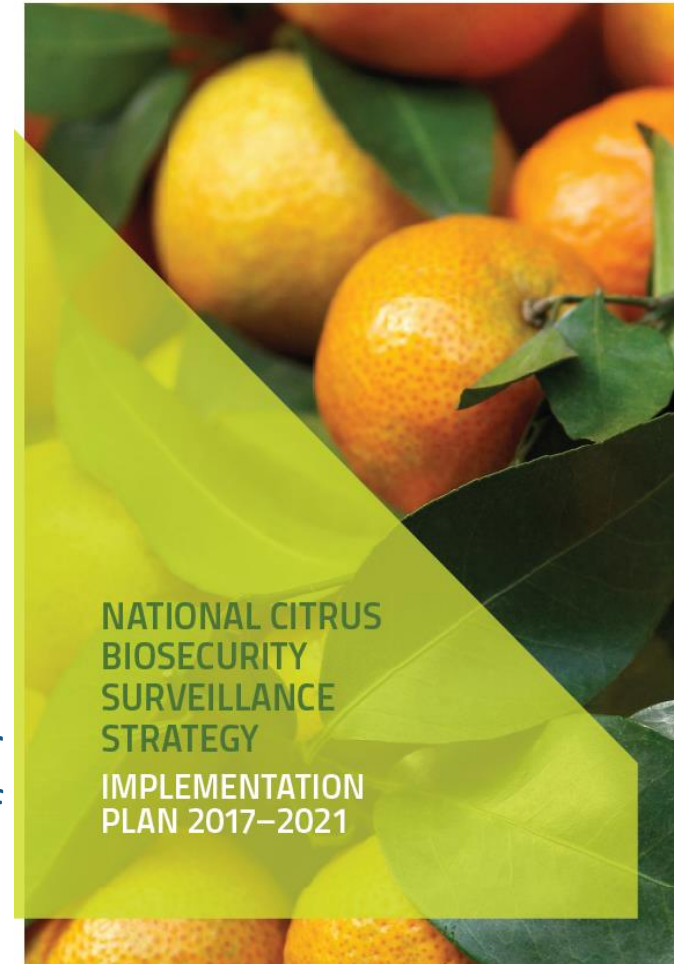
- Provides robust biosecurity surveillance extending beyond the border (including isolated and remote areas of the country)
- Monitors international port areas and post entry quarantine locations in partnership with industry and the community to detect exotic plant pests
- Enhances responsiveness to traditional quarantine controls (targeted surveillance)
- Conducts surveillance in remote and isolated areas to monitor for natural pathway incursions of exotic pests
- Includes targeted trapping and general surveillance activities



Post-Border (Detection, Monitoring and Delimiting) Surveillance Programs



- Post-border surveillance programs for exotic and endemic plant pests are carried out by governments, industries and the wider community.
- Early detection surveillance programs detect new pest incursions before they become widely established, increasing the chance of successful eradication or containment responses
- Market access surveillance programs provide surveillance records to demonstrate and validate the absence (i.e. evidence of absence) of a pest from the country, state or region, to support access to international and domestic markets
- Delimiting surveys provide information on the distribution and spread of pests for use in response management activities or to confirm the successful eradication of the pest



