**EXAMPLES of Brief News**

**News article**

1. ***Tuta absoluta* has ravaged 80% of tomato farms in a Nigerian state.**

A state of emergency has been declared in the tomato sector in Kaduna state, northern Nigeria, local media report. *Tuta absoluta* has ravaged 80% of tomato farms, Commissioner of Agriculture Daniel Manzo Maigar said. Read more <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-36369015> and watch a video about this <http://edition.cnn.com/videos/world/2016/05/25/nigeria-tomato-emergency-sfc-orig.cnn/video/playlists/trending-video/>.

**Scientific Journal**

1. **United States must step-up forest pest prevention, new study says**

Imported forest pests cause billions of dollars in damages each year, and U.S. property owners and municipalities foot most of the bill. Efforts to prevent new pests are not keeping pace with escalating trade and must be strengthened if we are to slow the loss of the nation's trees. See more <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/05/160510124443.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed:%20sciencedaily/plants_animals%20%28Plants%20&%20Animals%20News%20--%20ScienceDaily%29>

**Meeting / Visits / Awards**

1. **Thailand receives FAO Edouard Saouma Award for its international recognition in containing spread of Cassava Pink Mealybug**

Thailand receives FAO Edouard Saouma Award for its international recognition in containing the spread of Cassava Pink Mealybug in Greater Mekong Subregion. See more <http://www.apppc.org/content/thailand-receives-fao-edouard-saouma-award-its-international-recognition-containing-spread>

1. **Australia elected Vice-Chair of the International Plant Protection Convention**

Australia's world-class expertise in plant health issues and standard-setting has been acknowledged with the election of senior Department of Agriculture official, Lois Ransom, as Vice-Chair of the governing body of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce, said Ms Ransom's election as Vice-Chair recognised the valuable contribution Australian expertise and engagement made to this important international forum. See more <http://minister.agriculture.gov.au/joyce/Pages/Media-Releases/aust-elected-vice-chair-of-ippc.aspx>