

# **Biosecurity Plan**for the Passionfruit Industry

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The Australian Government endorses the document without prejudice for the purposes of industry's planning needs and meeting the Department's obligations under Clause 13 of the EPPRD. In providing this endorsement the Department notes page 30 of the Plan which states: "This Document considers all potential pathways by which a pest might enter Australia, including natural and assisted spread (including smuggling). This is a broader view of potential risk than the Biosecurity Import Risk Assessment (BIRA) conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries which focus only on specific regulated import pathways."

# Reporting suspect pests

Any unusual plant pest should be reported immediately to the relevant state/territory agriculture department through the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline (1800 084 881). Early reporting enhances the chance of effective control and eradication.



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# **LIST OF ACRONYMS**

ABARES	Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences
ACIAR	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
ACPPO	Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer
AgVic	Agriculture Victoria
ALGA	Australian Lychee Growers Association
APC	AUSPestCheck®
APVMA	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
AS/NZS	Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard
BICON	Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions Database
BIRA	• •
BISOP	Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis
	Biosecurity Incident Standard Operating Procedure
BRP	Biosecurity Reference Panel
BMP	Best Management Practise
BOLT	Biosecurity On-Line Training
BP	Biosecurity Plan
CABI	Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International
CCEPP	Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests
СРНМ	Chief Plant Health Manager
DAF NT	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Northern Territory
DAF Qld	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland
DAFF	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
DAWE	Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (now DAFF)
DEECA	Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, Victoria
DITT NT	Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade, Northern Territory (now DAF NT)
DPI NSW	Department of Primary Industries, New South Wales
DPIRD	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, WA
EPP	Emergency Plant Pest
EPPO	European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization
EPPRD	Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
HACCP	Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point
HPP	High Priority Pest
ICA	Interstate Certification Assurance
IGAB	Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity
ILO	Industry Liaison Officer
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
ISPM	International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures
LLC	Local Control Centres
MICoR	Manual of Importing Country Requirements
NAQS	Northern Australian Quarantine Strategy
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NDP	National Diagnostic Protocol
NMG	National Management Group
NPBDN	National Plant Biosecurity Diagnostic Network
NPBS	National Plant Biosecurity Strategy
NPPP	National Priority Plant Pest
NSP	National Surveillance Protocol
NSW	New South Wales
NRE Tas	Department of Natural Resources and Environment, Tasmania
NT	Northern Territory
ORC	Owner Reimbursement Costs
PA	Papaya Australia
PAI	Passionfruit Australia Inc
PaDIL	Pest and Disease Image Library
PBRI	Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative
PHA	Plant Health Australia
PHC	Plant Health Committee
PIC	Property Identification Code
PIRSA	Primary Industries and Regions South Australia
PPIM	Plant Property Identification Model
QA	Quality Assurance
R&D	Research and Development
RDC	Research and Development Corporation
RD&E	Research, Development and Extension
SA	South Australia
SARDI	South Australian Research and Development Institute
SCC	State Coordination Centres
SDQMA	Subcommittee for Domestic Quarantine and Market Access (now SMART)
SMART	Subcommittee on Market Access, Risk and Trade
SNPHS	Subcommittee for Plant Health Surveillance
SPHD	Subcommittee on Plant Health Diagnostics
SPS	Sanitary and Phytosanitary
T2M	Transition to Management
TBA	To be announced
TRP	Technical Review Panel
TST	Threat Summary Table
WA	Western Australia
WTO	World Trade Organization

# **DEFINITIONS**

The definition of a plant pest used in this document includes insects, mites, snails, nematodes or pathogens (diseases) that have the potential to adversely affect food, fibre, ornamental crops, bees and stored products, as well as environmental flora and fauna. Exotic pests are those not currently present in Australia. Endemic pests are those established within Australia.

**Emergency Plant Pest (EPP)** – for a pest to be classified as an emergency plant pest (EPP), it must either be listed in Schedule 13 of the <a href="EPPRD">EPPRD</a>1, or be determined by the Categorisation Group or National Management Group (NMG) to be of potential national significance and meet at least one of the criteria below:

- a known exotic pest
- a variant form of an established plant pest
- a previously unknown pest
- a confined or contained pest.

**High Priority Pest (HPP)** – an exotic plant pest identified as one of the greatest pest threats to one or more plant production industries. A HPP must have a High or Extreme overall rating through the Biosecurity Planning process. For more information on risk ratings please refer to page 27.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/response-arrangements/emergency-plant-pest-response-deed-epprd/

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To ensure their future viability and sustainability, it is important that the Passionfruit industry, represented by Passionfruit Australia as the peak industry body, minimise the risks posed by exotic pests and responds effectively to plant pest threats. This plan is a framework to coordinate biosecurity activities and investment for the passionfruit industry. It provides a mechanism for industry, governments and stakeholders to better prepare for and respond to, incursions of pests that could have significant impacts on these industries. It identifies and prioritises exotic plant pests (not currently present in Australia) and other pests of biosecurity concern and focuses on future biosecurity challenges.

The Biosecurity Plan for the Passionfruit Industry (this biosecurity plan) was developed in concert with the development of biosecurity plans for the Australian Lychee and Australian Papaya Industries. Facilitated by Plant Health Australia (PHA) and involving the collaboration of plant health and biosecurity experts from relevant Commonwealth, State and Territory agriculture agencies, and representatives from the Australian Lychee Growers Association (ALGA), Papaya Australia and Passionfruit Australia. These parties will be referred to as key stakeholders in the remainder of this document.

Key stakeholders were represented in the Technical Expert Group (TEG) and Biosecurity Implementation Group (BIG), and these groups provided advice in the development of the three Biosecurity Plans (Lychee Biosecurity Plan, Papaya Biosecurity Plan, Passionfruit Biosecurity Plan).

A key part of the biosecurity planning process was the development of combined Threat Summary Tables (TST) for all three industries. Containing over 70 exotic plant pests, these tables demonstrate the potential biosecurity threats faced by the passionfruit industry. Each pest on the list was given an overall risk rating based on four criteria; entry potential, establishment potential, spread potential, and potential for economic impact. In this biosecurity plan, other pests of biosecurity significance for the passionfruit industry were also identified as good biosecurity practices benefit the ongoing management of and surveillance for these pests.

The Biosecurity Plan also details current mitigation and surveillance activities being undertaken and identifies contingency plans, fact sheets and diagnostic protocols that have been developed for pests relevant to the passionfruit industry. This enables identification of gaps and prioritisation of specific actions, as listed in the Biosecurity Implementation Table (Table 3; Table 4). The development of this table will increase the industry's biosecurity preparedness and response capability by outlining specific areas of action which could be undertaken through a government and industry partnership.

The Biosecurity Plan is principally designed for use by decision makers. It provides industry and government with a mechanism to identify exotic plant pests as well as to address the specific strengths and weaknesses of the Australian Passionfruit Industry's current biosecurity position. It is envisaged that annual reviews of this biosecurity plan will be undertaken to assess progress against agreed activities, with another formal review conducted after five years.

The Biosecurity Plan is a document outlining the commitment to the partnership between the key stakeholders to improve biosecurity.

### SIGNIFICANT BIOSECURITY THREATS

#### **Document overview**

Biosecurity for the Australian Passionfruit industry focuses on five key areas to identify the components to be implemented through the life of the biosecurity plan 2021-2026. These five areas are outlined in the sections below.

# High priority exotic pests and other pests of biosecurity significance

A key outcome of this biosecurity plan is the identification of the exotic high priority pests, and other pests of biosecurity significance for the Australian Passionfruit industry. This section includes:

- the High Priority Pests (HPPs), which are the most significant exotic threats affecting the passionfruit industry as identified through a prioritisation process.
- the other pests of biosecurity significance, which have been identified in consultation with industry.

The exotic HPP list, and other pests of biosecurity significance will allow industry and government to better prioritise preparedness activities and will assist in the implementation of effective grower and community awareness campaigns, targeted biosecurity education and training programs for growers, development of surveillance programs, diagnostic protocols as well as development of pest-specific mitigation activity.

Established weeds of biosecurity significance were considered during the development of this plan. No weeds of biosecurity significance were identified through consultation with government and industry.

# Implementing biosecurity for the Australian Passionfruit Industry 2021-2026

This section includes the biosecurity implementation plan and a gap analysis of the current level of preparedness for HPPs of the Passionfruit Industry. The Biosecurity Implementation Group (BIG), comprised of both industry and government representatives, developed the implementation plan that sets out shared biosecurity goals and objectives over the next five years. It is intended that the biosecurity implementation plan is revisited by the Biosecurity Reference Panel (BRP) regularly over the next five years to maintain its relevance. The TEG, the BIG and the BRP all contained representatives of the three industries as well as technical experts from commonwealth, state and territory governments.

# Threat identification and pest risk assessments

Guidelines are provided for the identification and ranking of biosecurity threats through a process of qualitative risk assessment. The primary goal is to coordinate identification of exotic pest threats that could impact productivity, or marketability. This plan strengthens risk assessment work already being done both interstate and overseas. All exotic biosecurity threats considered in the biosecurity plan are detailed in Threat Summary Tables (Appendix 2: Threat Summary Tables). From the prioritisation process undertaken in the TST, pests with an overall high rating were identified as a HPP. Other pests of biosecurity significance are also listed.

# **Risk mitigation and preparedness**

This section provides a summary of activities to mitigate the impact of pest threats on the Australian Passionfruit industry, along with a set of guidelines for managing risk at all operational levels. Many preemptive practices can be adopted by plant industries and government agencies to reduce risks. The major themes covered include:

- Barrier quarantine
- Surveillance
- Training
- Awareness
- Farm biosecurity
- Reporting of suspect pests

A summary of pest-specific information and preparedness documents, such as fact sheets, contingency plans and diagnostic protocols are also described to outline activities industry has undertaken to prepare for an exotic pest incursion. Information for industry on how to align preparedness activities with RD&E, such as researching IPM strategies, and chemical control is also provided.

# Response management

This section provides a summary of the processes in place to respond to emergency plant pest (EPP)<sup>2</sup> incursions that would affect the Australian Passionfruit industry. Areas covered in this section include the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD), PLANTPLAN (outlines the generic approach to response management under the EPPRD), categorisation of pests under the EPPRD and industry specific response procedures and industry communication.

#### PESTS OF BIOSECURITY SIGNIFICANCE OVERVIEW

A key component of this biosecurity plan is to identify the exotic and other pests of biosecurity significance to the Australian Passionfruit Industry. This section provides information on the High Priority Pest (HPP) list, and the other pests of biosecurity significance for the Australian Passionfruit industry. These pest lists, provide the Australian Passionfruit Industry, commonwealth, state and territory governments, and other relevant stakeholders with the information needed to prioritise resources for biosecurity risk management.

The exotic HPP list and other pests of biosecurity significance will allow industry and government to better prioritise preparedness activities and will assist in the implementation of effective grower and community awareness campaigns, targeted biosecurity education and training programs for growers, development of surveillance programs, diagnostic protocols as well as development of pest-specific mitigation activities.

Established weeds of biosecurity significance were considered during the development of this plan. No weeds of biosecurity significance were identified for the Australian Passionfruit Industry through consultation with government and industry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Refer to the PHA website for details <a href="http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/emergency-plant-pests/">http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/emergency-plant-pests/</a>

# **Passionfruit industry High Priority Pests**

Table 1 provides an overview of the top ranked biosecurity pest threats (invertebrates, pathogens and nematodes) for the Australian Passionfruit industry. Further details on each pest along with the basis for the likelihood ratings are provided on page 60. Assessments may change given more detailed research, and the priority list will be formally reviewed along with the Biosecurity Plan on an annual basis through the Biosecurity Reference Panel.

Table 1. High Priority pests of the passionfruit industry.

Common name	Scientific name	Host(s)	Affected plant part	Movement and dispersal	Geographic distribution <sup>3</sup>	Entry potential	Est. <sup>4</sup> potential	Spread potential	Economic impact	Overall risk
Invertebrates										
Diptera (flies and mic	lges)									
Carambola fruit fly	Bactrocera carambolae	Highly polyphagous (75 hosts from 26 families) including grapefruit, orange, lemon, lime, mandarin, cashew, breadfruit, jackfruit, carambola, capsicum, mango, guava, banana, avocado, tomato, mangrove, papaya	Fruit	Infested plant material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Pupae are soilborne.	Asia (Brunei, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand) South America (Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Oriental fruit fly	Bactrocera dorsalis (Bactrocera invadens; Bactrocera papayae; Bactrocera philippinensis)	Polyphagous, with wide host range including cashew, soursop, breadfruit, jackfruit, bell pepper, chilli, Citrus, watermelon, coffee, melon, cucumber, longan, persimmon, mangosteen, dragon fruit, mango, apple, banana, avocado, lychee, papaya	Fruit	Infested plant material (including fruit), soil and hitchhiking. Adults capable of flight. Pupation occurs in the soil	Asia, Africa, North America, Europe, Oceania. <sup>5</sup>	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Fijian fruit fly	Bactrocera passiflorae	Polyphagous (49 hosts in 28 families) including Cashew, breadfruit, lime, mandarin, mango, avocado, guava, eggplant, cocoa, papaya	Fruit	Infested plant material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Pupae are soilborne.	Oceania (Fiji, Niue, Tonga, Tuvalu, Wallis & Futuna)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> (CABI, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Establishment potential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Christmas Island (Indian Ocean), India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam). Africa, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe). North America (USA). Europe (Italy). Oceania (Federated states of Micronesia, French Polynesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea)

Common name	Scientific name	Host(s)	Affected plant part	Movement and dispersal	Geographic distribution <sup>3</sup>	Entry potential	Est. <sup>4</sup> potential	Spread potential	Economic impact	Overall risk
Melon fruit fly	Zeugodacus cucurbitae	Watermelon, rockmelon, cucumber, pumpkin, tomato	Fruit	Infested plant material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Pupae are soilborne.		HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Hemiptera (stink bugs	, aphids, mealybu	gs, scale, whiteflies and hoppers)								
	Dysmicoccus grassii (Syn. Pseudococcus grassi) <sup>6</sup>	Polyphagous including fig, acacia, pineapple, mango, asparagus, avocado, oleander, banana, coffee, avocado, hibiscus, prickly pear, sugar apple, papaya	Leaves, fruit, stems	Infested soil and plant material. Adult males capable of flight over short distances.	Africa (Canary Islands, Nigeria), Asia (Malaysia), Europe (France, Italy, Sicily, Spain), North America (Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico & Vieques Island, Trinidad and Tobago, United States), South America (Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru)	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Cocoa mirids	Helopeltis clavifer	Polyphagous, including tea, cocoa; cashew, sweetpotato and other host plants reported from New Guinea	Pods	Infested plant materials	Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia) Oceania (Papua New Guinea); New Britain and New Ireland	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Pathogens			<u> </u>							
Bacteria (including ph	ytoplasmas)									
Bacterial canker of stone fruit, bacterial canker of trees	Pseudomonas syringae exotic strains	Broad host range over 50 hosts including sweet cherry, sour cherry, onion, capsicum, leek, lucerne, rice, chrysanthemum, citrus, cucumber, pumpkin, garden dahlia, hibiscus, walnut, lettuce, magnolia, mango, bean, avocado, stone fruit, roses, tomato, maize, willows, clover, blueberry, grapevine, cowpea	Whole plant Leaves, inflorescence, stems, pods, seeds, flowers, fruit	Infected plant material, wind, insect vector, mechanical, plant stress	Global if not splitting endemic and exotic	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Viruses and viroids										
Passionfruit severe leaf distortion virus	Passionfruit severe leaf distortion virus	Passiflora spp.	Systemic infection		South America (Brazil)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Passionfruit Sri Lankan mottle	Passionfruit Sri Lankan mottle	Passiflora spp.	Systemic infection		Asia (Sri Lanka)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> http://scalenet.info/catalogue/Dysmicoccus%20grassii/

Common name	Scientific name	Host(s)	Affected plant part	Movement and dispersal	Geographic distribution <sup>3</sup>	Entry potential	Est. <sup>4</sup> potential	_	Economic impact	Overall risk
potyvirus	potyvirus									
East Asian Passiflora	East Asian	Passiflora spp. (including P. edulis,	Systemic		Asia (Japan)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
virus	Passiflora virus		infection							
		edulis f. flavicarpa and P. edulis f. flavicarpa).								

#### **Pollination pests**

Although there are a variety of mechanisms for pollination, the European honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) is the most important insect pollinator of cultivated agricultural and horticultural crops in Australia. Pollination services of the European honey bee are provided by beekeepers to growers of pollinator-reliant crops.

As European honey bees forage for nectar and pollen their activities naturally pollinate plants, resulting in increased seed or fruit set, improved fruit shape and more even maturation of some crops.

Established and exotic pests of European honey bees as well as exotic pest bees can have a major impact on crop pollination services. Honey bee pests and pest bees can also impact unmanaged colonies which also provide pollination.

Passionfruit rely on a range of native and established insect species for pollination, including European honey bees. A list of the high priority bee pests and pest bees which could impact the Passionfruit industry can be located on the PHA website <a href="mailto:planthealthaustralia.com.au/industries/honey-bees/">planthealthaustralia.com.au/industries/honey-bees/</a> and the BeeAware website <a href="mailto:beeaware.org.au/pests/">beeaware.org.au/pests/</a>

# Other pests of biosecurity significance

#### Introduction

This section identifies other pests of biosecurity significance for the passionfruit industry in Australia. By identifying pests which are either currently under quarantine arrangements or which passionfruit producers already manage, mechanisms can be put in place to better align industry and government resources and provide a stronger base for biosecurity risk management for the industry.

Identification of other pests of biosecurity significance will also assist in the implementation of effective grower and community awareness campaigns, targeted biosecurity education and training programs for growers, surveillance coordinators, diagnosticians and development of pest-specific mitigation activities.

#### Threat identification

In order to be considered as a pest of biosecurity significance, the pests included should be economically important to the passionfruit industry and at least one of the following:

- currently under guarantine arrangements or restricted to regions within Australia,
- notifiable by law,
- have market access implications,
- able to be prevented from entering a farm through good biosecurity practices.

These pests were considered in an effort to prioritise investment but did not undergo a formal pest risk assessment.

Table 2. Other pests of biosecurity significance.