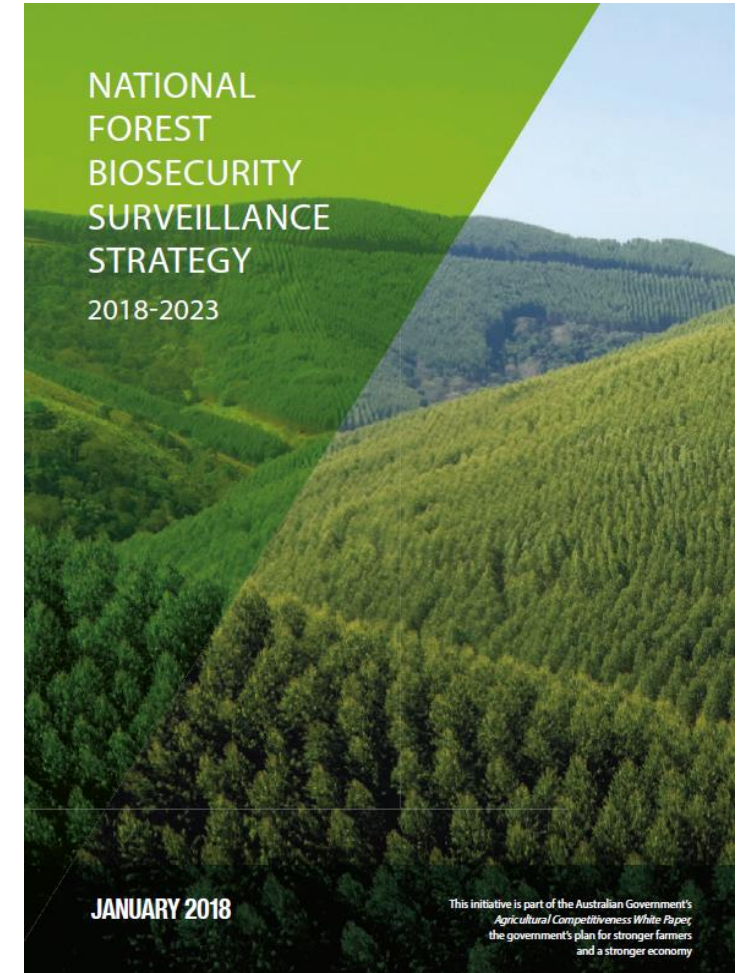
(Source – Plant Health Australia, <http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/surveillance/surveillance-programs/>)

Post-Border (Pest Management) Surveillance Programs



- Improved pest management of established pests requires regular inspections to determine population levels to improve management decisions
- Australia uses a mix of targeted and general surveillance programs and general surveillance programs raise awareness about specific pests with growers and the wider community, and rely on these stakeholders to look for and report the pests during their day-to-day activities
- Most post-border targeted surveillance is undertaken by state and territory governments. Several national programs are also supported by the Australian Government, and some industries undertake targeted surveillance for pests of concern

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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PLANT BIOSECURITY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FRAMEWORK

Plant biosecurity is a set of activities and measures that protect the economy, environment and community from the negative impacts of plant pests by reducing the likelihood of a pest entering the country or region and as such, support an overall system that increases confidence that the pest will be reported, accurately diagnosed and controlled rapidly.¹

National plant biosecurity surveillance system objectives:

1. **Early warning** to detect plant pests at high-risk pathways
2. **Early detection** to reveal the presence of plant pests
3. **Pest status** to demonstrate absence/area freedom of plant pests to support market access
4. **Delimiting** to determine the physical extent of plant pests to inform emergency responses and management
5. **Monitoring** established pests for ongoing management arrangements

SURVEILLANCE ENABLERS

- Policy and legislation
- Partnerships and shared responsibility
- Resources and funding
- Processes and workflows
- Information management
- Technology and tools
- Risk analysis and risk based allocation
- People capability
- Communications and engagement
- Evaluation and assurance

SURVEILLANCE PROCESSES

SPECIFIC SURVEILLANCE

- Specific surveillance programs
- Design (surveys, trapping)
- Delivery
- Data collection
- Protocols and procedures
- Capability and capacity

GENERAL SURVEILLANCE

- Observations
- Inspections
- Notifications
- Investigations
- Data collection

DIAGNOSTICS

- Quality systems
- Proficiency testing programs
- Diagnostics protocols
- Pest reference system
- Capability and capacity

APPLICATIONS

PESTS

- Emerging pests
- Emergency plant pests
- Industry priority pests
- Social amenity pests
- Environmental pests

REGIONS

- Border
- Offshore
- Onshore
- Urban/peri-urban
- Rural
- Northern Australia
- External Territories
- Jurisdictions
- Natural Resource Management regions

