New resources online at the Plant Health Centre

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Introduction

Information about plant health is plentiful online, but its quality and relevance to Scottish interests are not always clear.

Objectives

- Extend the PHC's Natural Environment online Knowledge Bank to Agriculture, Forestry and Horticulture
- Signpost users and practitioners to relevant and reliable information online and in print
- Address a broad spectrum of plant health topics, from diagnostics and control

The Plant Health Centre website now offers a curated list – a Knowledge Bank – signposting reliable, online plant health information relevant to each of our 4 sectors.

Criteria for inclusion included accessibility, applicability, impartiality, and quality. to outreach and education

Project outcomes

- A Knowledge Bank relevant to each sector is now online at the PHC website
- 150 unique, reliable sources are searchable by topic or keyword
- Sources are drawn from governmental, non-governmental/charitable (NGO), and private sectors, as well as other knowledge networks like news media and research extension hubs.

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Knowledge bank can be accessed under the Resources menu or within each Sector page



Source types

Sources range from newsletters and online forums to regulatory agencies, and can be searched by keyword or type of resource.

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Scan this code or visit

www.planthealthcentre.scot/knowledge-bank

Sources are searchable by topic or keyword

for assistance in webpage development and training.



Key messages

- Searchable information is provided for plant health issues relevant to users and practitioners in Scotland in all four Sectors
- A 'Getting Started' section recommends sources for basic disease diagnostics within each Sector
- In addition, for the Natural Environment:
 - The most pressing plant health threats to the natural environment in Scotland are listed
 - Links to high-quality sources of information on these threats are provided
 - Consolidated information sources on biosecurity and control methods are outlined