Common name (Scientific name)	Hosts	Affected plant part	Distribution in Australia	State movement controls or market impact by pests	Factsheets	Comments
Invertebrates						
Acari (mites and ticks)						
Varroa mite (Varroa destructor)	Apis cerana, A. mellifera.	Brood and adults (honey bee life stage)	NSW and Vic <sup>7</sup> .	Movement restrictions of hives and other equipment apply for Qld <sup>8</sup> , SA <sup>9</sup> , NT <sup>10</sup> , WA <sup>11</sup> , Vic <sup>12</sup> , ACT <sup>13</sup> , Tas <sup>14</sup>	PHA <sup>15</sup> , BeeAware <sup>16</sup> , NSWDPI <sup>17</sup>	A 2-year transition to management (T2M) plan was approved in February 2024. 18
Diptera (Flies and midg	es)					
Queensland fruit fly Bactrocera tryoni	Polyphagous including papaya	Fruit	NSW, NT, Qld, Vic	Movement restrictions in the Greater Sunraysia Pest Free Area	NSW DPI <sup>19</sup> , PHA <sup>20</sup> , QDAF <sup>21</sup> , AgVic <sup>22</sup>	https://www.fruitflyidentification.org.au/species/bactroceratryoni/
Mediterranean fruit fly Ceratitis capitata	Polyphagous including papaya	Fruit	WA (except Ord River Irrigation Area - ORIA)	Movement controls of fruit	PHA <sup>20</sup> , NSW DPI <sup>23</sup> , DPIRD <sup>24</sup> , AgVic <sup>25</sup> QDAF <sup>26</sup>	https://www.fruitflyidentification.org.au/species/ceratitis- capitata/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/biosecurity/current-situation/yarroa-mite-emergency-response

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> https://www.business.gld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/animal/industries/bees/move

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal health/animal species/bees/moving bees and bee products

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> https://nt.gov.au/industry/agriculture/livestock-and-animals/honey-bees-and-beekeeping

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/livestock-animals/livestock-species/bees

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/moving-livestock-and-animals/moving-bees-interstate

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> https://www.environment.act.gov.au/parks-conservation/plants-and-animals/biosecurity/biosecurity-alerts/varroa-destructor-mite

<sup>14</sup> https://nre.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/animal-biosecurity/bees/bee-pests-diseases-and-welfare/varroa-mite

<sup>15</sup> https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Varroa-mites-FS.pdf

<sup>16</sup> https://beeaware.org.au/archive-pest/varroa-mites/#ad-image-0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0006/268026/DPI-Primefact-Varroa-Mites-13062024.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> https://www.varroa.org.au/nvmmp

<sup>19</sup> https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0008/1482740/Queensland-fruit-fly.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/QFly-and-Medfly-FS-1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> https://www.business.gld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/insects/horticultural/gueensland-fruit-fly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> https://fruitflycontrol.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Managing-QFF-in-your-garden-English.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/insect-pests/medfly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/medfly/mediterranean-fruit-fly-life-cycle-biology

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/pest-insects-and-mites/priority-pest-insects-and-mites/mediterranean-fruit-fly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> https://www.business.gld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/priority-pest-disease/mediterranean-fruit-fly

Pathogens	Pathogens									
Fungi	Fungi									
Alternata spot & Brown spot  Alternaria alternata & A. passiflorae	Passionfruit, granadilla and weed relatives (e.g., stinking passion flower, <i>Passiflora foetida</i> ).	Leaves, stems, fruit	Alternaria alternata: Australia wide. Alternaria passiflorae: NSW, Qld, NT, WA.		Agrobase <sup>27</sup> , ACIAR <sup>28</sup> , QDAF <sup>29</sup>					
Fusarium wilt Fusarium oxysporum f. sp. passiflorae	Passionfruit, Passiflora spp.	Leaves, stems	Qld, NSW							

https://agrobaseapp.com/australia/disease/brown-spot-of-passionfruit
 https://apps.lucidcentral.org/pppw v12/text/web full/entities/passionfruit spots 153.htm
 https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0016/57202/factsheet-passionfruit-and-wet-weather.pdf

# Implementing biosecurity for the Australian Passionfruit Industry 2021-2026

This section includes the biosecurity implementation plan and a gap analysis of the current level of preparedness for HPP of the Australian Passionfruit Industry. The Biosecurity Implementation Group (BIG), comprising of representatives of key stakeholders and other relevant experts, developed the implementation plan that sets out the Biosecurity Plans shared goals and objectives. It is intended that the implementation plan is revisited by the BRP regularly over the next five years to maintain its relevance. The TEG, the BIG and the BRP contain representatives of the three industries as well as scientific and technical experts from Australian commonwealth, state and territory governments, and other relevant organisations.

#### **Biosecurity Implementation Table**

The Biosecurity Implementation Table aims to build upon the themes outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB)<sup>30</sup> and the National Plant Biosecurity Strategy (NPBS)<sup>31</sup> by providing a clear line of sight between the development of this Biosecurity Plan and broader plant health policy and legislation.

This table also aims to provide focus and strategic direction for plant biosecurity activities relating to the Australian Passionfruit industry over the next five years (i.e. the life of this Biosecurity Plan). The Biosecurity Implementation Table provides specific recommendations for potential biosecurity activities identified by key stakeholders to improve biosecurity preparedness for pest threats.

Biosecurity is a shared responsibility between the key stakeholders and other stakeholders. The Biosecurity Implementation Table has been produced to help coordinate actions and resources in the Australian biosecurity system. Activities may require additional funding to be sourced prior to commencement. Implementing the specific actions listed in the Biosecurity Implementation Table, will not only strengthen Australian Passionfruit Industry biosecurity systems, but also the broader Australian plant biosecurity systems. Future versions of this table will also track progress on the activities described.

The Biosecurity Implementation Table previously outlined eight strategy areas where industry and government should align their biosecurity efforts. The eight strategy areas were:

- Capacity and Capability
- Education and Awareness
- Preparedness and Response
- Surveillance
- Diagnostics
- Established Pests of Biosecurity Concern
- Research, Development & Extension
- Legislation and Regulatory Issues of Importance

During the life of the Biosecurity Plan, changes have been made to the structure of the Implementation Table to better align with the structure of the IGAB and the NPBS. The Implementation Table has been updated to reflect this new structure below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> For more information visit <u>agriculture.gov.au/animal-plant-health/pihc/intergovernmental-agreement-on-biosecurity</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> For more information visit planthealthaustralia.com.au/national-programs/national-plant-biosecurity-strategy/

Table 3. The Biosecurity Implementation Table for the Australian Passionfruit industry 2021-2026.

Biosecurity Plan Strategy	Action	Output	Outcome	Potential Partners	Current Activities	Timeframe
1. Preparedness and Response	1.1 Develop a Biosecurity Incident Standard Operating Procedures (BISOP) which is designed to guide industry and government in the event of an exotic pest/pathogen incursion.	Passionfruit BISOP which identifies and documents corporate knowledge, organisational procedures, and roles/responsibilities for responding to a biosecurity incident/incursion.	The BISOP will provide industry and govt with operational guidance when responding to a biosecurity incursion/response.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Hort Innovation, Plant Health Australia (PHA).		
	1.2 Describe and evaluate current biosecurity risk pathways into Australia and determine appropriate mitigation measures.	Passionfruit biosecurity pathway risk analysis.	Greater understanding of the biosecurity risks associated with pathways will provide the opportunity to develop preemptive mitigation measures.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), State and Territory Governments (where appropriate).		
	1.3 Understand current surveillance programs undertaken by industry and government.	Surveillance analysis and a Passionfruit industry surveillance program.	Early detection of key exotic pests and an improved knowledge of geographic spread of established pests.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments, Subcommittee on National Plant Health Surveillance (SNPHS), PHA.		Ongoing
	1.4 Participate in future simulation exercises that test the preparedness and response of the biosecurity system to exotic pest and/or pathogen incursions.	Simulation exercises.	Participating industries and governments are better prepared to respond to a pest incursion.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments, Hort Innovation, PHA.		Ongoing
	1.5 Review the availability of crop protection products available to manage exotic pests and pathogens and identify gaps in control options.	A list of important pests and control options are available with gaps identified.	Industry will have a list of identified gaps in control options for important pests and pathogens.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments (where appropriate), Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), collaborating industries.		
	1.6 Prioritise identified gaps in pest control options and develop options to address gaps.	A plan to address crop protection gaps.	A prioritised list of pests and control options with strategies developed to gain access.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., APVMA, collaborating industries, crop protection companies.		
	1.7 Review availability of diagnostics for the high priority pests and assess the capability to perform diagnostics (normal capacity and surge capacity).	Diagnostic tools and methods that provide accurate and timely identification of pests and pathogens.	Increased accuracy and rapid diagnosis of pests/pathogens will provide greater opportunity for eradication and/ or management.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments (where appropriate), collaborating industries, Subcommittee on Plant Health Diagnostics (SPHD).		Ongoing
	1.8 Maintain an understanding of relevant biosecurity legislation and regulations in all states/territories.	Regular legislation and regulation update.	Any specific state/ territory or discordant requirements identified. Increase industry awareness of legislation and	Passionfruit Australia Inc.		Ongoing

			regulations impacting their businesses.		
	1.9 Develop Owner Reimbursement Costs (ORC) that provide a framework for calculating ORC payments for Passionfruit growers in the event of a response.	Current ORC framework and cost structure.	ORC framework and costs structures remain relevant to key industry sectors.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments (where appropriate), Rural Assistance Authorities (RAA), PHA.	2024
2. Capacity & Capability	2.1 Ensure Passionfruit Australia Inc. executives regularly undertake biosecurity training (e.g., Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD), Biosecurity OnLine Training (BOLT)).	Biosecurity skilled members and staff.	Knowledge and understanding of biosecurity systems and processes will provide Passionfruit Australia Inc. with greater capacity to contribute to biosecurity for the benefit of their industry.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Hort Innovation, PHA.	2022
	2.2 In collaboration with industry and governments, gain an understanding of diagnostic capacity within both government and private providers and assess methods to address capacity and capability gaps.	Diagnostic capacity analysis.	Increased diagnostic capacity or a greater understanding of gaps and methods to address these gaps.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Hort Innovation, collaborating industries, State and Territory Governments.	
	2.3 Build and maintain international networks of production and biosecurity specialists who can contribute to growth of knowledge and skills within the Australian Passionfruit industry.	International Biosecurity Network.	Improved preparedness to manage both established and exotic pests.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Hort Innovation.	Ongoing
	2.4 Development and implementation of a biosecurity training framework for the Passionfruit industry.	Biosecurity training framework.	Passionfruit framework with training modules will assist develop a skilled biosecurity focussed workforce.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Hort Innovation, PHA.	
3. Communication and Engagement	3.1 Passionfruit Australia Inc. maintains an industry database which holds current contact information for Passionfruit growers and key industry stakeholders.	Industry database.	Critical information on biosecurity can be delivered rapidly to the industry.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., other authorised buyers.	Ongoing
	3.2 Passionfruit Australia Inc. delivers an effective industry communications program with multiple delivery methods which has the capacity to deliver relevant biosecurity information, including Beeaware and the National Fruit Fly Council (NFFC).	Passionfruit communications program.	The Passionfruit industry is well informed on the range of issues impacting on industry and business.	Passionfruit Australia Inc.	Ongoing
	3.3 Promote, disseminate, and demonstrate benefits of biosecurity to industry within and across each component of the supply chain.	BOLT courses.	Improved knowledge of biosecurity and process and systems supporting biosecurity.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments, PHA.	Ongoing
	3.4 Prepare articles (including fact sheets) on biosecurity and key pests (exotic and	Articles, fact sheets, other information.	Industry stakeholders are informed on pests, current	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments, PHA.	2021-2022

	established) for publication in industry journals and website.		management practices and research activities.		
	3.5 Ensure industry (in particular new entrants) are aware of the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD), the Owner Reimbursement Cost (ORC) Framework and the implications for the industry and business.	Biosecurity awareness material.	Industry retains and builds knowledge of the response and management of exotic pests and pathogens.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., PHA.	
4. Innovation, Research, Development and Extension	4.1 Review and prioritise Passionfruit biosecurity Research, Development and Extension (RD&E) annually and identify opportunities for collaboration and cross-sectoral investment.	Passionfruit biosecurity RD&E plan.	A Passionfruit innovation and RD&E program that addresses key issues challenging the Passionfruit industry.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Biosecurity Reference Panel (BRP), State and Territory Governments (where appropriate), PHA.	Ongoing
	4.2 Keep informed of activities with SPHD through the national Diagnostic and Surveillance Network Coordinator.	Rapid field diagnostic tools.	More rapid diagnosis of pathogens will asset growers implement the most suitable eradication or management program.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments.	Ongoing
5. Collaboration and partnerships	5.1 Build strong networks among both researchers and regulators in Commonwealth and State/Territory governments.	A robust and collaborative research and regulatory network.	Greater input into future decisions making that may impact on the industry.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments, Universities.	
	5.2 Maintain collaborative arrangements with universities and other research and education providers so opportunities for Passionfruit research and development activities can be addressed.	Collaborative biosecurity programs.	The Passionfruit industry maintains access to innovative solutions and products.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., State and Territory Governments (where appropriate), Universities.	
	5.3 Support addressing gaps in biosecurity preparedness by collaborating with other industries, governments, and other stakeholders.	Collaborative biosecurity programs.	Improved biosecurity preparedness by industry and government.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., other industries, State and Territory Governments.	
	5.4 Facilitate and maintain an international network of Passionfruit technical specialists who can contribute to growth of knowledge and skills within the Australian Passionfruit industry.	Passionfruit pest and disease network.	Improved capability and capacity to manage both established and exotic pests.	Passionfruit Australia Inc.	Ongoing
	5.5. Engage in initiatives to improve preparedness and response to cross sectoral pests and or diseases.	Improved preparedness for pests and diseases.	Shared investment into RD&E.	Passionfruit Australia Inc., Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative (PBRI), PHA.	Ongoing

# **Australian Passionfruit industry - biosecurity preparedness**

The following table has been populated with the high priority pests of the Passionfruit industry. The aim of this table is to document the current preparedness documents and activities which are available and are currently being undertaken. This will allow industry, governments and RD&E agencies to better prepare for these high priority pests and align future activities as listed in the Biosecurity Implementation Table (Table 3).

Table 4. Documents and activities currently available for High Priority Pests of the Passionfruit industry.

Common name (Scientific name)	National Diagnostic Protocol <sup>32</sup>	Surveillance programs <sup>33</sup>	Fact sheets	Contingency plan	EPPRD category <sup>34</sup>	National Priority Plant Pest <sup>35</sup>	Potential Collaborators <sup>36</sup>
Invertebrates							
Diptera (flies and midges)							
Carambola fruit fly Bactrocera carambolae	For diagnostic information on fruit flies, refer to the Australian Handbook for the Identification of Fruit Flies. <sup>37</sup>	Australian Government & all states (excl. ACT), NAQS <sup>38</sup>	Not developed	Not developed	Not categorised	No. 4	Avocado, Citrus, Mango, Tomato, Vegetable
Oriental fruit fly Bactrocera dorsalis	For diagnostic information on fruit flies, refer to the Australian Handbook for the Identification of Fruit Flies. <sup>37</sup>	Australian Government & all states (excl. ACT), NAQS <sup>38</sup>	PHA <sup>39</sup> , QDAF <sup>40</sup> , NSW DPI <sup>41</sup> , NFFC <sup>42</sup>	Not developed	2	No. 4	Avocado, Mango, Summerfruit, Apple and Pear, Citrus, Viticulture, Banana, Coffee, Cherry, Tomato, Vegetable
Fijian fruit fly Bactrocera passiflorae	For diagnostic information on fruit flies, refer to the Australian Handbook for the Identification of Fruit Flies. <sup>37</sup>	Australian Government & all states (excl. ACT), NAQS <sup>38</sup>	PHA <sup>43</sup>	Not developed	Not categorised	Not listed	Mango, Avocado, Vegetable

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> https://www.plantbiosecuritydiagnostics.net.au/resources/?category=national-diagnostic-protocols

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Information presented has been taken from National Plant Biosecurity Status Report 2020, National Plant Health Surveillance Program and the Northern Australian Quarantine Strategy and confirmed through the Plant Health Committee.

<sup>34</sup> https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/response-arrangements/emergency-plant-pest-response-deed-epprd/

 $<sup>{}^{35}\</sup>underline{\text{https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/national-priority-plant-pests-2019}}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Industries listed in this column identify these pests within their biosecurity plans. Pests listed as a High Priority Pest are indicated by HPP.

<sup>37</sup> https://www.fruitflyidentification.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/The-Australian-Handbook-for-the-Identification-of-Fruit-Flies-v3.1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Australian Gov.: Northern Australian Quarantine Survey exotic fruit fly trapping, NSW: Exotic Fruit Flies-Ports & Riverina (protocol based on pheromone traps), Tas.: Fruit Fly Trapping program (area freedom & export protocol), VIC: National Plant Health Surveillance Project (protocol developed), SA: Ports of Entry Trapping Program (protocol developed), WA: Port of Entry Fruit Fly Trapping (Fruit fly Codes of Practice protocol), QLD: Exotic fruit fly trapping (protocol developed), NT: Fruit Fly monitoring and surveillance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Exotic-fruit-flies-FS.pdf

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{40}{\text{https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/crop-growing/priority-pest-disease/oriental-fruit-fly}$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant/insect-pests-and-plant-diseases/orientalff

<sup>42</sup> https://www.preventfruitfly.com.au/about-the-oriental-fruit-fly/

<sup>43</sup> https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Fijian-fruit-fly-FS.pdf

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Hemiptera (stink bugs, aphids, mea	alybugs, scale, whiteflies and hoppers)						
<b>Mealybug</b> <i>Dysmicoccus grassii</i> (Syn. <i>Pseudococcus grassi</i> )	Not developed	Not covered by a pest specific surveillance program	Not developed	Not developed	Not categorised	Not listed	
Cocoa mirids Helopeltis clavifer	Not developed	Not covered by a pest specific surveillance program	Not developed	Not developed	Not categorised	Not listed	
Pathogens							
Bacteria (including phytoplasmas)							
Bacterial canker of stone fruit, bacterial canker of trees Pseudomonas syringae exotic strains	Not developed	Not covered by a pest specific surveillance program	NSW DPI <sup>44</sup>	Not developed	Not categorised	Not listed	Nursery & Garden
Viruses and viroids							
Passionfruit severe leaf distortion virus (Begomovirus)	Not developed	Not covered by a pest specific surveillance program	Not developed	Not developed	Not categorised	Not listed	
Passionfruit Sri Lankan mottle potyvirus (Potyvirus)	Not developed	Not covered by a pest specific surveillance program	Not developed	Not developed	Not categorised	Not listed	
East Asian Passiflora virus (Potyvirus)	Not developed	Not covered by a pest specific surveillance program	Not developed	Not developed	Not categorised	Not listed	

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<sup>44</sup> https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0015/41514/Bacterial canker of stone fruit - Primefact 77.pdf

#### NATIONAL BIOSECURITY SYSTEM

# What is biosecurity and why is it important?

Plant biosecurity is a set of measures which protect the economy, environment and community from the negative impacts of exotic plant pests. A fully functional and effective biosecurity system is a vital part of the future profitability, productivity and sustainability of Australia's plant production industries and is necessary to preserve the Australian environment and our way of life.

Plant pests include (but are not limited to) insects, mites, snails or diseases (pathogens, including nematodes) that have the potential to adversely affect fresh food, fibre, ornamental crops, honey bees and stored products, as well as environmental flora and fauna. For agricultural systems, if exotic plant pests enter Australia, they can reduce crop yields, affect trade and market access, significantly increase costs to production and in the worst-case scenario, bring about the complete failure of a production system. Historical examples present us with an important reminder of the serious impact that exotic plant pests can have on agricultural production.