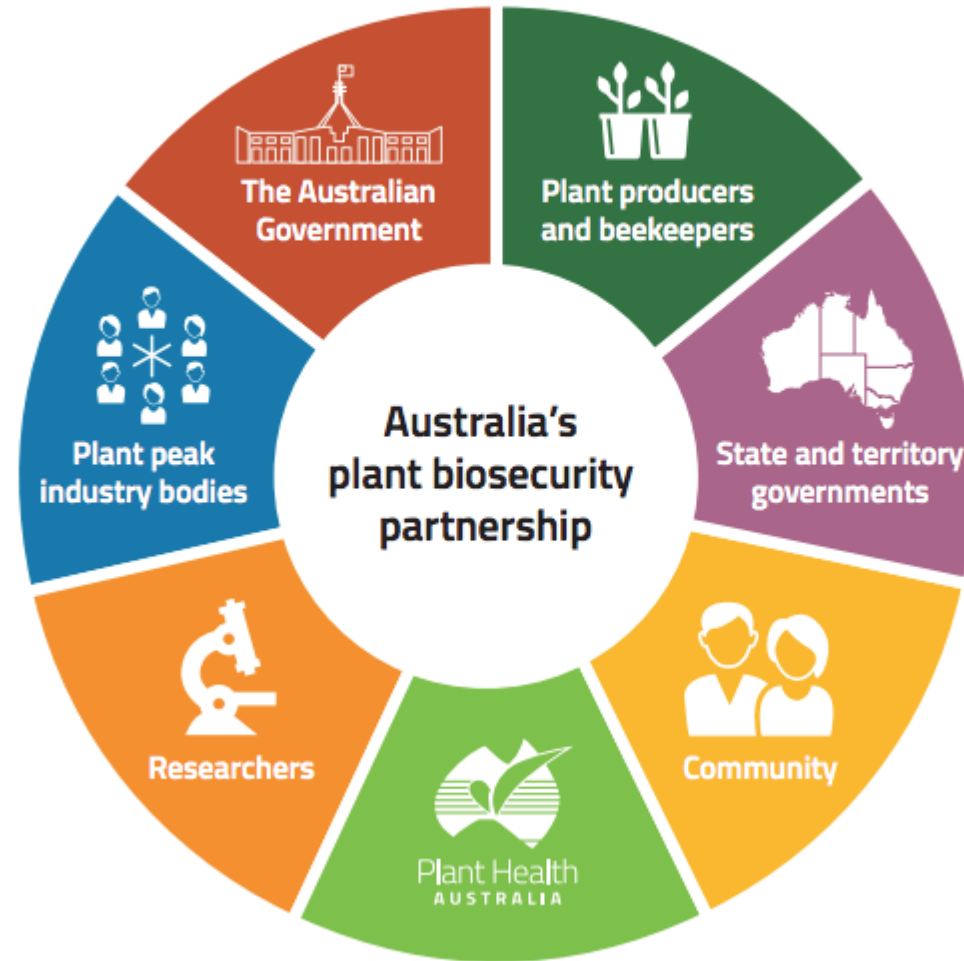
PATHWAYS

- Hosts
- Commodities and industries
- Regulated
- Unregulated/natural
- Emerging pathways

¹Source: National Plant Biosecurity Strategy (PHA 2010) and National Plant Biosecurity Surveillance Strategy 2013-2020 (PHA 2012) (endorsed by government, associate and industry members)

Plant Health Surveillance Stakeholder Partnerships

Key players in the plant biosecurity partnership that protects Australia from plant pests



