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Tree Health Team update

December 2025

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

Is e Coilltearachd na h-Alba a' bhuidheann-ghnìomha aig Riaghaltas na h-Alba a tha an urra ri poileasaidh, taic agus riaghladh do choilltearachd

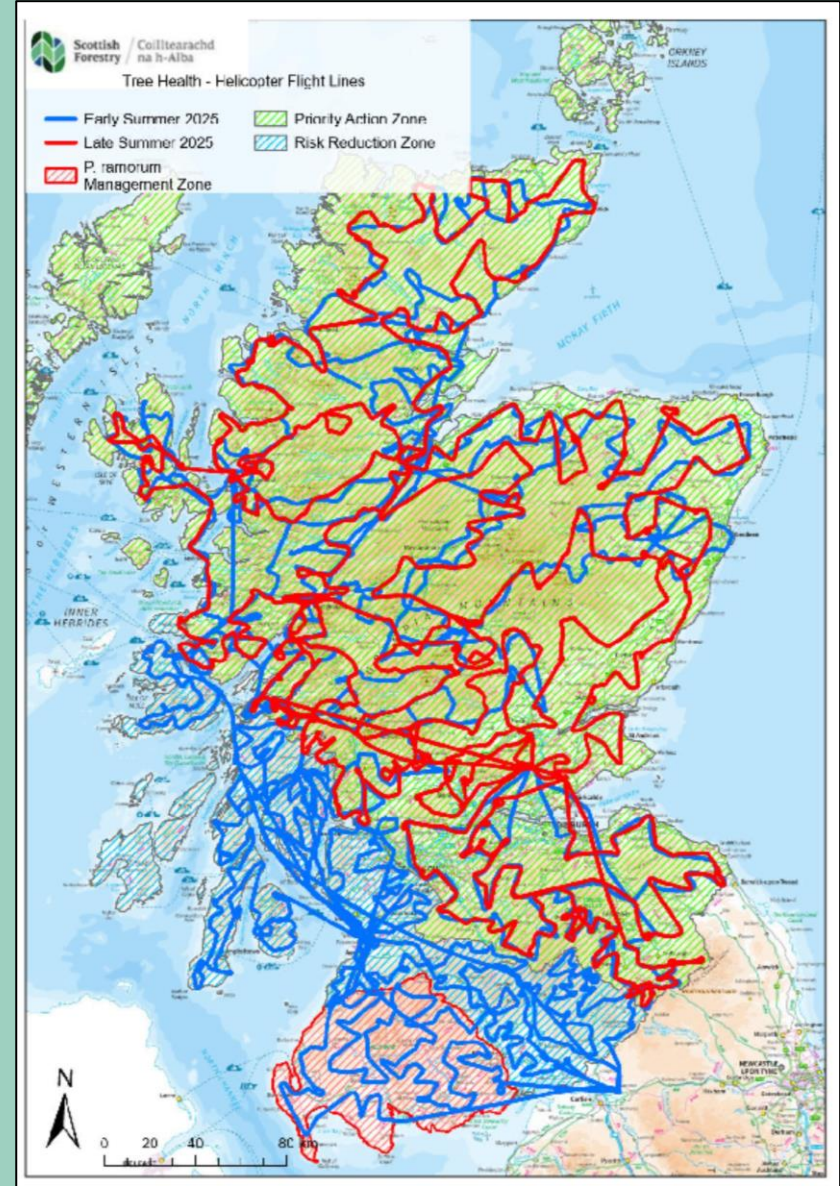
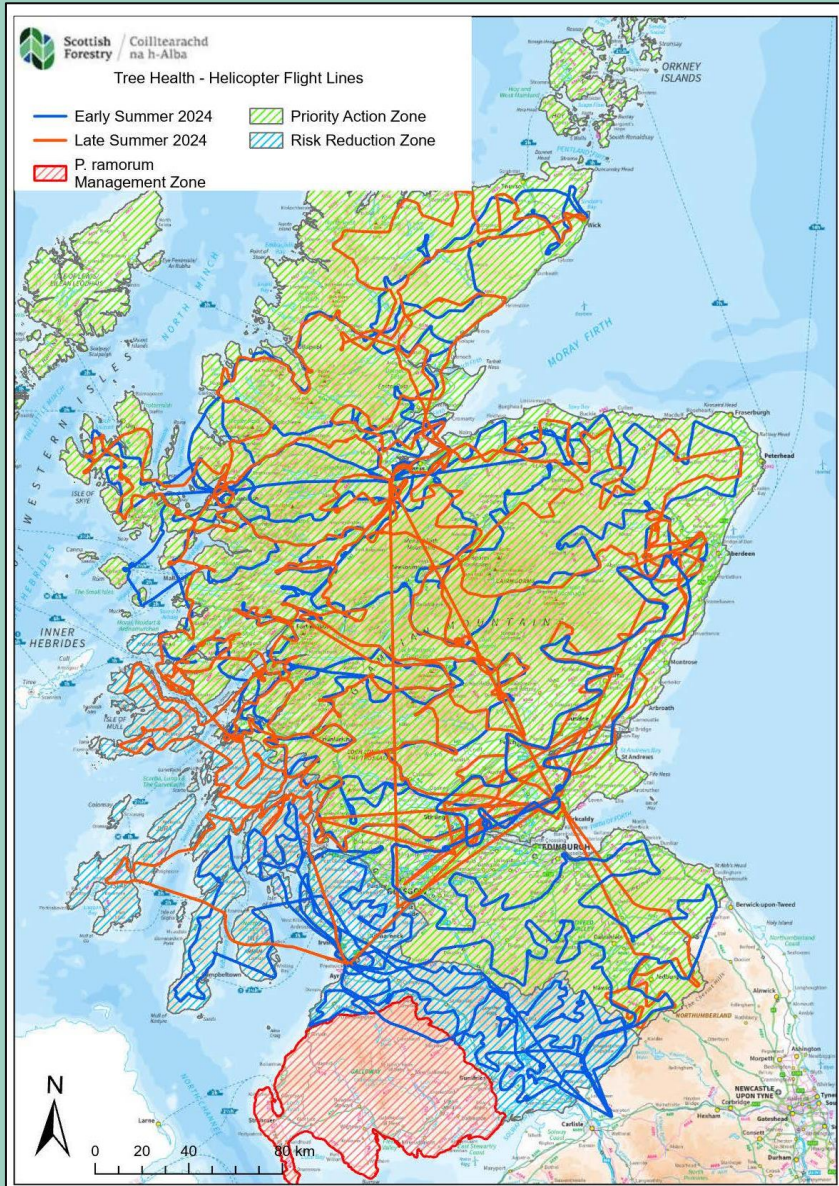