Australia's geographic isolation and lack of shared land borders have, in the past, provided a degree of natural protection from exotic plant pest threats. Australia's national quarantine system also helps to prevent the introduction of harmful exotic threats to plant industries. However, there will always be some risk of an exotic pest entering Australia, whether through natural dispersal (such as wind) or assisted dispersal as a result of increases in international tourism, imports and exports, mail and changes to transport procedures (e.g., refrigeration and containerisation of produce).

# The plant biosecurity system in Australia

Australia has a unique and internationally recognised biosecurity system to protect our plant production industries and the natural environment against new plant pests. The system is underpinned by a cooperative partnership between plant industries and all levels of government.

The framework for managing the cooperative partnership for delivering an effective plant biosecurity system is built on a range of strategies, policies and legislation, such as the Intergovernmental Agreement on Biosecurity (IGAB) and the National Plant Biosecurity Strategy (NPBS). These not only provide details about the current structure but provide a vision of how the future plant biosecurity system should operate.

Australia's biosecurity system has been subject to several reviews in recent times, with the recommendations recognising that a future-focused approach is vital for maintaining a strong and resilient biosecurity system that will protect Australia from new challenges. As a result, there is a focus on continuous improvement from industry and governments to keep Australia's plant biosecurity system effective, with the key themes including:

- Targeting what matters most, including risk-based decision making and managing biosecurity risks across the biosecurity continuum (pre-border, border and post-border).
- Good regulation, including reducing regulatory burden and having effective legislation in place.
- Better processes, including service delivery modernisation with electronic, streamlined systems.
- Sharing the responsibility, including maintaining productive relationships with all levels of government, primary industries and the wider Australian public.
- Maintaining a capable workforce.

#### Passionfruit peak industry body

Passionfruit Australia Inc. is the peak industry body for the Passionfruit industry. They are a signatory to the EPPRD and are the key industry contact point if a suspect emergency plant pest affecting the Australian Passionfruit Industry is detected. For a background on the Passionfruit industry, refer to page 58.

#### Passionfruit Australia Inc. biosecurity statement

All EPPRD Parties are required under Clause 13 of the EPPRD to produce a Biosecurity Statement, the purpose of which is to provide acknowledgement of and commitment to risk mitigation measures and preparedness activities related to plant biosecurity. The Biosecurity statement will inform all Parties of activities being undertaken by the Industry Party to meet this commitment. Parties are required to report to PHA each year any material changes to the content of, or the Party's commitment to, the Party's Biosecurity statement. Biosecurity statements are included in Schedule 15 of the EPPRD, which can be found on the PHA website at planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/emergency-plant-pest-response-deed/.

#### **Plant Health Australia**

Plant Health Australia (PHA) is the national coordinator of the government-industry partnership for plant biosecurity in Australia.

PHA is a not-for-profit, subscription-funded public company. The main activities of PHA are funded from annual subscriptions paid by members. The Australian Government, state and territory governments and 38 plant industry organisations are all members of PHA and each meet one third of the total annual membership subscription. This tripartisan funding model ensures the independence of PHA.

Plant Health Australia was formed to address priority plant health issues, and to work with all its members to develop an internationally outstanding plant health management system that enhances Australia's plant health status and the sustainability and profitability of Australia's plant industries. Through PHA, current and future needs of the plant biosecurity system can be mutually agreed, issues identified, and solutions to problems found. The independence and impartiality of PHA, allows the organisation to put the interests of the plant biosecurity system first and support a longer-term perspective.

For more information about PHA visit planthealthaustralia.com.au.

# **The Biosecurity Plan**

The Biosecurity Plan for the Australian Passionfruit Industry was developed in consultation with the Technical Expert Group and Biosecurity Implementation Group. These groups were comprised of plant health and biosecurity experts and industry representatives from key stakeholders.

The biosecurity plan not only details exotic plant pest threats to the Australian Passionfruit industry but also contains information on the current mitigation and surveillance activities being undertaken against these threats, and identifies contingency plans, fact sheets and diagnostic protocols that have been developed for these pests.

This plan is a framework to coordinate biosecurity activities and investment for Australia's Passionfruit Industry, and to build on strengths and address weaknesses in the industry's current biosecurity position. It provides a mechanism for key stakeholders to better prepare for and respond to, incursions of plant pests that could have significant impacts on the Australian Passionfruit Industry.

#### **Biosecurity planning**

Biosecurity planning provides a mechanism for the Australian Passionfruit Industry and other key stakeholders to actively determine plant pests of highest priority, analyse the risks they pose and put in place practices and procedures that would rapidly detect and minimise the impact of a pest incursion and/or reduce the chance of pests becoming established. Effective industry biosecurity planning relies on effort and engagement from all stakeholders, including government agencies, industry, and the public (Figure 1).

Ensuring the Passionfruit industry has the capacity to minimise the risks posed by pests, and to respond effectively to any pest threats is a vital step for the future sustainability and viability of the industry. Through this pre-emptive planning process, the industry will be better placed to maintain domestic and international trade and reduce the economic and social costs of pest incursions on both growers and the wider community. The information gathered during these processes provides additional assurance that the Australian Passionfruit industry is free from specific pests and has systems in place to control and manage biosecurity risks, which assists the negotiation of access to new overseas markets.

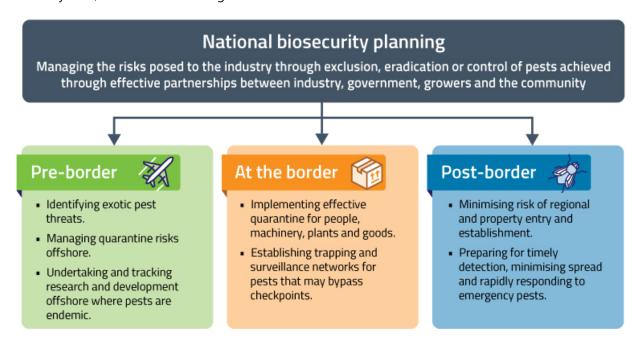


Figure 1. Industry biosecurity: a shared responsibility.

#### **Biosecurity Plan development**

With the assistance of Passionfruit Australia, Australian Lychee Growers Association and Papaya Australia, a Tropical Fruits Technical Expert Group (TEG) and a Tropical Fruits Biosecurity Implementation Group (BIG) were formed to work on the review of the Biosecurity Plan for the Passionfruit industry. These groups were coordinated by Plant Health Australia (PHA) and included representatives from the three industries, relevant Commonwealth, state, and territory agriculture agencies.

Key roles of the Technical Expert Group for the BP included:

- identifying and documenting key threats to the Passionfruit industry
- confirming an agreed high priority pest (HPP) list.

Key roles of the Biosecurity Implementation Group for the BP included:

- documenting pest-specific fact sheets, contingency plans, diagnostic protocols and surveillance programs for HPPs
- documenting the roles and responsibilities of stakeholder groups
- developing a biosecurity implementation table for future biosecurity related work to be conducted over the life of this biosecurity plan.

Table 5. Members of the Tropical Fruit Technical Expert Group (TEG) and/or the Tropical Fruit Biosecurity Implementation Group (BIG).

NAME	ORGANISATION	AREA OF EXPERTISE	MEMBER OF TEG	MEMBER OF BIG
Jill Houser	ALGA	Industry	✓	✓
Gerard Kath	Papaya Australia	Industry	✓	✓
Joe Zappala	Papaya Australia	Industry		✓
Dennis Chant	Passionfruit Australia	Industry	✓	✓
Jane Richter	Passionfruit Australia	Industry	✓	
Greg Chandler	Hort Innovation	Biosecurity, R&D	✓	
Matt Adkins	NSW DPI	R&D	✓	
Ruth Huwer	NSW DPI	Entomology	✓	✓
Fucheng Shan	WADPIRD	Research	✓	✓
Touhidur Rahman	WADPIRD	Entomology	<b>√</b>	
Alison Mackie	WA DPIRD	Pathology, Research		✓
Ceri Pearce	DAF QLD	Pathology	<b>√</b>	✓
Fiona Giblin	DAF QLD	Pathology	✓	✓
Lindy Coates	DAF QLD	Pathology	✓	
Christine Horlock	DAF QLD	Pathology	<b>√</b>	
lan Newton	DAF QLD	Entomology	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Jose Liberato	NTDITT	Pathology	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>
Stuart Kearns	PHA	Biosecurity	<b>√</b>	
Victoria Ludowici	PHA	Biosecurity	<b>√</b>	

Bosibori Bett	РНА	Biosecurity	✓	
Trevor Dunmall	РНА	Biosecurity	✓	<b>√</b>
Stephen Quarrell	РНА	Biosecurity		<b>√</b>
Rebecca Powderly	РНА	Biosecurity		✓

Table 6. Scientists and others who contributed information for the review of the biosecurity plan. 45

NAME	ORGANISATION	AREA OF EXPERTISE
Cherie Gambley	DAF QLD	Virology
Danuta Knihinicki	DPI NSW	Entomology
Denis Persley	DAF QLD	Virology
Jennifer Cobon	DAF QLD	Nematology
Marc Poole	WA DPIRD	Entomology
Nanditha Panthania	DAF QLD	Pathology
Peter Gillespie	DPI NSW	Entomology
Tony Pattison	DAF QLD	Pathology
Sharl Mintoff	NT DITT	Pathology
Merran Neilsen	NT DITT	Pathology
Brian Thistleton	NT DITT	Entomology

#### **Review processes**

With the support of the relevant industry bodies and PHA this plan should be reviewed on a 5-year basis. The review process will ensure:

- Threat Summary Tables are updated to reflect current knowledge
- pest risk assessments are current
- changes to biosecurity processes and legislation are documented
- contact details and the reference to available resources is accurate

In addition to the formal review process above, the document should be reviewed/revisited annually by a Biosecurity Reference Panel comprised of industry, government and PHA to ensure currency and relevance and to monitor progress with implementation. As an example, the industry biosecurity priorities identified within the plan could feed directly into industry R&D priority setting activities on an annual basis.

Opportunities to make out-of-session changes to the biosecurity plan, including the addition/subtraction of high priority pests or changes to legislation are currently being investigated. Such changes would need to include consultation and agreement of industry and government. This flexibility will facilitate the plan's currency and relevance.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> These people did not attend the technical expert group or biosecurity implementation group meetings but were approached for assistance during the biosecurity plan review process.

# THREAT IDENTIFICATION AND PEST RISK ASSESSMENTS

#### Introduction

This section identifies high-risk exotic plant pest threats to the Australian Passionfruit industry, and presents a framework for assessing the potential economic, social and environmental impacts associated with each threat. This part of the biosecurity plan uses a nationally consistent and coordinated approach to threat identification and risk assessment to provide a strong base for future risk management in the Australian Passionfruit industry.

By identifying key threats, a pre-emptive approach may be taken to risk management. Under this approach, mechanisms can be put into place to increase our response effectiveness when pest incursions occur. One such mechanism is the EPPRD that has been negotiated between PHA government and industry members. The EPPRD ensures reliable and agreed funding arrangements are in place in advance of EPP incursions and can assist in responses to EPP incursions, particularly for those EPP identified as key threats.

Identification of high-risk exotic plant pests will also assist in the implementation of effective grower and community awareness campaigns, targeted biosecurity education and training programs for growers and diagnosticians, and development of pest-specific incursion response plans.

Other pests of biosecurity significance are also considered in this biosecurity plan. It has been demonstrated that good biosecurity practice is beneficial for the ongoing management of other pests, as well as for surveillance and early detection of exotic plant pests. Other plant pests cause ongoing hardships for growers and these plant pests have been listed with the support of industry and government in recognition that they need a strategic, consistent, scientific and risk-based approach to better manage these plant pests for the benefit of the Australian Passionfruit industry.

# **Exotic pests of the Passionfruit industry**

#### Threat identification

Information on exotic pest threats to the Passionfruit industry described in this document came from a combination of:

- past records
- industry practice and experience
- relevant published literature
- local industry and overseas research
- specialist and expert judgment

At this time, only invertebrate pests (insects, mites, molluscs and nematodes) and pathogens (disease causing organisms) have been identified, for risk assessment as these are what are responded to under national agreed arrangements, under the EPPRD. If exotic weeds were to be included in the EPPRD then this would be revisited through future reviews of the plan.

#### **Pest risk assessments**

The assessment process used in this biosecurity plan was developed in accordance with the <u>International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) No. 2<sup>46</sup> and <u>11 [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.</u> <sup>47</sup> A summary of the pest risk analysis protocol followed in this biosecurity plan is shown in Table *7*.</u>

While there are similarities in the ranking system used in this document and the <u>Biosecurity Import Risk</u> <u>Analysis (BIRA)</u> Process followed by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), there are differences in the underlying methodology and scope of consideration that may result in different outcomes between the two assessment systems. This includes different guidance to assignment of qualitative probabilities.

Modifications of the DAWR<sup>49</sup> (Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, 2016) protocol have been made to suit the analysis required in the biosecurity plan development process, including, but not limited to:

- Entry potential: The determination of entry potential in this biosecurity plan considers multiple possible pathways for the legal importation of plant material as well as illegal pathways, contamination and the possibility of introduction through natural means such as wind. Therefore, the scope is wider than that used in the BIRA process, which only considers legal importation of plants or plant commodities.
- Potential economic impact of pest establishment in this document only considers the impacts on the Australian passionfruit industry. The BIRA process has a wider scope, including the impacts on all of Australia's plant industries, trade, the environment, social amenity and public health.
- Risk potential and impacts: The categories used in this biosecurity plan for describing the entry, establishment, spread, and potential economic impacts (see page 31) differs in comparison to that used in the BIRA process.

Table 7. Summary of pest risk assessment process used in BPs.

Step 1	Clearly identify the pest	<ul> <li>Generally, pest defined to species level</li> <li>Alternatively, a group (e.g. family, genus level) can be used</li> <li>Sub-species level (e.g. race, pathovar, etc.) may be required</li> </ul>
Step 2	Assess entry establishment and spread likelihoods	<ul><li>Assessment based on current system and factors</li><li>Negligible, low, medium, high or unknown ratings</li></ul>
Step 3	Assess the likely consequences	<ul> <li>Primarily based on likely economic impact to industry based on current factors</li> <li>Negligible, low, medium, high, extreme or unknown ratings</li> </ul>
Step 4	Derive overall risks	<ul> <li>Entry, establishment and spread likelihoods are combined to generate a likelihood score</li> <li>Likelihood score combined with the likely economic impact to generate an overall risk score</li> </ul>
Step 5	Review the risks	Risk ratings should be reviewed with the BP

<sup>47</sup> FAO (2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> FAO (2007).

<sup>48</sup> https://www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/sitecollectiondocuments/bira-guidelines-2016.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Now the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).

The objective of risk assessment is to clearly identify and classify biosecurity risks and to provide data to assist in the evaluation and treatment of these risks. Risk assessment involves consideration of the sources of risk, their consequences, and the likelihood that those consequences may occur. Factors that affect the consequences and likelihood may be identified and addressed via risk mitigation strategies.

Risk assessment may be undertaken to various degrees of refinement, depending on the risk information and data available. Assessment may be qualitative, semi-quantitative, quantitative, or a combination of these. The complexity and cost of assessment increase with the production of more quantitative data. It is often more practical to first obtain a general indication of the level of risk through qualitative risk assessment, and if necessary, undertake more specific quantitative assessment later [Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard (AS/NZS) ISO 31000, 2009].

#### **Ranking pest threats**

Key questions required for ranking the importance of pests include the following:

- What are the probabilities of entry into Australia, establishment and spread, for each pest?
- What are the likely impacts of the pest on cost of production, overall productivity and market access?
- How difficult is each pest to identify and control and/or eradicate?

The Threat Summary Tables (page 60) present a list of potential plant pest threats to the Australian Passionfruit Industry and provide summarised information on entry, establishment and spread potential, the economic consequences of establishment and eradication potential (where available). The most serious threats from the TST were identified through a process of qualitative risk assessment and are listed in the HPP list (Table 1).

This document considers all potential pathways by which a pest might enter Australia, including natural and human-assisted spread (including illegal means such as smuggling). This is a broader view of potential risk than the BIRA process conducted by DAFF which focuses only on specific, regulated import pathways.

When a pest that threatens multiple industries is assessed, the entry, establishment and spread potentials take into account all known factors across all host industries. This accurately reflects the ability of a pest to enter, establish and spread across Australia and ultimately results in different industries, and their biosecurity plans, sharing similar pest ratings. However, the economic impact of a pest is considered at an industry specific level (i.e., only for the Australian Passionfruit Industry in this biosecurity plan), and therefore this rating may differ between biosecurity plans.

#### Description of terms used in pest risk tables

The descriptions below relate to terms used in Table 1 and elsewhere in the document. Table 1 provides an overview of the top ranked biosecurity pest threats (invertebrates, pathogens and nematodes) for the Australian Passionfruit industry. Further details on each pest along with the basis for the likelihood ratings are provided in the TST. Assessments may change given more detailed research, and the priority list will be formally reviewed along with the Biosecurity Plan on an annual basis through the Biosecurity Reference Panel.

#### Entry potential

Negligible	The probability of entry is extremely low given the combination of all known factors including the geographic distribution of the pest, quarantine practices applied, probability of pest survival in transit and pathways for pest entry and distribution to a suitable host.
Low	The probability of entry is low, but clearly possible given the expected combination of factors described above.
Medium	Pest entry is likely given the combination of factors described above.
High	Pest entry is very likely and potentially frequent given the combination of factors described above.
Unknown	The pest entry potential is unknown or very little of value is known.

#### Establishment potential

Negligible	The probability of entry is extremely low given the combination of all known factors including the geographic distribution of the pest, quarantine practices applied, probability of pest survival in transit and pathways for pest entry and distribution to a suitable host.
Low	The probability of entry is low, but clearly possible given the expected combination of factors described above.
Medium	Pest entry is likely given the combination of factors described above.
High	Pest entry is very likely and potentially frequent given the combination of factors described above.
Unknown	The pest entry potential is unknown or very little of value is known.

#### Spread potential

Negligible	The pest has very limited potential for spread in Australia given the combination of dispersal mechanisms, availability of hosts, vector presence, industry practices and geographic and climatic barriers.
Low	The pest has the potential for natural or assisted spread to susceptible hosts within Australia yet is hindered by a number of the above factors
Medium	The pest has an increased likelihood of spread due to the above factors
High	The natural spread of the pest to most production areas is largely unhindered and assisted spread within Australia is also difficult to manage
Unknown	The spread potential is unknown or very little of value is known.

