

Title: PHC2018/11 - Development of an online, user friendly plant health resource bank for the Scottish 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 Scottish 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 available existing resources and the generation of authoritative distillations of the key issues targeted at non-specialists. The resource centre will be housed on the Plant Health Centre website (<https://www.planthealthcentre.scot/>)

Impact: Accessible information for Scottish 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 curated, linked, user-friendly summary of 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

Date all work needs to be completed by: 28th February 2019



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Project type: Call down – collaborative, knowledge exchange

Maximum funding available (including overheads and VAT, where applicable): Indicative value £15,000

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