# **Development of an online, user friendly plant** health resource for the Scottish Natural Environment



## Introduction

Plant health issues are a serious threat to the natural environment. However,

### **Objectives**

- Develop webpages that fill a resource gap identified by PHC stakeholders.
- Provide a listing of the most pressing plant health threats to the natural environment in Scotland.
- Develop a user-friendly web template, signposting threat information and other topics relevant to plant health in the Scottish natural environment.
- Provide guidance where other resources are not easily available.



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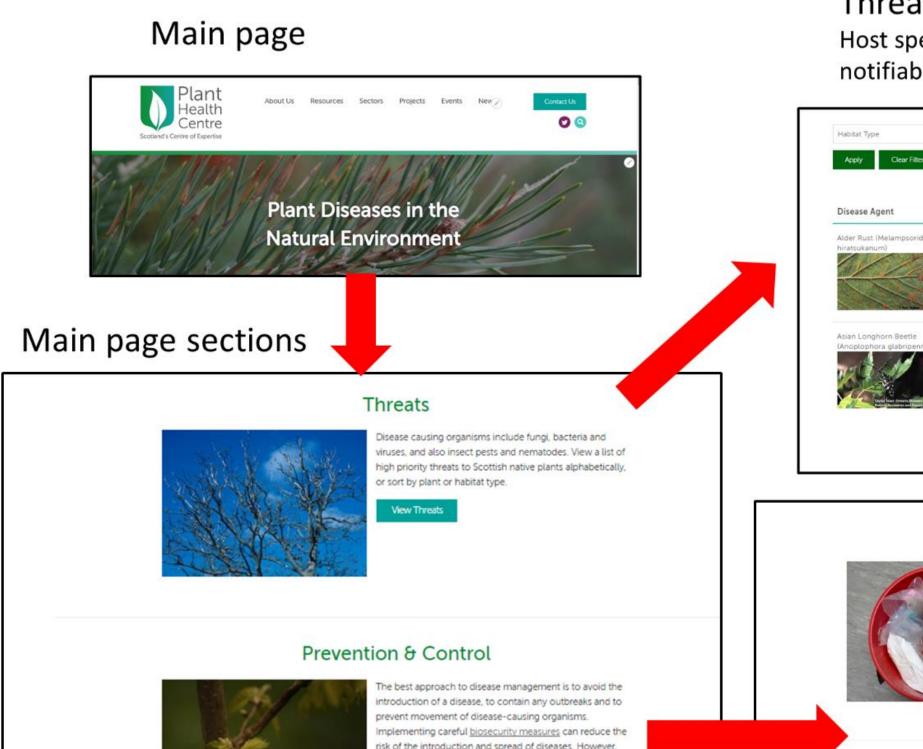


compared to sectors such as agriculture and forestry, there are few practical resources for managers. Sources of information for the natural environment are lacking and opportunities for knowledge exchange are limited. Stakeholders have communicated frustration from this lack, and a desire for an online resource centre to be established.

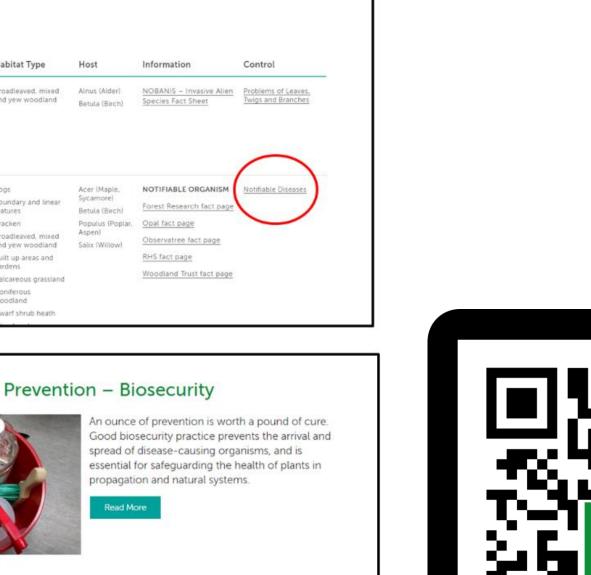
#### **Project outcomes**

Plant Diseases in the Natural Environment, a web resource

https://www.planthealthcentre.scot/plant-diseases



Threats page Host species Betula selected. Note the link to notifiable diseases advice





Pressing threats to 33 Scottish genera (system critical elements or keystone species), were identified from the UK Pest Risk Register, and cross-listed with **Biodiversity Action Plan habitat** types. Information sources on these threats and other topics were compiled from existing resources, or created where needed.

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	e of this page is to signpost information from across plant In sectors that is relevant to the natural environment.	About This Page         If you can identify the cause of a plant disease. It is always best to check specific resources for tailored advice to control it. This is particularly true for notifiable pests. It is often the case however that notifiable diseases can be ruled out, yet the precise cause is not known or falls into a broad category such as "fungal root rot" or Teaf rust. For this situation we have compiled generalised advice for the control of different kinds of plant diseases. This advice will usually apply to most diseases within the category and may be taken as general guidance, but note that exceptions will abound!         Getting Started       House Types
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Key messages

provided.

• High-impact threats to important Scottish genera are listed and are searchable by host plants or associated habitats.

Links to high-quality information on threats are provided, with advice on 

identifying unknown pests and instructions for notifiable pests.

Consolidated information sources on biosecurity and control methods are