#### Economic impact

There are very minor, often undetectable, impacts on production with insignificant changes to host longevity, crop quality, production costs or storage ability. There are no restrictions to market access.  Very low  There are minor, yet measurable, impacts on production including either host longevity, crop quality, production costs or storage ability. There are no restrictions to market access.  Low  There are measurable impacts to production including either host mortality, reduction in yield, production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or minimal impacts on market access.  Medium  There are significant impacts on production with either host mortality, reduction in yield, production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or moderate impacts on market access.  High  There are severe impacts on production including host mortality and significant impacts on either crop quality or storage losses, and/or severe impacts on market access.  Extreme  There is extreme impact on standing crop at all stages of maturity, with high host mortality or unmanageable impacts to crop production and quality, and /or extreme, long term, impacts on market access.  The economic potential of the pest is unknown or very little of value is known.		
crop quality, production costs or storage ability. There are no restrictions to market access.  Low  There are measurable impacts to production including either host mortality, reduction in yield, production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or minimal impacts on market access.  Medium  There are significant impacts on production with either host mortality, reduction in yield, production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or moderate impacts on market access.  High  There are severe impacts on production including host mortality and significant impacts on either crop quality or storage losses, and/or severe impacts on market access.  Extreme  There is extreme impact on standing crop at all stages of maturity, with high host mortality or unmanageable impacts to crop production and quality, and /or extreme, long term, impacts on market access.	Negligible	changes to host longevity, crop quality, production costs or storage ability. There are no
yield, production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or minimal impacts on market access.  Medium  There are significant impacts on production with either host mortality, reduction in yield, production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or moderate impacts on market access.  High  There are severe impacts on production including host mortality and significant impacts on either crop quality or storage losses, and/or severe impacts on market access.  Extreme  There is extreme impact on standing crop at all stages of maturity, with high host mortality or unmanageable impacts to crop production and quality, and /or extreme, long term, impacts on market access.	Very low	crop quality, production costs or storage ability. There are no restrictions to market
production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or moderate impacts on market access.  High There are severe impacts on production including host mortality and significant impacts on either crop quality or storage losses, and/or severe impacts on market access.  Extreme There is extreme impact on standing crop at all stages of maturity, with high host mortality or unmanageable impacts to crop production and quality, and /or extreme, long term, impacts on market access.	Low	yield, production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or minimal impacts on market
on either crop quality or storage losses, and/or severe impacts on market access.  Extreme  There is extreme impact on standing crop at all stages of maturity, with high host mortality or unmanageable impacts to crop production and quality, and /or extreme, long term, impacts on market access.	Medium	production costs, crop quality, storage losses, and/or moderate impacts on market
mortality or unmanageable impacts to crop production and quality, and /or extreme, long term, impacts on market access.	High	
<b>Unknown</b> The economic potential of the pest is unknown or very little of value is known.	Extreme	mortality or unmanageable impacts to crop production and quality, and /or extreme,
	Unknown	The economic potential of the pest is unknown or very little of value is known.

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FAO (2007) Framework for pest risk analysis. International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures No. 2. Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome.

### **RISK MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS**

### Introduction

There are a number of strategies that can be adopted to help protect and minimise the risks of Emergency Plant Pests under <u>International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards</u><sup>50</sup> and Commonwealth and state/territory legislation.

Many pre-emptive practices can be adopted to reduce the risk of exotic pest movement for the Australian Passionfruit Industry (Figure 2). Such risk mitigation and preparedness practices are the joint responsibility of governments, industry and the community.

A number of key risk mitigation areas are outlined in this guide, along with summaries of the roles and responsibilities of the Australian commonwealth, state and territory governments, and Australian Passionfruit Industry members. This section is to be used as a guide outlining possible activities that may be adopted by industry and growers to mitigate the risk and prepare for an incursion response. Each grower will need to evaluate the efficacy of each activity for their individual situation.

# Industry biosecurity risk mitigation activities



# Government and industry-wide risk mitigation

Examples include:

- quarantine legislation and regulations
- movement and import restrictions based on biosecurity risk
- farm level exclusion activities.



# Training, research and quality assurance

Examples include:

- · awareness and training activities
- inclusion of biosecurity in BMP and OA schemes
- response and management research and development for key pests.



#### Pest management and farm hygiene

Examples include:

- pest surveillance activities
- control of vectors
- destruction of crop residues
- · control of alternative hosts and weeds
- destruction of neglected crops
- use of warning and information signs
- · reporting suspect pests.



# Equipment and vehicle management

Examples include:

- use of dedicated equipment in high risk areas
- managing vehicle movement during high risk times
- provision of parking and wash-down facilities on-farm.



#### People and product management

Examples include:

- exclusion activities
- using pest-free propagation materials
- post-harvest product management.

Figure 2. Examples of biosecurity risk mitigation activities.

<sup>50</sup> https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/ispms/

# **Barrier quarantine**

Barrier quarantine refers to the biosecurity measures implemented at all levels of the Passionfruit industry including national, state, regional and farm levels.

#### **National level – importation restrictions**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is the Australian Government department responsible for maintaining and improving international trade and market access opportunities for agriculture, fisheries, forestry, and food industries. DAFF achieves this through:

- Establishment of scientifically based quarantine policies,
- provision of effective technical advice and export certification services,
- negotiations with key trading partners,
- participation in multilateral forums and international sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) standardsetting organisations,
- collaboration with portfolio industries and exporters.

DAFF is responsible for developing biosecurity (i.e. SPS) risk management policy and reviewing existing quarantine measures for the importation of live animals and plants, and animal and plant products. In particular, DAFF undertakes import risk analyses to determine which products may enter Australia, and under what quarantine conditions. DAFF also consults with industry and the community, conducting research and developing policy and procedures to protect Australia's animal and plant health status and natural environment. In addition, DAFF assists Australia's export market program by negotiating other countries' import requirements for Australian animals and plants. Further information can be found at agriculture.gov.au.

The administrative authority for national quarantine is vested in DAFF under the Australian Government *Biosecurity Act 2015*. Quarantine policies are developed through the Biosecurity Import Risk Analysis (BIRA) process. This process is outlined in the BIRA Guidelines 2016 (Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, 2016). DAFF maintains barrier quarantine services at all Australian international sea and airports, and in the Torres Strait region. The management of quarantine policy, as it relates to the introduction into Australia of fruit, seed, or other plant material, is the responsibility of DAFF.

The Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions Database (BICON) contains the current Australian import conditions for more than 20,000 foreign plants, animal, mineral, and human products and is the first point of access to information about Australian import requirements for a range of commodities. It can be used to determine if a commodity intended for import to Australia requires a quarantine import permit and/or treatment or if there are any other quarantine prerequisites. BICON can be accessed at <a href="mailto:agriculture.gov.au/import/bicon">agriculture.gov.au/import/bicon</a>. For export conditions see the Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICOR) database at <a href="https://micor.agriculture.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx">https://micor.agriculture.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx</a>.

The Australian Government is responsible for the inspection of machinery and equipment being imported into Australia. Any machinery or equipment being imported into Australia must meet quarantine requirements. If there is any uncertainty, contact DAFF on 1800 900 090, or visit the website at <a href="https://www.qov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/online-services/bicon">awe.qov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/online-services/bicon</a>.

The World Trade Organization (WTO) SPS Agreement facilitates international trade while providing a framework to protect the human, animal, and plant health of WTO members. SPS measures put in place must minimise negative effects on trade while meeting an importing country's appropriate level of protection. For plant products, these measures are delivered through the IPPC standard setting organisations and collaboration with portfolio industries and exporters. For more information on the IPPC visit ippc.int.

#### State and regional level – movement restrictions

The ability to control movement of materials that can carry and spread passionfruit pests is of high importance. Each state/territory may have quarantine legislation in place to control the importation of passionfruit and or passionfruit pest carriers interstate and intrastate, and to manage agreed pests if an incursion occurs (contact details in Table 8). Further regulations have been put in place in response to specific pest threats and these are regularly reviewed and updated by state/territory authorities and the Subcommittee on Market Access, Risk and Trade (SMART; previously the Subcommittee for Domestic Quarantine and Market Access (SDQMA)).

Moving plant material between states/territories generally requires permits from the appropriate authority, depending on the plant species and which territory/state the material is being transferred to/from. Moving plant material intrastate may also require a permit from the appropriate authority. Information on pre-importation inspection, certification and treatments and/or certification requirements for movement of lychee can be obtained by contacting your local state or territory agriculture department directly (contact details in Table 8), or through the <a href="MART website">SMART website</a> <sup>51</sup> which lists relevant contacts in each state/territory as well as Interstate Certification Assurance (ICA) documents relating to each state/territory.

The movement of farm vehicles and equipment between states is also restricted because of the high risk of inadvertently spreading pests and weed seed. Each state/territory has quarantine legislation in place governing the movement of machinery, equipment, and other potential sources of pest contamination. Further information can be obtained by contacting your local state/territory agriculture department (contact details in Table 8).

<sup>51</sup> https://interstatequarantine.org.au/

Table 8. Interstate and interregional movement of plant products – legislation, quarantine manuals and contact numbers.

STATE	ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY	LEGISLATION	LINKS TO QUARANTINE MANUAL	PHONE
ACT	Environment ACT environment.act.gov.au	Plant Disease Act 2002 Pest Plants and Animals Act 2005	https://www.environment. act.gov.au/ data/assets/p df file/0007/902293/act- biosecurity-strategy-2016- 2026.pdf	13 22 81
NSW	Department of Primary Industries dpi.nsw.gov.au	Biosecurity Act 2015 Biosecurity Regulation 2017 Biosecurity Order (Permitted Activities) 2017 and other supporting legislation such as Control Orders	https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.a u/biosecurity/managing- biosecurity/legislation	(02) 6391 3384
NT	Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Northern Territory https://daf.nt.gov.au/biosecurity	Plant Health Act 2008 Plant Health Regulations 2011	https://industry.nt.gov.au/ data/assets/pdf file/0011 /396587/Plant- Quarantine-Manual.pdf	(08) 8999 2118
QLD	Biosecurity Queensland, a part of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland daf.qld.gov.au/biosecurity	Biosecurity Act 2014 Biosecurity Regulation 2016	https://www.daf.qld.gov.au /_data/assets/pdf_file/000 4/379138/qld-biosecurity- manual.pdf	132 523
SA	Primary Industries and Regions SA <u>pir.sa.gov.au</u>	Plant Health Act 2009 Plant Health Regulations 2022	pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/p lant_health/importing_com mercial plants and plant products into south austr alia	(08) 8207 7820
TAS	Biosecurity Tasmania, a part of the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment Tasmania https://nre.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania	Biosecurity Act 2019 Plant Quarantine Act 1997 Weed Management Act 1999	https://nre.tas.gov.au/doc uments/Plant%20Biosecuri ty%20Manual%20Tasmani a.pdf	1300 368 550
VIC	Agriculture Victoria, a part of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/	Plant Biosecurity Act 2010 Plant Biosecurity Regulations 2016	agriculture.vic.gov.au/psb	136 186
WA	Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development agric.wa.gov.au/	Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007	https://www.agric.wa.gov.a u/qtine/default.asp	(08) 9368 3333

#### **New South Wales**

Information on pre-importation inspection, certification and treatment requirements may be obtained from NSW DPI Regulatory Services by phone 02 6391 3384 or by visiting the NSW Department of Primary Industries website dpi.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/about/legislation-acts/plant-diseases.

#### Northern Territory

Administrative authority for regional quarantine in the Northern Territory (NT) is vested in the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade (DITT) under the Plant Health Act 2008 and Plant Health Regulations 2011. The Act enables notifiable pests to be gazetted, quarantine areas to be declared and inspectors appointed to carry out wide ranging control and/or eradication measures. Plant import requirements for particular pests, plants or plant related materials are identified in the Regulations. Further information on NT import requirements and treatments can be obtained by contacting NT Quarantine on (08) 8999 5511 or email quarantine@nt.qov.au.

For more information refer to the NT DPIR website dpir.nt.gov.au/.

#### Queensland

Information on specific pre-importation inspection, treatments and/or certification requirements for movement of any fruit or plant material into Queensland, as well as maps of pest quarantine areas, may be obtained from the Biosecurity Queensland part of the DAF QLD website (Restrictions on moving plant material, soil and related equipment into Queensland | Business Queensland)

Further details can be obtained from the DAF Queensland Customer Service Centre by phoning 13 25 23 or by fax 07 3404 6900.

#### South Australia

Information on pre-importation inspection, certification and treatments and/or certification requirements for movement of fruit or plant material in South Australia (SA) may be obtained from Biosecurity SA - Plant Health by phone (08) 8207 7820 or fax (08) 8207 7844. Further information can be found at pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/plant health.

Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) have strict regulations and requirements regarding the entry of plant material (fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, soil and seeds) into the State.

For further information on import conditions consult the Plant Quarantine Standard (pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/plant health/importing commercial plants and plant products into south australia).

#### **Tasmania**

Information on specific pre-importation inspection, treatments and/or certification requirements for movement of any fruit or plant material into Tasmania may be obtained from the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (DPIPWE) Biosecurity website (www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity) or by phoning 1300 368 550.

General and specific import conditions apply to the importation of plant material into Tasmania to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases into the State. Plants and plant products must not be imported into Tasmania unless State import requirements are met and a Notice of Intention to import has been provided to a Biosecurity Tasmania inspector not less than 24 hours prior to the importation.

For further information on import conditions consult the Plant Quarantine Manual (dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity-tasmania/plant-biosecurity/plant-biosecurity-manual).

manualhttp://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/biosecurity/plant-biosecurity/plant-biosecurity-manual).

#### Victoria

The movement into Victoria of plants and plant products may be subject to a prohibition, or to one or more conditions which may include chemical treatments. These prohibitions and conditions are described on the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) website (see link in Table 8). Some items may need to be presented to a DJPR inspector or an accredited business, for checking of details such as correct certification, labelling or treatment.

Further information on pre-importation inspection, certification and treatments and/or certification

requirements for movement of fruit or plant material into or within Victoria may be obtained from DJPR on the web at <a href="mailto:agriculture.vic.gov.au/psb">agriculture.vic.gov.au/psb</a> or by phone 136 186.

#### Western Australia

The lead agency for agricultural biosecurity in Western Australia is the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). Western Australia is naturally free from a large number of pests and diseases that are present in many other parts of the world. WA's geographical isolation in conjunction with a robust plant biosecurity system including border and intrastate regulations, industry and public awareness campaigns and surveillance programs maintains this status.

There are general and specific legislative requirements which underpin Western Australian plant biosecurity. Amongst other things the legislation regulates movement of potential carriers (such as plant material, honey, machinery, seeds etc.) into and within the state.

General conditions include (but are not limited to the following):

- The requirement for all potential carriers to be presented to an inspector for inspection upon arrival in WA
- Soil is prohibited entry and imported goods, including containers, must be free from soil
- Freedom from pests and diseases of quarantine concern to WA

In addition to the general requirements, specific requirements are also in place for movement into and within the state.

For further information on requirements contact Quarantine WA on (08) 9368 3333.

#### Farm level – exclusion activities

A significant risk of spreading pests onto farms arises when propagation material, people, machinery and equipment move from property to property and from region to region. It is the responsibility of the industry and the owner/manager of each property to ensure these risks are minimised.

It is in the interests of industry to encourage and monitor the management of risk at the farm level, as this will reduce the probability of pest entry and increase the probability of early detection. This should in turn reduce the likelihood of a costly incident response, thereby reducing costs to industry, government and the community.

One major way this can be achieved is through management of industry biosecurity at the farm level using exclusion practices. Further detail on potential strategies is included in the Farm Biosecurity section (page 44). The Australian Passionfruit Industry is already a strong supporter of farm biosecurity; but should continue to further extend this message of promoting good farm hygiene in a wide range of ways.

# **Surveillance**

Surveys enhance prospects for early detection, minimises costs associated with eradication and are necessary to meet the treaty obligations of the WTO SPS Agreement with respect to the area freedom status of Australia, Australian states and territories and intra state/territory regions.

The SPS Agreement gives WTO members the right to impose SPS measures to protect human, animal and plant life health provided such measures do not serve as technical barriers to trade. In other words, for countries (such as Australia) that have signed the SPS Agreement, imports of food, including fresh fruit and cherries, can only be restricted on proper, science-based quarantine grounds. Where quarantine conditions are imposed, these will be the least trade restrictive measures available that meet Australia's appropriate level of quarantine protection. The SPS Agreement also stipulates that claims of area freedom must be supported by appropriate information, including evidence from surveillance and monitoring activities. This is termed "evidence of absence" data and is used to provide support that we have actively looked-for pests and not found them.

ISPM No. 6 (ippc.int/sites/default/files/documents/20140528/spec 61 revispm6 2014-05-28 201405281352--150.18%20KB.pdf) provides international guidelines for structured pest surveys. Structured pest survey planning and implementation depends on the risk involved, the resources available, and the requirements of trading partners (particularly when Australia wishes to access overseas markets). The intensity and timing of surveys also depend on the spread characteristics of the pest, detection techniques available and the potential impact of the pest.

Early detection of an exotic pest incursion can significantly increase the likelihood of a successful eradication campaign and reduce the associated costs. Effective surveillance plays a critical role in working toward this goal. Surveillance can be either targeted toward specific pests, or general in nature. General non-targeted surveillance is based on recognising normal versus suspect plant material. Targeted surveillance is important to determine the presence or absence in each area (state/territory or region.

Industry personnel can provide very effective early detection of new or unusual symptoms through their normal management practices (i.e. 'passive surveillance'), provided individuals are aware of what to look for and of reporting procedures. Consultants and crop scouts can provide valuable information as they are regularly in the field, and hence can observe any unusual pest activity or symptoms on plants.

## **National surveillance programs**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) maintains barrier quarantine services at all international ports and in the Torres Strait region. DAFF also surveys the northern coast of Australia, offshore islands and neighbouring countries for exotic pests that may have reached the country through other channels (e.g., illegal vessel landings in remote areas, bird migrations, wind currents) as part of the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS). NAQS surveillance programs relevant to the Australian Lychee Industry are listed in Table 9.

## **State surveillance programs**

State level surveillance depends on the participation of all stakeholder groups, particularly state/territory agriculture departments, industry representative groups, agri-businesses and growers.

The state/territory agriculture department can provide:

- planning and auditing of surveillance systems,
- coordination of surveillance activities between industry and interstate groups,
- diagnostic services,
- field diagnosticians for special field surveillance,
- surveillance on non-commercial sites,
- liaison services with industry members,

<sup>52</sup> https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/australia/nags

- communication, training and extension strategies with industry,
- biosecurity training, and
- reporting services to all interested parties (Department of Agriculture, national bodies, trading partners and industry).

Various pest surveillance programs are managed by the Department of Agriculture and the state/territory agriculture departments. Many state/territory agriculture agencies run diagnostic programs whereby samples of pests suspected to be EPP or HPP can be forwarded to the local agency and diagnosed for the presence of exotic pests free of charge. Official surveillance programs that target pests of the Australian Passionfruit Industry (exotic or those under official control in a region or state/territory) are shown in Table 9.

