



Scottish
Forestry
Coilltearachd
na h-Alba

Scottish Forestry Tree Health



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Scottish Forestry is the Scottish Government agency responsible for forestry policy, support and regulation

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Scottish Forestry

- Following completion of the devolution of forestry (the Forestry and Land Management {Scotland} Act 2018), **Scottish Forestry** was established as an executive agency of the Scottish Government on 1 April 2019.
- We support the delivery of the Scottish Government's priorities for Scotland's forests, through guidance, advice, incentives and regulations, and by advising Ministers on forestry policy.

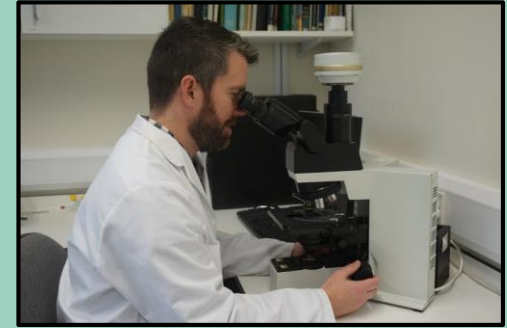


- The threat to our trees and forests from pests and diseases remains high due to globalisation of trade and travel.
- Climate change is likely to exacerbate future impacts from existing as well as new pests/diseases.
- Taking tree health seriously is a collective need.



Our activities

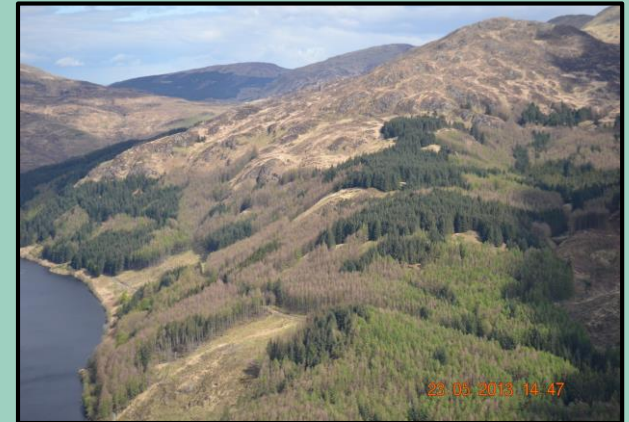
- Working with partners to understand the biology and epidemiology of pests and diseases to learn how to combat or live with them.
- Undertaking aerial surveillance of Scotland's woodlands to spot early signs of tree health issues.
- Helping to inform legislative developments and communicating with stakeholders about tree health issues.





- Issue Statutory Plant Health Notices requiring woodland owners to take action to eradicate, contain or slow down outbreaks.
- Provide targeted plant health grants where it is in the public interest to do so.
- Encourage the reporting of potential tree health issues via TreeAlert.
- Encourage everyone to take proportionate biosecurity measures.

Our activities



TreeAlert
Tree Pest & Disease sighting reporter





Main current pest and disease concerns

- Large pine weevil (*Hylobius abietis*)
- Great spruce bark beetle (*Dendroctonus micans*)
- Eight-toothed spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*)
- Pine tree lappet moth (*Dendrolimus pini*)
- Oak processionary moth (*Thaumetopoea processionea*)
- Bronze birch borer (*Agrilus anxius*)
- Emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*)

- Ramorum disease on larch (*Phytophthora ramorum*)
- Ash dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*)
- Dothistroma needle blight (*Dothistroma septosporum*)
- *Xylella fastidiosa*