

Title: PHC2018/11 - Development of an online, user friendly plant health resource bank for the Natural Environment

Background: Plant health issues for the natural environment are poorly characterised compared to other sectors. This is compounded by the lack of established conferences / knowledge exchange events targeted at this sector. A key issue identified by stakeholders was lack of accessible information / authoritative summaries of key plant health threats to native biodiversity and natural ecosystems.

The aim of this commission is to establish the template and initial population of a curated online resource bank for plant health threats to the natural environment in Scotland. This will include assembly of, or signposting to, available existing resources. Where applicable, it will also include authoritative distillations of the key issues targeted at non-specialists. Where there are conflicting sources of advice/recommendations, the scope is not to achieve reconciliation of these issues, but rather to simply note that different perspectives exist. The content will be housed on the Plant Health Centre website (<https://www.planthealthcentre.scot/>).

Impact: Increasing the accessibility of information for land managers with responsibility for the natural environment, but a lack of specialist expertise in plant health

Objectives and research required for this call: Review existing stakeholder feedback, targeted stakeholder feedback, establish resource centre.

Outputs required: Report summarising:

- Assemble a list of accessible resources relevant to plant health threats to the natural environment in Scotland
- Produce a linked, user-friendly summary of some key existing plant health threats
- Upload to Plant Health Centre web-page
- 1-2 page policy summary

Indicative key dates:

- Deadline for notes of interest: 27th September 2018
- Project start: 1st November 2018
- Overview of plans and project start-up meeting with PHC Directorate: by end November 2018
- Completed discussion paper and summary: 28th February 2019
- Meeting with Scottish stakeholders: by 31st March 2019

Milestones to be confirmed by bidder

Project duration: 5 months



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Date all work needs to be completed by: 31st March 2019

Project type: Call down – collaborative, knowledge exchange

Maximum funding available (including overheads and VAT, where applicable): Indicative value
£12,000

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