Table 9. Official surveillance programs that target pests of the Passionfruit industry (as of July 2020). 53

SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM	TARGET PEST(S)	TARGET HOST(S)		
Australian Governme	ent			
External Territories Surveillance Program	High priority exotic pests	Various environmental, production and ornamental plants		
International Plant Health Surveillance Program	High priority exotic pests	Tropical horticultural, environmental and agricultural species		
National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Braula coeca, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus, slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Bee swarms at first points of entry		
National Border Surveillance Program	Specific high priority exotic pests and any pest belonging to key taxonomic groups	Plant families of high economic importance and known or potential key hosts of specific exotic pests, focusing on regulatory import pathway risks		
National Plant Health Surveillance Program (delivered through states and territories)	High priority exotic pests including exotic gypsy moth and fruit fly species	Various, based on the species surveyed		
Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy – exotic fruit fly trapping	Exotic fruit flies including <i>Bactrocera dorsalis, B. latifrons, B. trivialis, B. umbrosa, Zeugodacus atrisetosa, Z. cucurbitae, Z. decipiens</i>	Various		
Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy – pest and disease surveys	123 high priority exotic pests, diseases and weeds	Tropical horticultural, environmental and agricultural species		
Within New South Wales				
Exotic fruit flies – Riverina	Mediterranean fruit fly ( <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> ), other tri lure responsive exotic fruit flies	Various horticultural crops (citrus, stone fruit)		
Exotic longhorn beetle trapping	Asian longhorn beetle ( <i>Anoplophora glabripennis</i> ), Japanese pine sawyer beetle ( <i>Monochamus alternatus</i> ), brown mulberry longhorn beetle ( <i>Apriona germari</i> )	Various hosts around ports		

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Information presented has been taken from the National Plant Biosecurity Status Report 2020 and confirmed by the Sub-committee on National Plant Health Surveillance (sub-committee of the Plant Health Committee) and NAQS

National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Braula coeca, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus, slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Ports and surrounding environment
National Plant Health Surveillance Program – multi pest surveillance	Multiple including Bactrocera albistrigata, B. carambolae, B. caryae, B. correcta, B. curvipennis, B. dorsalis, B. facialis, B. kandiensis, B. kirki, B. melanotus, B. occipitalis, B. passiflorae, B. psidii, B. trilineola, B. trivialis, B. umbrosa, B. xanthodes, B. zonata, Ceratitis capitata, Zeugodacus cucurbitae, Z. tau, gypsy moth (Lymantria spp.), glassy winged sharpshooter (Homalodisca vitripennis), Xylella fastidiosa, fire blight (Erwinia amylovora), brown marmorated stink bug (Halyomorpha halys), exotic mites (including Brevipalpus spp., Aceria granati), Asian citrus psyllid (Diaphorina citri), African citrus psyllid (Trioza erytreae), huanglongbing (Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus), citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis subsp. citri), and invasive ants (Solenopsis spp., Wasmannia auropunctata, Anoplolepis gracilipes)	Multiple
Serpentine leafminer	Serpentine leafminer ( <i>Liriomyza huidobrensis</i> )	Multiple horticultural and ornamental hosts
Within the Northern	Territory	
Area Freedom Surveillance Program	Queensland fruit fly (Bactrocera tryoni)	Horticultural crops
National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Braula coeca, Aethina tumida, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus and slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris, and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Ports and surrounding environment
National Plant Health Surveillance Program – multi pest surveillance	Multiple including citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri), huanglongbing (Candidatus Liberibacter spp.), Asiatic citrus psyllid (Diaphorina citri), giant African snail (Achatina fulica), glassy winged sharpshooter (Homalodisca vitripennis), Pierce's disease (Xylella fastidiosa), banana black sigatoka (Mycosphaerella fijiensis), red imported fire ant (Solenopsis invicta), electric ant (Wasmannia auropunctata), yellow crazy ant (Anoplolepis gracilipes), Bactericera cockerelli, Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum, potato leafminer, pea leafminer, serpentine leafminer (Liriomyza huidobrensis), American leafminer (Liriomyza trifolii), vegetable leafminer (Liriomyza sativae), exotic fruit flies (Bactrocera spp. and Ceratitis spp.)	Multiple
Plant Pest Diagnostic Service – horticulture	All pests and pathogens that can affect horticultural crops (mango, chilli, watermelon, Cucurbitaceae)	Horticultural crops
Regional Fruit Fly Monitoring and Surveillance	Exotic fruit flies (Bactrocera spp. and Ceratitis spp.)	Horticultural crops
Within Queensland		
Area freedom surveys	Multiple pests	Multiple
Exotic Fruit Fly in the Torres Strait Program	Exotic fruit fly including Bactrocera and Zeugodacus spp.	Multiple
Grow Help Australia diagnostic service project	All pests and pathogens that can affect horticultural crops, national parks, gardens, hobby growers and home gardeners. Commonly encountered pathogens include <i>Phytophthora</i> spp., <i>Fusarium</i> spp., <i>Colletotrichum</i> spp., <i>Alternaria</i> spp., <i>Rhizoctonia</i> spp., <i>Pythium</i> spp., <i>Ralstonia</i> spp., <i>Erwinia</i> spp. and viruses	Fruit, vegetable and ornamental hosts

National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Braula coeca, Aethina tumida, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus and slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris, and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Ports and surrounding environment
National Plant Health Surveillance Program – multi pest surveillance	Multiple, including exotic fruit flies and Mediterranean fruit fly ( <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> ), exotic gypsy moths, Pierce's disease ( <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> ) and glassy winged sharpshooter ( <i>Homalodisca vitripennis</i> ), and brown marmorated stink bug ( <i>Halyomorpha halys</i> ).	Multiple
Bee pest and pest bee diagnostic service	Multiple pests	European honey bee
Within South Austral	ia	
Area freedom surveys	Multiple pests	Multiple
Bee surveillance – endemic disease	American foulbrood ( <i>Paenibacillus</i> spp.)	European honey bees
Mediterranean fruit fly	Mediterranean fruit fly (Ceratitus capitata)	Horticultural crops
National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Braula coeca, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus and slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Ports and surrounding environment
National Plant Health Surveillance Program – multi pest surveillance	Multiple, including exotic invasive ants (tramp ants), Asian and African citrus psyllids ( <i>Diaphorina citri</i> , <i>Candidatus</i> Liberibacter africanus), huanglongbing ( <i>Candidatus</i> Liberibacter asiaticus), citrus canker ( <i>Xanthomonas axonopodis</i> pv. <i>citri</i> ), glassy winged sharpshooters ( <i>Homalodisca vitripennis</i> and <i>H. coagulata</i> ), brown mamorated stink bug ( <i>Halyomorpha halys</i> ), xylella ( <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> )	Multiple
Ports of Entry Trapping Program	Multiple – Bactrocera albistrigata, B. carambolae, B. caryae, B. correcta, B. curvipennis, B. dorsalis, B. facialis, B. kandiensis, B. kirki, B. melanotus, B. occipitalis, B. passiflorae, B. psidii, B. trilineola, B, trivialis, B. tryoni, B. umbrosa, B. xanthodes, B. zonata, Ceratitis capitata, C. rosa, Zeugodacus cucurbitae, Z. tau	Various fruit fly hosts
Mediterranean fruit fly	Mediterranean fruit fly (Ceratitis capitata)	Horticultural crops
Queensland fruit fly	Queensland fruit fly (Bactrocera tryoni)	Horticultural crops
Within Tasmania		
Bee surveillance – endemic disease and pests	American foulbrood ( <i>Paenibacillus</i> spp.), European foulbrood ( <i>Melissococcus pluton</i> ), chalkbrood ( <i>Ascophera apis</i> ), sacbrood ( <i>Nosema apis</i> , <i>N. ceranae</i> ), sacbrood virus ( <i>Morator aetatulas</i> ), greater wax moth ( <i>Galleria mellonella</i> ), lesser wax moth ( <i>G. achroia grisella</i> ), European wasps ( <i>Vespula germanica</i> ), <i>Braula coeca</i> , bumble bee ( <i>Bombus terestris</i> )	European honey bees
Fruit fly trapping surveillance	Bactrocera dorsalis, B. tryoni, Ceratitis capitata and exotic fruit flies	Host fruit trees, fruit and vegetables
National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Aethina tumida, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus and slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Ports and surrounding environment
National Plant Health Surveillance Program – multi pest surveillance	Brown marmorated stink bug ( <i>Halyomorpha halys</i> ), citrus canker ( <i>Xanthomonas citri</i> subsp. <i>citri</i> ), gypsy moths (including <i>Lymantria albescens</i> , <i>L. atameles</i> , <i>L. concolor</i> , <i>L. dispar asiatica</i> , <i>L. dispar dispar</i> , <i>L. dispar japonica</i> , <i>L. dissoluta</i> , <i>L. fumida</i> , <i>L. marginata</i> , <i>L. minomonis</i> , <i>L.</i>	Multiple

	monacha, L. postalba, L. pulverea, L. sinica, L. umbrosa, L. xylina), huanglongbing (Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus), Bactericera cockerelli, Diaphorina citri, Trioza erytreae, B. trigonica, Trioza apicallis, Pierce's disease (Xylella fastidiosa), glassy winged sharpshooter (Homalodisca vitripennis), Bactrocera, Zeugodacus and Ceratitis spp. (exotic fruit fly species)	
Within Victoria		
Alert contacts	All plant pests	All hosts, general surveillance
Exotic fruit flies – Sunraysia	Mediterranean fruit fly (Ceratitis capitata)	Various horticultural crops (citrus, stone fruit)
MyPestGuide e- surveillance	All plant pests	All hosts, general surveillance
National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Braula coeca, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus, slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Ports and surrounding environment
National Plant Health Surveillance Program – multi pest surveillance	Multiple including citrus canker (Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri), exotic fruit flies (Bactrocera spp., Ceratitis captitata), Pierce's disease (Xylella fastidiosa), glassy winged sharpshooter (Homalodisca vitripennis), plum pox virus, Asian gypsy moth (Lymantria dispar and other Lymantria spp.), brown marmorated stink bug (Halyomorpha halys), Asian citrus psyllid (Diaphorina citri), African citrus psyllid (Trioza erytreae) and spotted wing drosophila (drosophila suzukii)	Multiple
Passive MedFly Program	Mediteranean fruit fly (Ceratitis capitata)	Fruit trees in backyards
Urban Plant Health Network	Various, including brown marmorated stink bug ( <i>Halyomorpha halys</i> ), Asian citrus psyllid ( <i>Diaphorina citri</i> ), African citrus psyllid ( <i>Trioza erytreae</i> ), Asian honeybee, red imported fire ant ( <i>Solenopsis invicta</i> ), spotted wing drosphila (drosophila suzukii) and glassy winged sharpshooter ( <i>Homalodisca vitripennis</i> )	Multiple plant hosts in periurban landscape, including community gardens
Within Western Aust		
Ant Blitz	Browsing ant ( <i>Lepisiota frauenfeldi</i> ), Red Imported Fire Ant ( <i>Solenopsis invicta</i> ), Small black sugar ant ( <i>Lepisiota capensis</i> )	Urban areas
Biosecurity Blitz	All plant pests	General surveillance, all hosts
Medfly Area Freedom (Ord River Irrigation Area)	Mediterranean fruit fly (Ceratitis capitata)	Many horticultural hosts
MyPestGuide e- surveillance	All plant pests	All hosts, general surveillance
National Bee Pest Surveillance Program	Varroa destructor, V. jacobsoni, Tropilaelaps clareae, T. mercedesae, Acarapis woodi, Oplostoma fuligineus, Braula coeca, acute bee paralysis virus, deformed wing virus, slow paralysis virus, Apis cerana, A. dorsata, A. florea, Bombus terrestris and new exotic swarms of A. mellifera	Ports and surrounding environment
National Plant Health Surveillance Program – multi pest surveillance	Multiple including Asian citrus psyllid ( <i>Diaphorina citri</i> ), citrus canker ( <i>Xanthomonas axonopodis</i> pv. <i>citri</i> ), citrus longicorn beetle ( <i>Anoplophora chinensis</i> ), glassy winged sharpshooter ( <i>Homalodisca vitripennis</i> ), xylella ( <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> ), brown marmorated stink bug ( <i>Halyomorpha halys</i> )	Pome and citrus crops
Port of Entry – Asian gypsy moth trapping	Asian gypsy moth (Lymantria dispar)	More than 600 forest, orchard, ornamental and native species
Port of Entry – fruit fly trapping	Various Bactrocera and Ceratitis spp.	Horticultural hosts

Queensland fruit fly	Queensland fruit fly (Bactrocera tryoni)	Many horticultural hosts
surveillance		

## Farm level pest monitoring

Farm level monitoring involves the participation and interaction of growers, agribusinesses and industry representative groups. Examples of the surveillance activities that can be carried out by each of these groups are outlined in Figure 3. Conducting regular surveys of farms and nurseries provides the best chance of spotting new plant pests early and implementing eradication or management responses.

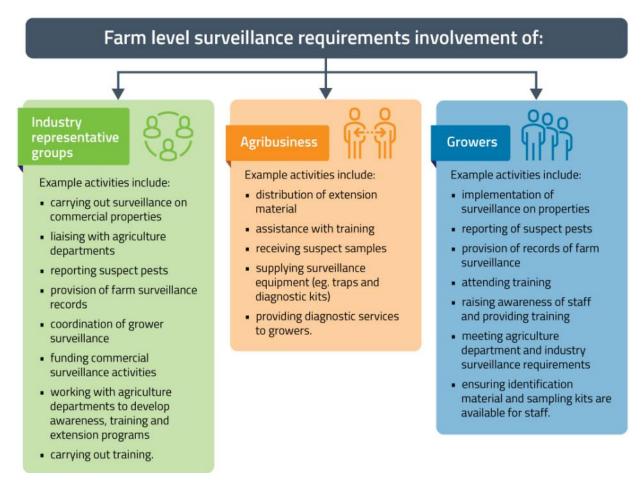


Figure 3. Examples of farm level surveillance activities.

# **Training**

A key component of biosecurity preparedness is ensuring personnel engaged are suitable and effectively trained for their designated roles in a response. Biosecurity preparedness training is the responsibility of all governments and industries, involved in the biosecurity system.

## **National EPP Training Program**

PHA supports members in training personnel through the delivery of the National EPP Training Program. This program is focussed on ensuring personnel from the governments and peak industry bodies who will be involved in responses to EPPs have the skills and knowledge to effectively fulfil the roles and responsibilities of their parties, as signatories to the EPPRD. This covers a range of areas, from representatives on the national decision-making committees (i.e., the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests and the National Management Group) through to industry liaison personnel in the State Coordination or Local Control Centres.

In addition to face-to-face training delivered to members and the provision of simulation exercises, PHA also offers biosecurity training through the Biosecurity Online Training (BOLT) platform which houses a variety of eLearning courses relevant to plant biosecurity. Access to BOLT is free and open to any stakeholder interested in biosecurity and is available through planthealthaustralia.com.au/bolt.

For more information on the National EPP Training program, refer to planthealthaustralia.com.au/training.

# **Awareness**

Early reporting enhances the chance of effective control and eradication. Awareness activities raise the profile of biosecurity and exotic pest threats to the Passionfruit industry, which increases the chance of early detection and reporting of suspect pests. Responsibility for awareness material lies with industry and government, with assistance from PHA as appropriate. Any unusual plant pest should be reported immediately to the relevant state/territory agriculture department through the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline (1800 084 881).

# High priority plant pest related documents

Pests listed in Table 1 have been identified as high priority threats to the Australian Passionfruit industry by members of the TEG. They have been assessed as having high entry, establishment and spread potentials and/or a high economic impact. This list should provide the basis for the development of awareness material for the industry.

# **Further information on High Priority Pests**

The websites listed below contain information on pests across most plant industries, including the Passionfruit industry.

Table 10. Sources of information on high priority pest threats for the Passionfruit industry.

SOURCE	WEBSITE
CABI – Crop Protection Compendium	cabi.org/cpc/
DAF QLD Priority plant pests and diseases	https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/crop-growing/priority-pest-disease
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	<u>agriculture.gov.au</u>
European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO)	eppo.int/DATABASES/pqr/pqr.htm
Plant Health Australia (PHA)	planthealthaustralia.com.au/
Pest and Disease Image Library (PaDIL)	padil.gov.au/
University of California Statewide Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program	ipm.ucdavis.edu/EXOTIC/exoticpestsmenu.html

# **Further information/relevant websites**

A range of government and grower organisation details and websites for persons seeking further information on Passionfruit industry biosecurity (Table 11).

Table 11. Industry and government contact details.

AGENCY	WEBSITE/EMAIL	PHONE	ADDRESS	
National				
Passionfruit Australia	passionfruitaustralia.org.au/		PO Box 507, Murwillumbah NSW 2484	
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment	agriculture.gov.au	(02) 6272 3933 1800 020 504	GPO Box 858 Canberra, ACT 2601	
Plant Health Australia	planthealthaustralia.com.au biosecurity@phau.com.au	(02) 6215 7700	Level 1, 1 Phipps Cl Deakin, ACT 2600	
New South Wales				
Department of Primary Industries	dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant	(02) 6391 3535	Locked Bag 21 Orange, NSW 2800	
Queensland				
Biosecurity Queensland, a part of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Queensland	daf.qld.gov.au	13 25 23	41 George St Brisbane, QLD 4000	
Northern Territory				
Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade	https://industry.nt.gov.au/	(08) 8999 5511	Berrimah Farm, Makagon Road Berrimah, NT 0828	
South Australia				
Primary Industries and Regions SA	pir.sa.gov.au	(08) 8207 7820	GPO Box 1671 Adelaide, SA 5001	
Biosecurity SA-Plant Health	pir.sa.gov.au/biosecuritysa/planthealth PIRSA.planthealth@sa.gov.au	(08) 8207 7820	33 Flemington Street Glenside, SA 5065	
Biosecurity SA-Plant Health Market access and Interstate Certification Assurance	IRSA.planthealthmarketaccess@sa.gov.au	(08) 8207 7814		
Biosecurity SA-Plant Health Transport manifest lodgement	pirsa.planthealthmanifest@sa.gov.au	Fax: (08) 8124 1467		

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South Australian Research and Development Institute	sardi@sa.gov.au	(08) 8303 9400	2b Hartley Grove Urrbrae, SA 5064
Tasmania			
Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment	dpipwe.tas.gov.au BPI.Enquiries@dpipwe.tas.gov.au	1300 368 550	GPO Box 44, Hobart, TAS 7001
Victoria			
Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	economicdevelopment.vic.gov.au/	136 186	CPHO Group, Division of Market Access and Regulation, Biosecurity Branch Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions 475 Mickleham Road, Attwood, Victoria 3047
Western Australia			
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development	agric.wa.gov.au/	(08) 9368 3333	DPIRD, 1 Nash Street, Perth, Western Australia 6000 DPIRD, Locked Bag 4, Bentley Delivery Centre, WA 6983

# **Farm biosecurity**

#### Introduction

Plant pests can have a major impact on production if not managed effectively. This includes pests already present in Australia and a number of serious pests of passionfruit that are not currently known to be present in Australia.

Farm biosecurity measures can be used to minimise the impacts of both exotic and established plant pests. The farm biosecurity and hygiene measures outlined in this section, can be considered as options for each farm's risk management. Many of these measures can be implemented in a range of different ways, so that the individual needs of any given farm can be addressed, and each farm can have an appropriate level of biosecurity.

Farm biosecurity measures, reporting procedures and hygiene strategies that reduce the impact of plant pest threats covered in this document are:

- selection and preparation of appropriate planting material,
- appropriate use of chemical and other plant pest control measures,
- control of vectors,
- control of alternative hosts,
- management of neglected farms and volunteer plants,
- post-harvest handling and produce transport procedures,
- use of warning and information signs,
- managing the movement of vehicles and farm equipment,
- managing the movement of people,
- how to safely visit other farms/orchards (including interstate and international trips) what to watch out for when you return,
- including farm biosecurity in industry best management practice and quality assurance schemes, and
- an example farm biosecurity checklist.

