

## Emergency Plant Pest Alert template

The information presented in this template are suggestions only. The information included in the Pest Alert will vary depending on the incursion and its intended audience. It is particularly important that the Pest Alert provides the media with general information on the outbreak which cannot easily be misinterpreted and does not disclose the identity of property owners.

Images of publication quality of the disease/pest/damage should also be obtained and included with the Pest Alert.

### Revision history

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### What is it?

- General description of the outbreak site, the extent of the RA, and the time since first detection. Note: the location of the affected area should not be revealed.
- Description of the biology of the organism (e.g. life cycle/method of reproduction).

### Where did it come from?

- List of countries where the pest/disease has been recorded.

### Symptoms

- Description of characteristic symptoms/damage with illustrations.
- Description of the type of causal organism and vectors, its size, how it was identified, confirmation of its absence in Australia.

### Spread

- Description of methods of spread/dispersal by natural (wind or water borne spores, flight, vectors, or movement in soil) and/or mechanical methods (contaminated plant material, in containers, equipment, trucks and tractors and by personnel).

### Management

- Chemical and management treatments, and resistant germplasm used overseas.
- Identify any effective treatments (either registered on other targets in Australia or treatments registered for use overseas but not available in Australia).

### Contact

- Contact details including the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline number (1800 084 881 – free call).

### Other useful information

- a list of the plants which are known hosts of the pest.

- Environmental factors which are known to significantly affect the development and reproduction of the pest.
- Economic loss caused by the pest/pathogen (with and without controls).
- Environmental damage caused by the pest/pathogen.
- Known variation in the reaction of germplasm to the pest.
- Estimate of additional control costs to primary industries in Australia.
- Likely areas of establishment (based on climatic/vegetation analysis).