Priority Pest Targets for the Australian Plant Health Surveillance System

TOP 40 EXOTIC AND UNWANTED PLANT PESTS

1

XYLELLA



2

KHAPRA BEETLE



3

EXOTIC FRUIT FLIES



4

KARNAL BUNT



5

HUANGLONGBING



6

EXOTIC GYPSY MOTHS



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EXOTIC TRAMP ANTS



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BEE MITES



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GIANT AFRICAN SNAIL

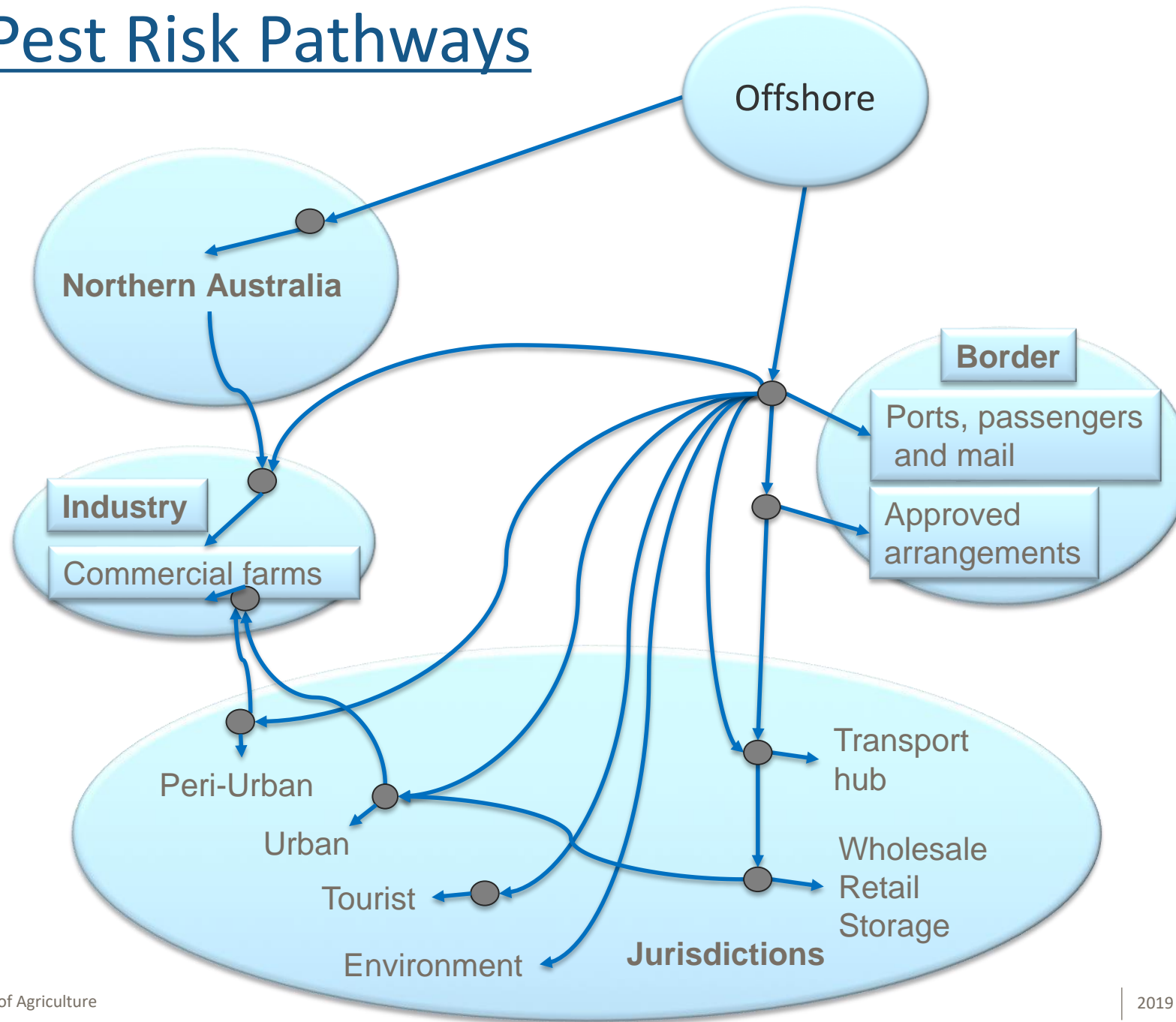


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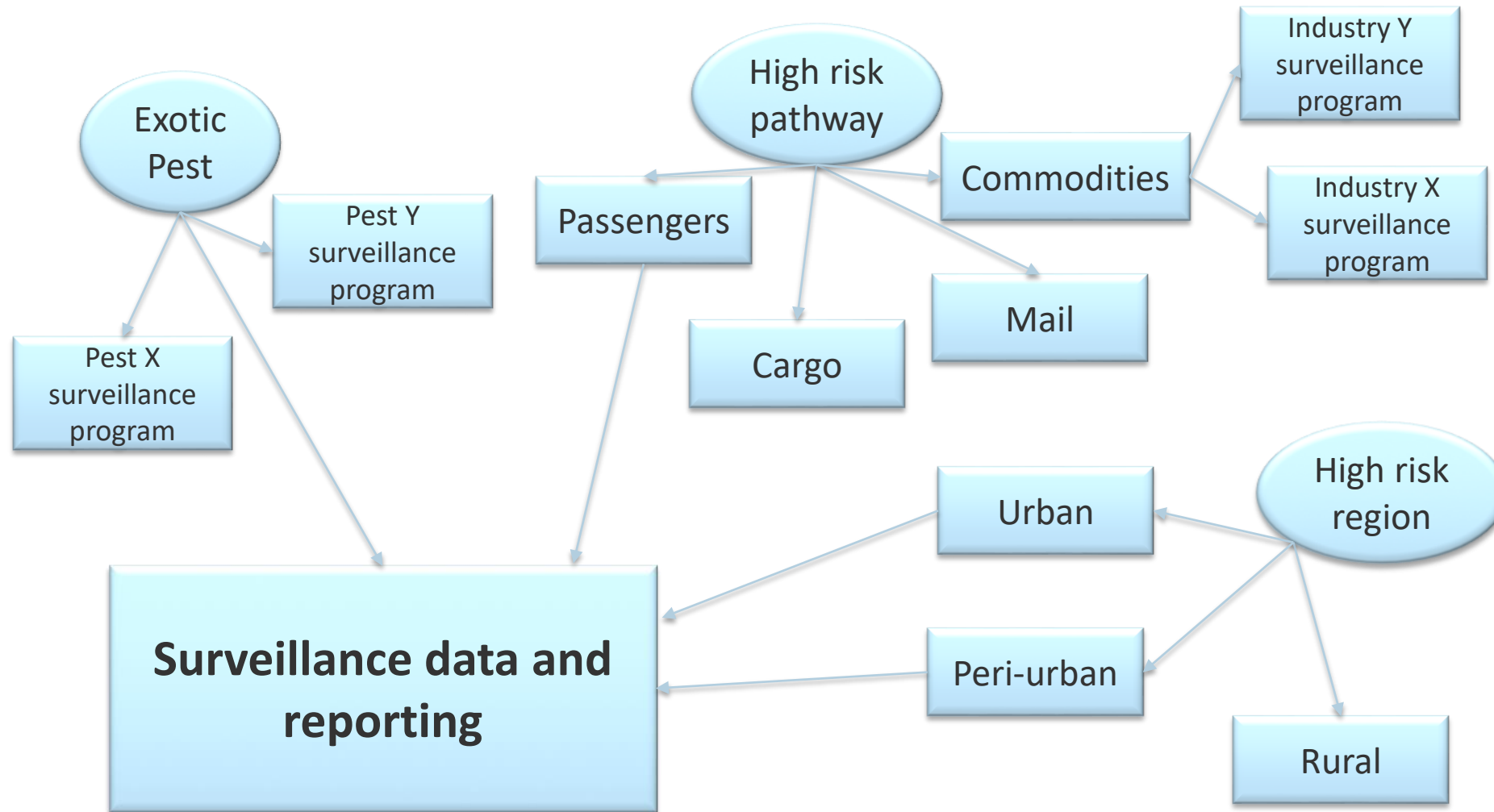
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STINK BUGS