Development of a specific farm biosecurity plan tailored to the needs of an individual business or farm is a good way to integrate best practice biosecurity into day-to-day operations (farmbiosecurity.com.au/planner/).

Further information on farm biosecurity can be found at <u>farmbiosecurity.com.au</u> or by contacting Passionfruit Australia.

# Reporting suspect emergency plant pests

Rapid reporting of exotic plant pests is critical as early detection gives Australia the best chance to effectively control and eradicate pests. If you find something you believe could be an exotic plant pest, call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline immediately to report it to your local state or territory government.

The one phone number – 1800 084 881 – will connect to an automated system that allows the caller to choose the state or territory that the report relates to. The caller will then be connected to the relevant authority for that jurisdiction. Most lines are only monitored during business hours. Messages can be left outside of those hours and calls will be returned as soon as an officer is available. A summary of the opening hours for each state and territory is provided in Table 12. Each jurisdiction also has an alternative contact to ensure no report is missed. It does not matter which of these methods is used to report a suspect exotic plant pest. The important thing is to report it.

IF YOU SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL, CALL THE EXOTIC PLANT PEST HOTLINE

Calls to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline will be answered by an experienced person, who will ask some questions to help understand the situation, such as:

- What was seen (describe the pest or send a photo)
- Where it was found
- What it was found on
- How many pests are present/how infected is the crop
- How widely distributed it is
- When it was first noticed

It is important not to touch or move the suspect material as this may spread the exotic pest or render samples unsuitable for diagnostic purposes. A biosecurity officer may attend the location to inspect and collect a sample. In some cases, the biosecurity officer will explain how to send a sample for testing. In this circumstance they will explain how to do this without risk of spreading the pest and ensuring it arrives at the laboratory in a suitable condition for identification.

Every report will be taken seriously, will be followed up and treated with confidentiality.

Table 12. Exotic Plant Pest Hotline hours of operation and Alternate contact information for reporting per jurisdiction.

STATE/TERRITORY	HOTLINE HOURS	ALTERNATIVE CONTACT
NSW	Operates 08:30 – 16:30 Monday to Friday.  After hours answering machine service with messages followed up the next business day.	biosecurity@dpi.nsw.gov.au
NT	Operates 08:00 – 16:30 Monday to Friday.  After hours answering machine service with messages followed up the next business day.	quarantine.NT@nt.gov.au
QLD	Operates 08:00-17:00 Monday to Friday (09:00-17:00 Thursday).  Calls outside these hours answered by a third party who will take the message and depending on the urgency of the report, organise a response from a biosecurity officer as soon as possible.	Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 <a href="https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/contact/report-a-biosecurity-pest-or-disease">https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/contact/report-a-biosecurity-pest-or-disease</a>
SA	Operates 24 hrs/ 7 days	Online plant pest report form
TAS	Operates 24 hrs/ 7 days	Biosecurity Tasmania on (03) 6165 3777
VIC	Operates 08:00 – 18:00 Monday to Friday.  After hours answering machine service with messages followed up the next business day.  Option also to forward to the 24 hr Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline.	plant.protection@ecodev.vic.gov.au
WA	Operates 08:30 – 16:30 Monday to Friday.  After hours answering machine service with messages followed up the next business day.	info@agric.wa.gov.au

Recent changes to legislation in some states includes timeframes for reporting and have implications for those who do not report. It is important that individuals know the obligations for their state or territory. Some passionfruit pests are notifiable under each state or territory's quarantine legislation. Each state or territory's list of notifiable pests are subject to change over time so contacting your local state/territory agricultural agency (Table 12) will ensure information is up to date. Landowners and consultants have a legal obligation to notify the relevant agriculture agency of the presence of those pests within a defined timeframe.

# **Preparedness**

## Pest-specific preparedness and response information documents

To help prepare for an incursion response a list of pest-specific preparedness and response information documents are provided in Table 4. Over time, as more resources are produced for pests of the Australian Passionfruit Industry they will be included in this document and made available through the PHA website. Resources include the development of pest-specific information and emergency response documents, such as fact sheets, contingency plans, diagnostic protocols and a summary of surveillance programs currently in operation for these HPP (see <a href="www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/pidd">www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/pidd</a>). These documents and programs should be developed over time for all medium to high-risk pests listed in the TST.

#### Fact sheets

Fact sheets or information sheets are a key activity of biosecurity extension and education with growers. Fact sheets provide summary information about the pest, its biology, what it looks like and what symptoms it may cause. They also contain detailed images. Refer to Table 4 for a list of current fact sheets available for passionfruit producers.

#### **Contingency Plans**

Contingency Plans provide background information on the pest biology and available control measures to assist with preparedness for incursions of a specific pest into Australia. A contingency plan provides guidelines for steps to be undertaken and considered when developing a response plan for the eradication of that pest. Any response plan developed using information in whole or in part from a contingency plan must follow procedures as set out in PLANTPLAN and be endorsed by the National Management Group prior to implementation.

For a list of current contingency plans see <u>planthealthaustralia.com.au/pidd</u>.

#### National Diagnostic Protocols

Diagnostic protocols are documents that contain information about how to diagnose or identify a specific plant pest, or related group of pests. National Diagnostic Protocols (NDP) are nationally agreed diagnostic protocols for the unambiguous taxonomic identification of a pest in a manner consistent with ISPM No. 27 – Diagnostic Protocols for Regulated Pests. NDP include diagnostic procedures and data on the pest, its hosts, taxonomic information, and detection and identification.

Australia has a coherent and effective system for the development of NDP for plant pests managed by the Sub-Committee on Plant Health Diagnostics (SPHD). NDP are peer reviewed and verified before being endorsed by Plant Health Committee (PHC).

Endorsed NDP are available on the National Plant Biosecurity Diagnostic Network (NPBDN) website (<u>plantbiosecuritydiagnostics.net.au</u>), together with additional information regarding their development and endorsement.

Diagnostic information for some passionfruit pests is available through the PHA website <u>planthealthaustralia.com.au/pidd</u>. For diagnostic information on fruit flies, refer to the Australian Handbook for the Identification of Fruit Flies available from the PHA website. The Handbook is endorsed by the Subcommittee on Plant Health Diagnostics (SPHD).

# **Research Development and Extension**

#### Research, Development and Extension – Linking Biosecurity Outcomes to Priorities

Through the biosecurity planning process, gaps in knowledge or the extension of knowledge will have been identified and documented in the implementation table. Some of these gaps will require further research and development (e.g. understanding risk pathways, developing surveillance programs or diagnostic protocols, developing tools to facilitate preparedness and response, developing IPM or resistance breeding strategies), other gaps will require communication or extension of that knowledge to various target audiences

(developing awareness raising materials, undertaking training exercises, running workshops, consideration of broader target audiences).

It is important that the RD&E gaps identified through this plan feed directly into the normal annual RD&E priority setting and strategic planning activities that an industry undertakes. This is fundamental if an industry is to progress biosecurity preparedness and response goals throughout the life of the biosecurity plan.

#### **Market access**

As an active trading nation, Australia has entered into a number of multilateral and bilateral trade agreements that influence its plant biosecurity system. On a multilateral level, Australia's rights and obligations in relation to plant biosecurity are set out under World Trade Organization (WTO) agreements, particularly the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement), although others may apply in certain circumstances.

The SPS Agreement provides WTO member countries with the right to use sanitary and phytosanitary measures to protect human, animal and plant life or health. Under this agreement countries are allowed to specify consistent, science-based conditions aimed at providing sanitary and phytosanitary protection but not unnecessarily restricting trade. The establishment of exotic pests in Australia may result in conditions on Australian exports that previously did not apply and in some cases, may result in the short or long-term loss of overseas markets, depending on the significance of the pest to the trading partner and the availability of options to reduce the risk to acceptable levels. These options could include measures such as pest free areas or places of production or treatments e.g. cold or fumigation. The time taken to regain access will depend on the availability and acceptance of measures to reduce risk and the receiving markets risk appetite.

### Market access for the Passionfruit industry

Export is currently not a major focus for the industry although individual growers may participate in limited export opportunities. There is limited data to support evidence of substantial export volumes.

#### Implementation actions

To help maintain or facilitate market access, in the event of an incursion, the Passionfruit industry in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment and the relevant state and territory governments should develop the following, for the HPP pests:

- Surveillance plan including a method for collecting and storing surveillance data
- Diagnostic protocols that have been assessed in the Australian environment
- Biosecurity treatment measures (e.g., irradiation or fumigation)

Implementation of these actions is recommended for pests with market access implications as this data will also be crucial for maintaining interstate trade should an incursion occur within Australia, resulting in a restricted distribution or quarantine zone. A single system will facilitate market access discussions for both domestic and international trade and will minimise the potential disruption to the industry.

#### References

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (2011) Import Risk Analysis Handbook 2011. Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Canberra.

CABI (2019) CABI Crop Protection Compendium. Available at: <a href="mailto:cabi.org/cpc/">cabi.org/cpc/</a>

# RESPONSE MANAGEMENT

# Introduction

No matter how many preparedness activities are undertaken or how much surveillance is done at the border, a small number of plant pests will inevitably make their way into Australia. This section outlines the national agreements and processes in place to effectively respond to such incursions.

Gathering information, developing procedures, and defining roles and responsibilities during an incident response can be extremely difficult. To address this area, PHA coordinated the development of PLANTPLAN, a national set of incursion response guidelines for the plant sector, detailing the procedures required and the roles and responsibilities of all Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) signatories affected by the detection of an Emergency Plant Pest (EPP) within Australia.

The following section includes key contact details and communication procedures that should be used in the event of an exotic plant pest incursion affecting the Australian Passionfruit Industry. A list of pest-specific documents that may support incident response activities, are also provided. Over time, documents produced for plant pests relevant to the Australian Passionfruit Industry will be included in updated versions of this biosecurity plan and made available through the PHA website.

# The Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed

A fundamental component of the Australian plant biosecurity system is the EPPRD, which is an agreement between the Australian commonwealth, state and territory governments, 38 plant industries (including Passionfruit Australia) and PHA (collectively known as the signatories), that facilitates the rapid and efficient responses EPP incursions. The EPPRD is a legally binding document that outlines the basic operating principles and guidelines for EPP eradication responses.

#### The EPPRD provides:

- A national response management structure that enables all governments and plant industry signatories affected by the EPP to contribute to the decisions made about the response.
- An agreed structure for the sharing of costs associated with eradication activities undertaken in response to the detection of EPP in Australia. Costs are divided between signatories affected by the EPP in an equitable manner based on the relative potential impact of the EPP.
- A mechanism to encourage reporting of suspected EPP detections and the implementation of risk mitigation activities.
- A mechanism to reimburse growers whose crops or property are directly damaged or destroyed as a result of implementing a Response Plan
- Mechanisms to support early detection and response to EPP.
- Rapid responses to EPPs (excluding weeds)
- A framework to ensure that decisions to eradicate are based on appropriate criteria (e.g. eradication must be technically feasible and cost beneficial).
- An industry commitment to biosecurity and risk mitigation and a government commitment to best management practice.
- An Agreed Limit for Cost Sharing.
- An effective industry/government decision-making process.

For further information on the EPPRD, including copies of the EPPRD, fact sheets or Frequently Asked Questions, visit planthealthaustralia.com.au/epprd and planthealthaustralia.com.au/epprd-ga.

## **PLANTPLAN**

PLANTPLAN outlines the generic approach to response management under the EPPRD and introduces the key roles and positions held by industry and government during a response. The document is supported by several operating guidelines, job cards and standard operating procedures that provide further detail on specific topics. PLANTPLAN underpins the EPPRD and is endorsed by all EPPRD signatories.

The current version of PLANTPLAN and supporting documents are available on the PHA website (planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/incursion-management/plantplan/).

For more information about PLANTPLAN and the supporting document visit planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/incursion-management/plantplan/

# Funding a response under the EPPRD

The following section outlines how eradication responses are nationally cost shared between affected industries and governments.

A copy of the EPPRD can be downloaded from the PHA website planthealthaustralia.com.au/epprd.

# **Cost sharing a response**

Affected industries and governments invest in the eradication of EPPs and share the costs of an agreed response plan, this is referred to as 'cost sharing'. Not all activities in a response are eligible to be cost shared, with some activities considered as normal commitments for signatories.

The cost shared costs of a response are divided between affected industries and governments in an equitable manner directly related to the benefit obtained from eradicating the EPP. These relative benefits are represented by the category of the pest, with the overall view that 'the higher the benefit, the greater the investment'.

There are four categories for EPPs. The category indicates how the funding will be split between government and industries; with the government funding the share of public benefit and industry funding the share of private benefit. It does not indicate its likelihood of eradication or its overall importance i.e., an EPP listed as Category 1 is not deemed to be any more or less important than an EPP listed as Category 4.

Table 13. Response funding allocation between Government and Industry for an EPP.

CATEGORISING OF EPP	GOVERNMENT FUNDING	INDUSTRY FUNDING
Category 1	100%	0%
Category 2	80%	20%
Category 3	50%	50%
Category 4	20%	80%

## **Pest categorisation**

The list of categorised EPPs can be found in Schedule 13 of the EPPRD. If a response plan is endorsed for an uncategorised EPP, cost sharing will commence using the default category (Category 3) and may be revised later.

Any signatory to the EPPRD can request for additional pests to be categorised and added to Schedule 13 of the EPPRD. Contact <a href="mailto:EPPRD@phau.com.au">EPPRD@phau.com.au</a> for more information and guidance on this process.

Once a substantiated request has been received by PHA a group of independent scientific technical experts (known as the categorisation group) will be convened to assess all known information about the EPP to identify the public and private benefits. Full details can be found in *Clauses 7 and 9 of the EPPRD*.

#### Passionfruit EPPs categorised to date

EPPs relevant to the Passionfruit industry that are categorised and listed within Schedule 13 of the EPPRD.

Table 14. Formal categories for pests of the Passionfruit industry listed in Schedule 13 of the EPPRD (as of July 2021).

FORMAL CATEGORY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
	Bactrocera dorsalis (syn. B. invadens,	Oriental fruit fly
	B. papayae, B. philippiensis)	

# How to respond to a suspect EPP

Following the detection of a suspect EPP, the relevant state agency will be notified either directly or through the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline. Within 24 hours of the state agency having a reasonable suspicion that they are dealing with an EPP, the Chief Plant Health Manager (CPHM) of the state or territory will inform the Australian Chief Plant Protection Officer (ACPPO). All signatories affected by the EPP (both government and industry) are then notified immediately, and a Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP) meeting is convened (this process is outlined in Figure 4). Only the industry signatories affected by the EPP are engaged in the response process. These are determined based on the known hosts of the EPP. All positive detections of EPPs or suspect EPPs must undergo secondary identification from an independent laboratory. Confirmation of the identification should not delay the reporting of the EPP to the ACPPO or the CCEPP.



Figure 4. Reporting of suspect EPPs and notification process.

Once a pest is notified to the CCEPP, all signatories that are affected by the EPP play a part in the national management of EPP response. This is primarily through the two national decision-making committees, both of which Passionfruit Australia have a representative on:

- The Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP) which provide technical expertise on the response
- The National Management Group (NMG) which acts on recommendations from the CCEPP and make the final decisions about EPP responses and funding.

Technical and economic considerations are reviewed, and a decision made on whether to eradicate using the cost sharing mechanisms under the EPP (i.e., develop a response plan) or take another course of action (potentially to contain or do nothing which will mean long term management of the pest).

The relevant state/territory agriculture department is responsible for the on-ground response to EPPs and will adopt precautionary emergency containment measures if appropriate. Depending on the nature of the EPP, measures could include:

- restriction of operations in the area
- disinfection and withdrawal of people, vehicles and machinery from the area
- restricted access to the area
- control or containment measures.

Each response to an EPP is applied differently due to the nature of the incursion, however, each follows the defined phases of a response as outlined at <u>planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/incursion-management/phases-of-an-emergency-plant-pest-response/</u>.

# **Owner reimbursement costs**

Owner Reimbursement Costs (ORCs) are included in the shared costs of a response and are available to eligible growers to alleviate the financial impacts of crops or property that are directed to be destroyed under an agreed response plan.

ORCs were developed to encourage early reporting and increase the chance of successful eradication. ORCs are paid to the owner and cover direct costs associated with implementing a response plan, including:

- Value of crops destroyed,
- Replacement of lost capital items and
- Fallow periods

ORCs are only available when there is an approved response plan under the EPPRD, and only to industries that are signatories to the EPPRD, such as the Passionfruit industry.

The value of ORCs is directed by the ORC Evidence Frameworks and is based on an agreed valuation approach developed for each industry.

Further information about ORCs is available from <u>planthealthaustralia.com.au/biosecurity/incursion-management/owner-reimbursement-costs/</u>

# **Industry specific response procedures**

## **Industry communication**

Passionfruit Australia is the peak industry body for the Australian Passionfruit industry, i.e., signatory to the EPPRD and will be the key industry contact point if a plant pest affecting the Passionfruit industry is detected and responded to using the arrangements in the EPPRD. Passionfruit Australia will have responsibility for relevant industry communication and media relations (see PLANTPLAN for information on approved communications during an incursion). The contacts nominated for the CCEPP and the NMG by Passionfruit Australia will be contacted regarding any meetings of the CCEPP or NMG. It is important that all Parties to the EPPRD ensure their contacts for these committees are nominated to PHA and updated swiftly when personnel change.

Close cooperation is required between relevant government and industry bodies to ensure the effective development and implementation of a response to an emergency plant pest, and the management of media/communication and trade issues. Readers should refer to PLANTPLAN or undertake the relevant BOLT courses for further information.

Table 15. Contact details for Passionfruit Australia.

Website	passionfruitaustralia.org.au
Postal address	PO Box 507
	Murwillumbah, NSW, 2484
Email	admin@passionfruitaustralia.org.au
Phone	

# References

PLANTPLAN (2018) PLANTPLAN Australian Emergency Plant Pest Response Plan. Version 3.2. (planthealthaustralia.com.au/plantplan).

# APPENDIX 1: PROFILE OF THE AUSTRALIAN PASSIONFRUIT INDUSTRY

To develop any biosecurity plan it is critical to understand the profile and context of the industry.

# **Passionfruit Australia Inc**

Passionfruit Australia is the recognised body representing the Australian Passionfruit industry along with its growers, industry people, associated businesses and its members. It was formed to represent the interests of Australian passionfruit growers and foster the growth of the industry.

All commercial passionfruit growers in Australia pay statutory national levies which are used for research and development (R&D) and marketing. These levies are collected by the Australian Government. Passionfruit Australia works closely with Hort Innovation through the Passionfruit Strategic Industry Advisory Panel (SIAP) to ensure that the R&D and marketing levies are well directed to the needs of the industry. The Passionfruit Strategic Investment Plan 2017-2021 provides guidance in the investment of Passionfruit marketing and R&D levies.

Passionfruit	Marketing	R&D	TOTAL
Packed in cartons	20 cents per carton	20 cents per carton	40 cents per carton
Not packed in cartons	20 cents per 8 kilograms	20 cents per 8 kilograms	40 cents per 8 kilograms
Processing	1.5 cents per kilograms	1.5 cents per kilograms	3 cents per kilogram

Figure 5. Passionfruit levy and charge rates as of November 2024.<sup>54</sup>

<sup>54</sup> https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/levies/rates/passionfruit

# **Industry profile**

The Australian passionfruit industry has growers across Australia, with Queensland (60%) and New South Wales (35%) dominating production. In 2022/2023 Australian production was 4,711 tonnes with a farmgate value of \$29.6 million (Australian Horticulture Statistics Handbook 2022/23).

Passionfruit are originally from Brazil in South America. The Australian passionfruit industry began with the import of fruit from Brazil in the early 1900s. It is cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions.

Panama style varieties are normally hand-picked from the vine when they reach maturity and the right stage of ripeness. Growers will harvest regularly during the season to ensure fruit is picked at its optimum maturity stage. Purple style varieties ripen and fall from the vine to the ground when they are ready to eat

All varieties grown in Australia are sorted by size and graded according to their external skin quality and their eating quality

The major passionfruit production areas are the Wide Bay region, Cooktown, Daintree and Mareeba, Sunshine Coast in Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Many growers produce passionfruit as a second, third or fourth crop and have minimal engagement with industry bodies or supply chains. Passionfruit farm establishment requires a high initial outlay due to the costs of the trellis infrastructure, high use of grafted vines, grading and packing equipment, cold room and associated farm machinery. The vines usually come into production six to 12 months after planting and reach mature phase yields in 12 to 24 months.

The industry is primarily dependent on the purple varieties, Misty Gem and Sweetheart, and two Panama varieties Pandora and McGuffies Red. In areas with subtropical climates, such as South-East Queensland and Northern New South Wales, hybrids (Australian hybrid varieties are known to have a greater depth of flavour) of the purple passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis*) and the Panama passionfruit (*Passiflora edulis f. flavicarpa*) are preferred for commercial production. In Northern Queensland, Panama, *P. edulis f. flavicarpa* hybrids (golden passionfruit resistant to Fusarium wilt) are grown.

# References

Hort Innovation (2024). *Australian Horticulture Statistics Handbook (AHSH) 2022/23*. Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited, Sydney NSW. Available online at:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/flopenanalytics/viz/HortStatsOnlinev1 1FY23-HIADRAFTMain/MainPage

# **APPENDIX 2: THREAT SUMMARY TABLES**

The information provided in the threat summary tables is an overview of exotic plant pest threats to the Passionfruit industry. More than 70 exotic plant pests were identified. Summarised information on entry, establishment and spread potentials and economic consequences of establishment are provided where available. Pests under official control<sup>55</sup> or eradication may be included in these tables where appropriate. However, Passionfruit pests that are established but regionalised within Australia are not included in TSTs but may be assessed in state biosecurity plans. Assessments may change given more detailed research and will be reviewed with the biosecurity plan. Full descriptions of the risk rating terms can be found on page 29. Additional information on several the pests listed in the TSTs can be found in Table 4.

#### **Invertebrates**

Table 16. Passionfruit invertebrate threat summary table.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	PRIMARY HOSTS	AFFECTED PLANT PART	MOVEMENT & DISPERSAL	GEOGRAPHIC RANGE	ENTRY POTENTIAL	EST. POTENTIAL	SPREAD POTENTIAL	ECONOMIC IMPACT	OVERALL RISK
Dysmicoccus grassii (Syn. D. alazon, Pseudococcus grassi)	piojo harinoso de la pina	Polyphagous including fig, acacia, pineapple, mango, asparagus, avocado, oleander, banana, <b>passionfruit</b> , coffee, hibiscus, <b>papaya</b> , prickly pear, sugar apple	Leaves, fruit, stems	Infested soil and plant material. Adult males capable of flight over short distances.	Africa (Canary Islands, Nigeria) Asia (Malaysia) Europe (France, Italy, Sicily, Spain) North America (Bahamas, Belize, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico & Vieques Island, Trinidad and Tobago, United States) South America (Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru)	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Helopeltis clavifer	Cocoa mirids	Passionfruit, tea, cocoa; cashew, sweet potato and other host plants reported from New Guinea include Acalypha caturus, Annona spp., Bixa orellana, Camellia sinensis, Cassia fistula, Centrosema pubescens, Eucalyptus deglupta, Flemingia strobilifera, Glincidia sepium, Ixora sp., Leucaena leucocephala, Mangifera indica, Mimosa invisa, Passiflora edulis, Persea americana, Polyscias sp., Psidium guajava and Pueraria	Pods	Infested plant materials	Asia (Indonesia, Malaysia) Oceania (Papua New Guinea); New Britain and New Ireland	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	нібн

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Official control defined in ISPM No. 5 as the active enforcement of mandatory phytosanitary regulations and the application of mandatory phytosanitary procedures with the objective of eradication or containment of quarantine pests or for the management of regulated non-quarantine pests.

		phaseoloides								
Selenaspidus articulatus [(Syn. Aspidiotus (Selanaspidus) articulatus; Aspidiotus (Selenaspidus) articulatus v. simplex; Aspidiotus articulatus; Aspidiotus rufescens; Aspidiotus simplex; Pseudaonidia articulatus (Morgan); Selenaspis articulatus (Morgan)]	West Indian red scale	Lychee, cashew nut, cherimoya, soursop, jackfruit, bilimbi, carambola, sea poison tree, camel's foot, beauty-leaf, tea, citrus, coconut, croton, coffee, fig, forest trees (woody plants), round kumquat, cape jasmine, gliricidia, shrubby althaea, flame of woods, jasmine, lantana, mamey apple, mango, banana, plantain, European olive, passionfruit, avocado, datepalm, Mexican frangipani, roses, sugarcane, mahogany, Indian tamarind, grapevine	Fruit, leaves, stem, growing point	Infested plant material and windborne crawlers; Adults capable of flight.	Asia (Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan), Africa (Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Réunion, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) North America (Bermuda, Mexico, USA) Central America and Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago) South America (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela) Oceania (Fiji, Solomon Islands)	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM
Tetranychus piercei <sup>56</sup> (Syn. T. manihotis)	Pierce's spider mite; Red spider mite	Highly polyphagous including peanut, papaya, butterfly-pea, sweet potato, banana, bean, castor bean, Ageratum spp., cucurbits, maize, rose, banana, grapevine, cassava, eggplant, mulberry, passionfruit, peach, oil palm, lab lab, soybean, maize, turmeric, grape,	Above ground plant parts (Leaves, fruits)	Infested plant material and machinery, natural dispersal from PNG (wind dispersal for localised spread)	Asia (Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, South Korea, Vietnam) North America (Suriname) Oceania (Papua New Guinea)	MEDIUM Papaya	HIGH Papaya	HIGH Papaya	MEDIUM - HIGH Papaya	MEDIUM – HIGH Papaya

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Present in the Philippines Modelling of potential distribution does not put Australia as an area the mite may expand to After spraying to control banana weevil, mites become more abundant and are currently causing damage in the Australian banana industry. This mite species could cause significant issues if it becomes established in Australian banana growing regions. *T. piercei* is found in the Far northern biosecurity zone.

		capsicum, jasmine, rose, frangipani, taro, wild ginger, cowpea, mungbean								
Anastrepha ludens	Mexican fruit fly	Cashew nut, cherimoya, hardshell custard-apple, soursop, sugar apple, papaya, <i>Citrus</i> spp., coffee, persimmon, apple, mango, passionfruit, avocado[208], peach, strawberry guava, guava, pomegranate, European pear, rose apple	Fruit	Infested plant material, machinery and soil. Adults are capable of flight over long distances [209]. Transmitted via infested plant material (fruit and puparia in soil or packaging with plants that have already fruited).	North America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, United States)	LOW Papaya Passionfruit,	HIGH Papaya LOW Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya LOW Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya MEDIUM Passionfruit	MEDIUM Papaya LOW Passionfruit
Anastrepha striata	Guava fruit fly	Cherimoya, soursop, carambola, navel orange, sapote, Surinam cherry, mango, cassava, passionfruit, avocado[208], peach, guava, strawberry guava, mombin, rose apple, Malay apple, Singapore almond.	Fruit	Adults capable of flight over long distances[207].Inf ested plant material (including fruit), soil and machinery. Adults capable of flight over long distances. Pupariation is in the soil[220]	North America (Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, United States)South America (Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela)	LOW Passionfruit	LOW Passionfruit	LOW Passionfruit	MEDIUM Passionfruit	LOW Passionfruit
Bactrocera carambolae	Carambola fruit fly	Highly polyphagous (75 hosts from 26 families) including grapefruit, orange, lemon, lime, mandarin, cashew, breadfruit, jackfruit, soursop, carambola, capsicum, mango, guava, passionfruit, papaya, banana, avocado, tomato, bell pepper, coco plum, navel orange, pomegranate, mangrove, common jujube	Fruit	Infested plant material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Pupae are soilborne.	Asia (Brunei, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand) South America (Brazil, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname)	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit
Bactrocera dorsalis (Syn. Bactrocera; Bactrocera invadens; Bactrocera papayae; Bactrocera philippinensis;	Oriental fruit fly, Philippine fruit fly, Invasive fruit fly, Asian Papaya fruit fly	Lychee, papaya, passionfruit, red fruit passion flower, giant granadilla, corkystem passionflower, red-bead tree, cashew nut, cherimoya, pond apple, soursop, bullock's heart, wild custard apple, sugar apple, black currant tree, coral berry, sugar palm, breadfruit, jackfruit, champedak,	Fruit	Infested plant material (including fruit), soil and hitchhiking. Adults capable of flight. Pupation occurs in the	Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Christmas Island (Indian Ocean), India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam)	HIGH Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit LOW Lychee	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit, LOW Lychee

		monkey jack, bilimbi, carambola, Akee apple, toddy palm, Alexandrian laurel, perfume tree, Indian caper, bell pepper, chilli, tummy wood, caranda, white sapote, evergreen chinkapin, Chittagong wood, Citrus, watermelon, scarlet-fruited ivy gourd, coffee, melon, cucumber, giant pumpkin, marrow, Burma simpoh, longan tree, persimmon, loquat, weeping fig, Indian laurel tree, cluster tree, sacred fig tree, sycamore fig, governor's plum, rukam, round kumquat, oval kumquat, mangosteen, dragon fruit, wild mango, bottle gourd, langsat, Indian laurel, acerola, apple, mango, sapodilla, Spanish cherry, bitter gourd, black mulberry, banana, plantain, avocado, common bean, cutleaf groundcherry, black pepper, fijian longan, Trifoliate orange, canistel, apricot, sweet cherry, sour cherry, plum, peach, Japanese plum, strawberry guava, guava, pomegranate, European pear, Oriental pear tree, mangrove, Downy rosemyrtle, marula, grey bitter-apple, tomato, aubergine, watery rose-apple, clove, black plum, sea apple, rose apple, Malay apple, water apple, Singapore almond, cocoa, limeberry, christmas palm, shea tree, common jujube, jujube, pomelo, tropical almond, star fruit, sour orange, calamondin orange		soil[33]	Africa, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mayotte, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) North America (USA) Europe (Italy) Oceania (Federated states of Micronesia, French Polynesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea)					
Bactrocera facialis	Tongan fruit fly, tropical fruit fly	Citrus spp., mango, <b>papaya</b> , avocado, <b>passionfruit</b> , peach, guava, cashew nut, capsicum, tomato, breadfruit, longan tree	Fruit	Infested plant material (including fruit), soil and hitchhiking. Adults capable of flight. Pupation occurs in the soil.	Oceania (Tonga)	HIGH Papaya	HIGH Papaya	HIGH Papaya	HIGH Papaya	HIGH Papaya
Bactrocera kirki <sup>57</sup>	Fijian fruit fly	Pineapple, carambola, Capsicum (bell	Fruit	Infested plant	Oceania (American Samoa, Fiji, French	пісп	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> https://fruitflyidentification.org.au/species/bactrocera-kirki/http://www.pestnet.org/fact\_sheets/fruit\_flies\_\_tonga\_171.htm

		pepper), chilli, Citrus spp., mango, passionfruit, peach, guava, rose apple, pumpkin, avocado, Surinam cherry, Malay apple, Singapore almond, zucchini, pomelo, avocado, custard apple, noni, sweet pepper, tomato, eggplant, cashew nut		material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Long distance dispersal. Pupae are soilborne.	Polynesia, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Tahiti, Wallis & Futuna)	Papaya Passionfruit	Papaya Passionfruit	Papaya Passionfruit	Papaya Passionfruit	Papaya Passionfruit
Bactrocera passiflorae	Fijian fruit fly	Polyphagous (49 hosts in 28 families) including Cashew, breadfruit, papaya, lime, mandarin, mango, passionfruit, giant granadilla, avocado, guava, eggplant, cocoa	Fruit	Infested plant material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Pupae are soilborne.	Oceania (Fiji, Niue, Tonga, Tuvalu, Wallis & Futuna)	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Papaya, Passionfruit
Bactrocera tau (Syn. Zeugodacus tau)	Pumpkin fruit fly	Passionfruit, wax gourd, bell pepper, watermelon, melon, cucumber, pumpkin, marrow, longan tree, cluster tree, loofah, mango, sapodilla, bitter gourd, common bean, guava, snake gourd	Fruit	Infested plant material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Pupae are soilborne.	Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam)	LOW Passionfruit	MEDIUM Passionfruit	MEDIUM Passionfruit	MEDIUM Passionfruit	LOW Passionfruit
Bactrocera xanthodes <sup>58</sup>	Pacific fruit fly	Papaya, passionfruit, breadfruit, mandarin, guava, tomato, soursop, mango, tropical almond, watermelon, avocado, Tahiti chestnut, jackfruit, round kumquat, tangerine, sweet orange, star apple, pomelo, capsicum	Fruit	Infested plant material (fruit). Adults capable of flight. Pupae are soilborne.	Oceania (American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna)	LOW Papaya Passionfruit	LOW Papaya Passionfruit	LOW Papaya Passionfruit	LOW Papaya UNKNOWN Passionfruit	NEGLIGIBLE Papaya UNKNOWN Passionfruit
Aepytus serta	Passionfruit stem borer	Passionfruit	Roots, stems		North America (Costa Rica)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW
Aleurocanthus woglumi	Citrus black fly	Polyphagous: Citrus, avocado, cashew nut, jackfruit, <b>papaya</b> , coconut, coffee, lychee, mango, sapodilla, banana, <b>passionfruit</b> , quince, guava, frangipani, pomegranate, pears, roses, grapevine, ginger	Leaves, stems	Infested plant material and machinery, adults capable of flight. Natural movement, infested soil and plant material and vectors	Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Christmas Island (Indian Ocean), India, Iran, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Yemen), Africa (Kenya, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe), North America (Bermuda, Mexico, USA), Central America and Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guadeloupe, Guatemala,	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Leblanc, L., Vueti, E. T., & Allwood, A. J. (2013). Host plant records for fruit flies (Diptera: Tephritidae: Dacini) in the Pacific Islands: 2. Infestation statistics on economic hosts.

Azamora penicillana <sup>60</sup>	No common name	Passionfruit, passionflower	Leaves, fruits, branches	South America (Brazil)	LOW	LOW	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Asterolecanium pustulans (Syn. Asterolecanium sambuci; Russelaspis pustulans) 59	Oleander pit scale, akee fringed scale	Sugar apple (sweet sop), papaya, akee apple, pigeon pea, tea, coconut, coffee, silky oak, leucaena, mango, sapodilla, aubergine, cocoa, oleander, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, collard greens, savoy, Australian pine tree, Euphorbia, Acacia, Bauhinia tomentosa, pigeon pea, Leucaena, cotton, Hibiscus, fig tree, plantain, Eucalyptus, guava, Syzygium, Bougainvillea, jasmine, passionfruit, olive, Grevillea, Prunus, roses, citrus, chilli pepper, Solanum (nightshade), tea, lantana, grapevine	Stems, branches	Africa (Egypt, São Tomé and Príncipe, Mozambique, Tanzania, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Seychelles, Rodrigues Island, Madagascar, Malawi, Kenya, Comoros, Gabon) Asia (China, Cape Verde, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Taiwan, Oman, Pakistan, Yemen, Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, Bonin Islands - Ogasawara Islands) Europe (Cyprus, Italy, Malta, United Kingdom) North America (Agalega Islands, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Hawaiian Islands, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Montserrat, Nicaragua, Panama, Panama Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and Vieques Island, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Martin and Saint Barthelemy, Saint Croix, Trinidad and Tobago, U.S. Virgin Islands, USA) Oceania (Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, New Caledonia, Kiribati) South America (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Venezuela, Galapagos Islands)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW
				Haiti, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago), South America (Brazil, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela), Oceania (Papua New Guinea)					

<sup>59</sup> http://scalenet.info/catalogue/Russellaspis%20pustulans/ 60 Pirovani, V. D., Fancelli, M., Moreira, B. M., Silveira, L. F. V., & Pratissoli, D. (2020). Azamora penicillana occurrence in sour passion fruit in the state of Minas Gerais. Revista Brasileira de Fruticultura, 42(1).

Brachylybas variegatus <sup>61</sup>	Brown coreid bug, passionvine bug	Polyphagous including giant passionfruit, <b>papaya</b> , taro, pumpkin, tomato, coconut, fig, sugarcane, Eucalyptus, cabbage, banana, ginger	Leaves, stem, fruit	Infested plant material and machinery, adults capable of flight.	Fiji, Tonga	MEDIUM	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
Chramesus bispinus <sup>62</sup>	No common name	Passionflower, banana passionfruit (Passiflora mollisima)	Stems		South America (Colombia)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW
Cyclocephala melanocephala	Masked chafer	Passionfruit, Sunflower	Flowers, leaves		South America (Brazil)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW
Stenygra conspicua	No common name	Passionfruit (Passioflora spp.)	Stems		South America (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW
Stizocera spp.	No common name	Passionfruit (Passioflora spp.)	Stems		South America (Neotropical region - Brazil, Bolivia)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW
Veneza zonatus (Syn. Leptoglossus zonatus)	Western leaf- footed bug; large-legged bug	Passionfruit (Passiflora spp.), pecan, lime, navel orange, melon, pumpkin, cotton, jatropha, avocado, guava, pomegranate, tomato, eggplant, sorghum, maize, peach, watermelon	Leaves, fruit		North America (Mexico, United States) Central America (Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador) South America (Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM - HIGH	LOW - MEDIUM
Tetranychus yusti <sup>63</sup>	Yustin mite	Polyphagous including common bean, cucurbits, sweetpotato, wheat, millet, cowpea, maize, peanut, barley, soybean, sunflower, pigeon pea, cotton, <i>Musa</i> spp. (including hybrids of <i>M. acuminata</i> and <i>M. balbisiana</i> ), <i>Xanthosoma sagittifolium</i> , passionfruit, strawberry and several ornamentals	Above ground plant parts	Infested plant material and machinery.	Africa (Nigeria) Asia (Thailand) Europe (Greece) North America (Mexico, United States) South America (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guadeloupe, Honduras, Venezuela, Cape Verde) Oceania (Cook Islands, French Polynesia)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW- MEDIUM
Dione juno <sup>64</sup>	Silverspot butterfly	Passionfruit, passionflower	Leaves, buds, flowers		North America (Trinidad and Tobago) South America (Brazil, Colombia, Venezuela)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup>https://www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/sitecollectiondocuments/ba/plant/2013/islandcabbage/Final-PRA-Island-Cabbage.pdf <sup>62</sup> Wood, S. L. (1982). New species of American bark beetles (Coleoptera: Scolytidae). The Great Basin Naturalist, 223-231.