Priority Pest Risk Pathways

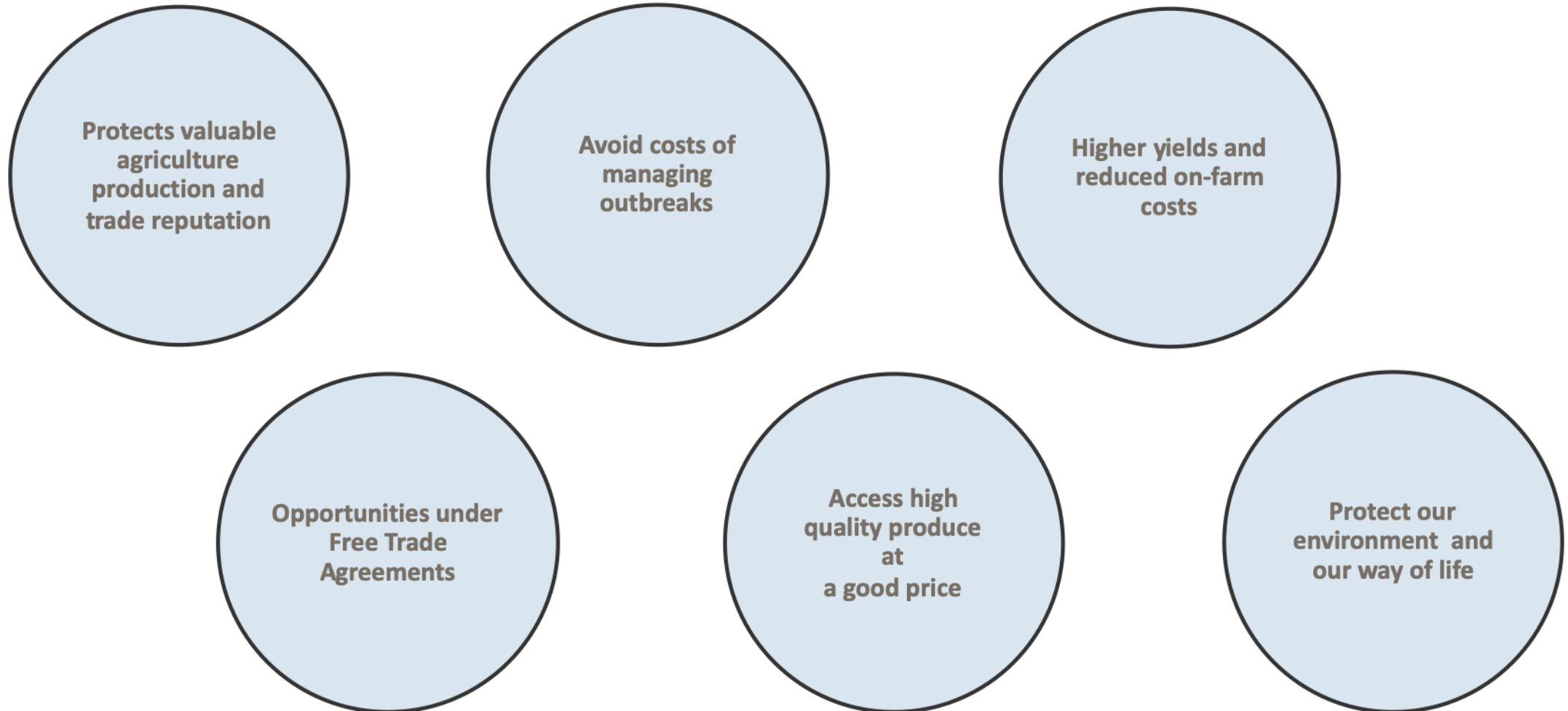


Integration into the National Plant Phytosanitary and Biosecurity System



What are the Benefits of Plant Health Surveillance?

Protecting our economy, environment and communities



Useful Plant Health Surveillance Links and Resources

IPPC Phytosanitary Resources Page

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/>

STDF Surveillance Information Management Systems (SIMS) Project

<https://www.standardsfacility.org/PG-432>

Australian Plant Health Surveillance Network

<http://plantsurveillancenetwork.net.au/>

Australia's Top 40 Exotic and Unwanted

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant>

Biosecurity Matters (Australian NPPO)

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/biosecurity-matters>

National Plant Biosecurity Status Report

[www. planthealthaustralia.com.au/npbsr](http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/npbsr)