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T. yusti may be of quarantine concern to Australia (Flechtmann et al., 2002).

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Paracoccus burnerae	Oleander mealybug; Oleander scale	Indian mangrove, oleander, Chinese cinnamon, cotton, Hibiscus fuscus, Asparagus, mallow, cocoa, neem tree, guava, olive, <b>passionfruit</b> , sugar plum, coffee, bitter orange, hopbush, potato	Fruit, leaves, stems	Infested plant material	Africa (Ascension Island, Angola, Cote d'Ivoire, Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Namibia, Reunion, Seychelles, Saint Helena Island, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe) Asia (China, India, Iran, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Yemen) Europe (Spain, United Kingdom)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Philonis spp. (P. passiflorae, P. obesus, P. crucifer)	No common name	Passionfruit (Passioflora spp.)	Stems		South America (Brazil)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
Tetranychus mexicanus	Spider mite	Polyphagous; Papaya, cotton, lychee, passionfruit, Spanish cedar, Citrus, Cocoa, pecan, coconut, avocado, banana, peanut, guava, sugar cane, strawberry, pear, apple, peach, star fruit, bean, cassava; wide range of ornamental plants	Leaves		Central America and Caribbean (Barbados, Costa Rica, Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guadeloupe, Martinique) South America (Brazil, Suriname, Argentina, Columbia, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela)	MEDIUM Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit	HIGH Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit	MEDIUM Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit	MEDIUM Lychee, Papaya, Passionfruit
Calacarus citrifolii	Citrus grey mite/ citrus blotch mite	Polyphagous including Citrus, banana, cotton, peanut, passionfruit, papaya, cassava, beans, sugarcane, pigeon pea, okra, sweetpotato, soursop, Tannia, eggplant, capsicum, tomato, taro, pumpkin, giant passionfruit, Poinsettia spp., Rhus spp., Holmskioldia spp., Brunsfelsia spp., Pappea capensis, Rhamnus prinoides, Lippia javanica, Duranta repens, Mimusops seyheri, Euphorbia pulcherrima, Musa paradisiaca, Capsicum chinense (chilli pepper)	Leaves, fruit, twigs	Infested plant material and machinery.	South Africa, India, Taiwan, Cuba, Angola, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia, Nigeria	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Agraulis vanillae	Silverspotted flambeau, Gulf fritillary	Passionfruit, passionflower, morning glory, red fruit passionflower	Leaves		North America (United States) South America (Colombia, Venezuela)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Eueides isabella	Isabella tiger	Passionfruit, passionflower	Leaves		North America (Trinidad and Tobago) South America (Brazil, Venezuela)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Gargaphia lunulata	No common name	Okra, gotani bean, showy rattlepod, passionfruit, common rue, jack bean	Leaves		South America (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Paraguay, Uruguay)	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE

Pococera spp.	No common name	Passionfruit (Passioflora spp.)	Calyx, fruit		North America (United States)	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Sabulodes spp.	No common name	Passionfruit ( <i>Passioflora</i> spp.)	Leaves		North America (United States) South America (Peru)	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Spodoptera eridania	Southern	Okra, onion, Welsh onion, garlic, red ginger, celery, peanut, asparagus, beetroot, <i>Brassica napus</i> var. oleifera, black mustard, cabbages, cauliflowers, collards, cruciferous crops, bell pepper, papaya, quinoa, chickpea, watermelon, Citrus, lemon, navel orange, coffee, coriander, melon, cucumber, pumpkin, carrot, carnation, yam, Eucalyptus, soyabean, cotton, sunflower, kenaf, China-rose, sweetpotato, lettuce, lavender, leucaena, flax, apple, cassava, lucerne, mints, Peppermint, Spear mint, banana, watercress, oleander, tobacco, rice, passionfruit, elephant grass, avocado, beans, lima bean, common bean, pea, Poaceae (grasses), guava, European pear, rhubarb, castor bean, roses, raspberry, willows, Brazilian pepper tree, tomato, eggplant, potato, spinach, dandelion, clovers, blueberry, cranberry, faba bean, cowpea, grapevine, cocoyam, maize	Fruits, leaves		Africa (Benin, Cameroon, Gabon, Nigeria) Europe (Denmark, Netherlands, Slovenia) North America (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United States) South America (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela)	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Zapriothrica salebrosa	No common name	Passiflora spp.	Flowers, buds		South America (Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela)	Low	LOW	LOW (	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE
Anastrepha serpentina	Sapodilla fruit fly; Sapote fruit fly	Cherimoya, pond apple, wild cherry, Citrus (sour orange, pummelo, mandarin, navel orange, grapefruit), quince, sapote, loquat, apple, mango, sapodilla, avocado, peach, guava, mombin  passionfruit, cherry, European pear	Fruit	Infested plant material (including fruit), soil and machinery. Adults capable of flight over long distances. Pupariation is in the soil	North America (Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Netherlands Antilles, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago, United States) South America (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela)	NEGLIGIBLE Passionfruit	NEGLIGIBLE Passionfruit	NEGLIGIBLE Passionfruit	NEGLIGIBLE Passionfruit	NEGLIGIBLE Passionfruit

Amorbia emigratella	Mexican leafroller	Polyphagous including avocado, broccoli, cocoa, Citrus spp., cotton, eggplant, green beans, guava, macadamia, orchids, <b>papaya, passionfruit</b> , potato, rose, sweetpotato, tomato, pineapple, other ornamentals, shrubs, fruit trees and indigenous plants in the mountains, corn, blackberry, peanut, gorse	Leaves, fruit, flowers, shoots	Infested soil and plant material. Adults are capable of flight	North America (Costa Rica, Hawaii, Mexico, USA)	LOW Papaya Passionfruit	LOW Papaya Passionfruit	MEDIUM Papaya Passionfruit	LOW Papaya Passionfruit	NEGLIGIBLE Papaya Passionfruit
Anisocelis flavolineata	Flag footed bug	Passiflora spp.	Leaves, buds, fruit		North America (Costa Rica, Panama)	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Anisocelis foliacea	Passion vine leaf footed bug <sup>65</sup>	Passiflora spp.	Leaves, buds, fruit		South America (Suriname)	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Bemisia tabaci (MED) [(Syn. Bemisia tabaci biotype Q, Bemisia tabaci Q, Mediterranean (MED) species (Bemisia tabaci)]	Silverleaf whitefly	Okra, maples, cauliflower, cruciferous crops, Capsicum (bell pepper), <b>papaya</b> , pumpkin, Bourbon cotton, lettuce, cassava, <b>Passifloraceae</b> , Rosaceace, tomato, eggplant	Leaves, stems, whole plant (early senescence)		Africa (South Africa) Asia (China, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Turkey) Europe (Finland, Greece, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom) North America (Bermuda, Canada, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, United States) South America (Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Neosilba pendula	Cassava shoot fly	Passionfruit, Citrus, cassava, coffee, jatropha	Flowers, buds		North America (Haiti, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago) South America (Brazil, Venezuela)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Odonna passiflorae	No common name	Passionfruit (Passioflora spp.)	Stem		South America (Colombia)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Spodoptera cosmioides	Armyworm	Passiflora edulis, soybean, cotton, wheat, rice, corn.	Leaves, flowers, fruits		South America (Brazil)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Ceroplastes cirripediformis <sup>66</sup>	Barnacle scale, barnacle wax scale	Polyphagous: Sweetpotato, Citrus, arabica coffee, cassava, Indian tamarind, <i>Chrysophyllum cainito</i> (caimito), grape, passionfruit, avocado, guava, mango, soursop, oleander, grapevine	Stems and leaves	Infested plant material.	North America (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bermuda, Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, United States)	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	LOW	VERY LOW

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Brathwaite, C. W., Marte, R., & Porsche, E. (1985). Pests and diseases as constraints in the production and marketing of fruits in the Caribbean (No. IICA-PRRET A2/TT No. 86-001). IICA, Port of Spain (Trinidad and Tobago).

<sup>66</sup> http://scalenet.info/catalogue/Ceroplastes%20cirripediformis/

					South America (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Greece, Indonesia, Italy, Peru, Philippines)					
Corythucha gossypii	Cotton lacebug; bean lacebug	Polyphagous including okra, peanut, pigeon pea, bell pepper, papaya, cassava, banana, beans, castor bean, sugarcane, eggplant, sweetpotato, soursop, <i>Tannia</i> , capsicum, tomato, eggplant, cotton, pumpkin, giant passionfruit, taro, pumpkin, Breadfruit, soursop and sweet potato	Leaves	Infested plant material and machinery, adults capable of flight.	North America (Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Caribbean, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, USA) South America (Colombia, Venezuela)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW	VERY LOW
Dasiops inedulis	Passion fruit flower bud fly	Passionfruit	Flowers, Buds		South America (Colombia)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Dryadula phaetusa <sup>67</sup>	Banded orange heliconian	Passiflora spp.	Leaves		North America (Costa Rica, Panama) South America (Brazil)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Epicauta atomaria	No common name	Passionfruit	Leaves		South America (Brazil)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Euryscopa cingulata	No common name	Passiflora spp.	Leaves		North America (Panama)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Hexaleurodicus spp.	No common name	Passionfruit	Leaves, stems		South America (Colombia)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Holhymenia clavigera	No common name	Passiflora spp., guava	Stems, leaves, fruit, buds		South America (Brazil)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Holhymenia histrio	No common name	Passiflora spp.	Stems, leaves, fruit, buds		South America (Brazil)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Langsdorfia spp.	No common name	Passionfruit	Stems		South America (Colombia)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Lonchaea cristula	No common name	Passionfruit	Flower bud		Europe (Spain) South America (Colombia)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> León-Cortés, J. L., Caballero, U., & Almaraz-Almaraz, M. E. (2015). Diversity and eco-geographical distribution of insects. In Biodiversity and Conservation of the Yucatán Peninsula (pp. 197-226). Springer, Cham.

Peridroma saucia <sup>68</sup>	Pearly underwing moth; variegated cutworm	Passionfruit, firs, maples, onion, celery, peanut, asparagus, oats, beetroot, sugarbeet, canola, black mustard, cabbages, cauliflowers, turnip rape, bell pepper, quinoa, daisy, chickpea, chicory, thistle, watermelon, lemon, navel orange, melon, cucumber, pumpkin, globe artichoke, carrot, carnation, strawberry, cotton, sunflower, barley, hop, sweet potato, lettuce, sweet pea, flax, rye grasses, apple, lucerne, honey clover, Peppermint, Spear mint, tobacco, avocado, lima bean, common bean, white spruce, pea, poplars, stone fruit, apricot, sour cherry, plum, peach, Japanese plum, European pear, radish, rhubarb, gooseberry, roses, blackberry, raspberry, common sage, rye, white mustard, tomato, potato	Fruit, Growing point, Inflorescence , leaves, seeds, stems, whole plant	Flight. Migratory flight - Adults capable of flight	Africa (Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zimbabwe)	LOW Passionfruit	LOW Passionfruit	LOW Passionfruit	MEDIUM Passionfruit	VERY LOW Passionfruit
Philaethria dido	Dido longwing	Passiflora spp.	Leaves		South America (Neotropic region including Brazil, Colombia, Guyana, Honduras, Venezuela, Panama)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Trichaltica bogotana	No common name	Passionfruit (Passiflora spp.)	Leaf		South America (Colombia, Panama)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	VERY LOW
Aleurodicus dugesii	Giant whitefly	Wattles, bamboo, camel's foot, Citrus, navel orange, papyrus, Eucalyptus, Euphorbia, Ficus, Bourbon cotton, ivy, rosemallows, cottonrose, banana, orchids, Passiflora (passionflower), avocado, frangipani, castor bean, willows, ivy, Solanum (nightshade), ginger, liquidamber, and many other ornamentals, apricot, apple, pear, cinnamon, guava, coconut, passionfruit, geranium, boxwood	Leaves	Wind dispersal Infested plant material and machinery, adults capable of flight.	Asia (Indonesia, Pakistan) North America (Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, United States) South America (Venezuela) Canary Islands, Hawaii	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN

<sup>68</sup> Occurs in Europe, northern Africa, Middle east, North and South America and parts of Asia (including China, Korea, Japan, Sri Lanka and India) (CABI 2015g) Defoliator

## **Pathogens**

Table 17. Passionfruit pathogen threat summary table.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	PRIMARY HOSTS	AFFECTED PLANT PART	MOVEMENT & DISPERSAL	GEOGRAPHIC RANGE	ENTRY POTENTIAL	EST. POTENTIAL	SPREAD POTENTIAL	ECONOMIC IMPACT	OVERALL RISK
Bacteria										
Pseudomonas syringae exotic strains <sup>69</sup>	Bacterial canker of stone fruit, bacterial canker of trees	Broad host range over 50 hosts including sweet cherry, sour cherry, onion, capsicum, leek, lucerne, rice, chrysanthemum, citrus, cucumber, pumpkin, garden dahlia, hibiscus, walnut, lettuce, magnolia, mango, passionfruit, bean, avocado, stone fruit, roses, tomato, maize, willows, clover, blueberry, grapevine, cowpea	Whole plant Leaves, inflorescence, stems, pods, seeds, flowers, fruit	Infected plant material, wind, insect vector, mechanical, plant stress	global if not splitting endemic and exotic	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH[56]	HIGH
Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. passiflorae	Bacterial blight	Passiflora spp.	Seedlings and adult plants Local and Systemic infection	Seed and latently infected seedlings/plant s	South America (Brazil, Colombia)	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
Fungi										
Aecidium Passifloraceae <sup>70</sup> (exotic strains) (anamorph of Puccinia scleirae)	Passionfruit rust	Passiflora spp. (P. edulis, P. glandulosa, P. cyanea, P. rubra, P. serrato-digitata, P. suberosa, P. tricuspis, P. tuberosa)	Leaves and stems		Asia (China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, Taiwan) South America (Brazil) Central America (Panama) Oceania (Papua New Guinea)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Pseudomonas syringae pv. syringae (exotic races)	Bacterial canker	Passionfruit, onion, leek, capsicum, chrysanthemum, citrus, cucumber, pumpkin, garden dahlia, hibiscus, walnut, lettuce, magnolia, mango, lucerne, rice, avocado, bean, poplar, stonefruit, azalea, roses, tomato, willows, clover, blueberries, grapevine and maize. Attacks plants from the seedling stage through to maturity.	Leaves, inflorescence, stems, pods, seeds, flowers, fruit	Seed and vegetative propagating material	global if not splitting endemic and exotic	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM - HIGH	MEDIUM - HIGH

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup>Infected plant material, wind-driven rain, insects, use of infected budwood or nursery stock, contaminated pruning tools, aerosols in plant debris, sap and water movement when weeds or crops are cut (Moorman unknown). Predisposing stress factors listed were: freeze injury, wounds, nematode damage, coincident infections with plant-pathogenic fungi such as Leucostoma sp. and Nectria sp. [56]Causes rapid death of trees in nurseries and orchards and have a significant effect on fruit production (CABI, Compendium of Stone Fruit Diseases).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Perhaps the strain that affects passionfruit is different from the one affecting other plants. Minor disease.

Asterina megalospora	Black mildew	Passiflora spp.	Leaf		Asia (Japan) North America (Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago) South America (Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela)[59]	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Haematonectria ipomoeae		Passionfruit	Stem, whole plant (wilting)		Asia (China, Japan) Europe (Germany)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Phytoplasmas and v	riruses		1	•				•		
Passionfruit crinkle virus	Passionfruit crinkle virus	Passiflora spp.	Systemic infection		Asia (Taiwan)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW
Passionfruit ringspot virus	Passionfruit ringspot virus	Passiflora spp.	Systemic infection		Africa (Ivory coast)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	LOW
Passionfruit severe leaf distortion virus	Passionfruit severe leaf distortion virus	Passiflora spp.	Systemic infection		South America (Brazil)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Passionfruit Sri Lankan mottle potyvirus	Passionfruit Sri Lankan mottle potyvirus	Passiflora spp.	Systemic infection		Asia (Sri Lanka)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Passionfruit vein clearing rhabdovirus	Passionfruit vein clearing rhabdovirus	Passiflora spp.	Leaves, fruit		South America (Brazil)	LOW	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	MEDIUM
Passionfruit yellow mosaic virus	Passionfruit yellow mosaic virus	Passiflora spp.	Systemic infection		South America (Brazil)	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW
ES	East Asian Passiflora virus	Passiflora spp. (including P. edulis, P. edulis x P. edulis f. Claviceps and P. edulis f. Claviceps).	Systemic infection		Asia (Japan)	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
Euphorbia mosaic virus		Passionfruit, Euphorbia (wild poinsettia)	Systemic infection		North America (Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, United States)South America (Argentina, Brazil, Venezuela)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	LOW	LOW
Candidatus Phytoplasma asteris 16SrI	Yellow disease phytoplasmas	Onion, garlic, celery, asparagus, oats, beetroot, Bougainvillea, canola, cabbages, cauliflowers, broccoli, turnip, pigeon pea, bell pepper, papaya, safflower, <i>Citrus</i> spp., coconut, coriander, pumpkin, marrow, carrot, loquat, Eucalyptus,	Fruit, growing point, inflorescence leaves, roots, stems	Latent infection of propagation material - cuttings	Africa (Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia) Asia (China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Pakistan)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM

Maracuja mosaic Tobamovirus	Maracuja mosaic virus	Passionfruit, tomato, tobacco, cucumber, quinoa	Systemic infection	North America (United States) South America (Brazil, Peru)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Papaya leaf curl Guandong virus		Papaya, passionfruit, bell pepper, tobacco	Systemic infection	Asia (South Korea, Taiwan)	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
Papaya leaf curl Guangdong virus		Papaya, passionfruit, bell pepper, tobacco	Systemic infection	Asia (South Korea, Taiwan)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
Candidatus Phytoplasma sudamericanum 16SrIII-V	witches'-broom	Passionfruit, closely related to clover ash strain	stem	Rio Pernambuco, Brazil,	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
		Euphorbia round kumquat, strawberry, soyabean, cotton, chinarose, barley, hop, lettuce, larches, lily, loofah, lupins, macadamia nut, apple, mallow, mango, cassava, lucerne, bitter gourd, Japanese mulberry, wild banana, myrtle, watercress, basil, European olive, prickly pear, common poppy, passionfruit, pearl millet, parsley, common bean, date-palm, black pepper, poplars, primrose, apricot, cherries, peach, nectarine, Japanese plum, European pear, common oak, radish, blackcurrant, red currant, roses, blackberry, raspberry, willows, sesame, tomato, eggplant, potato, spinach, lilac, marigold, pyrethrum, dandelion, clovers, wheat, blueberries, grapevine, maize, zinnia		Europe (Belarus, Belgium, Czechia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Ukraine, United Kingdom) North America (Bermuda, Canada, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, United States) South America (Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Peru) Oceania (Futuna islands)					

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