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Aerial Surveillance





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Spruce aphids



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Ips typographus

2023

Interceptions in traps located in woodlands close to Grangemouth – 1 beetle Devilla forest, 1 beetle Callendar wood

2024

Network of interception traps established
Individual beetle caught in 2 pheromone traps (same woods as 2023) Spring 2024

2025

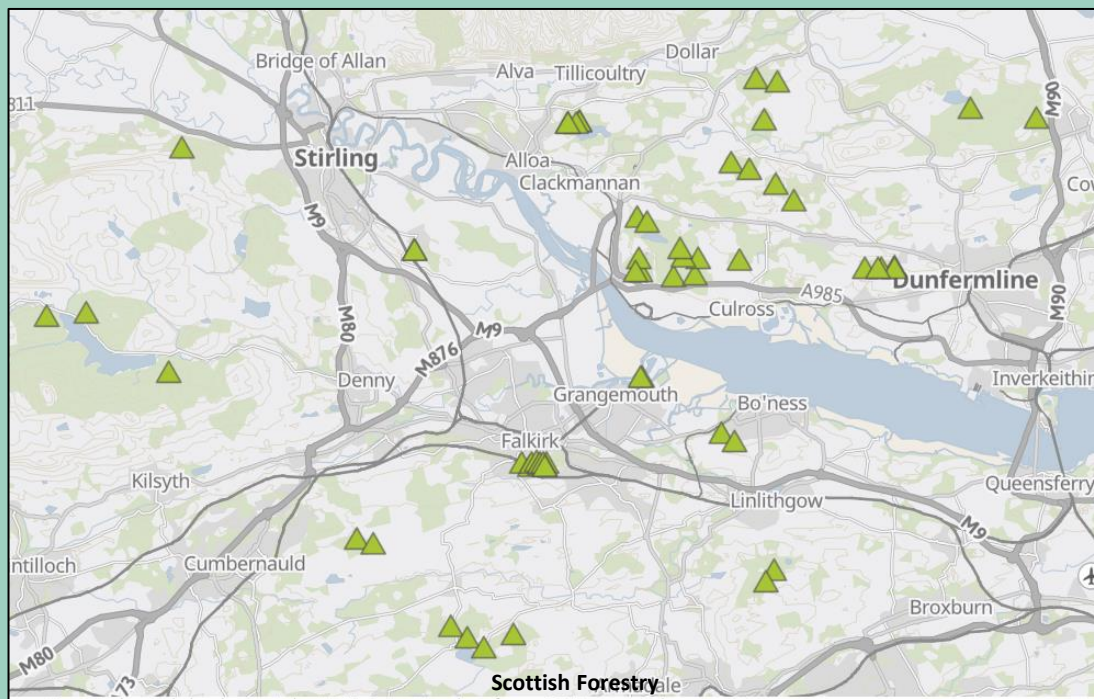
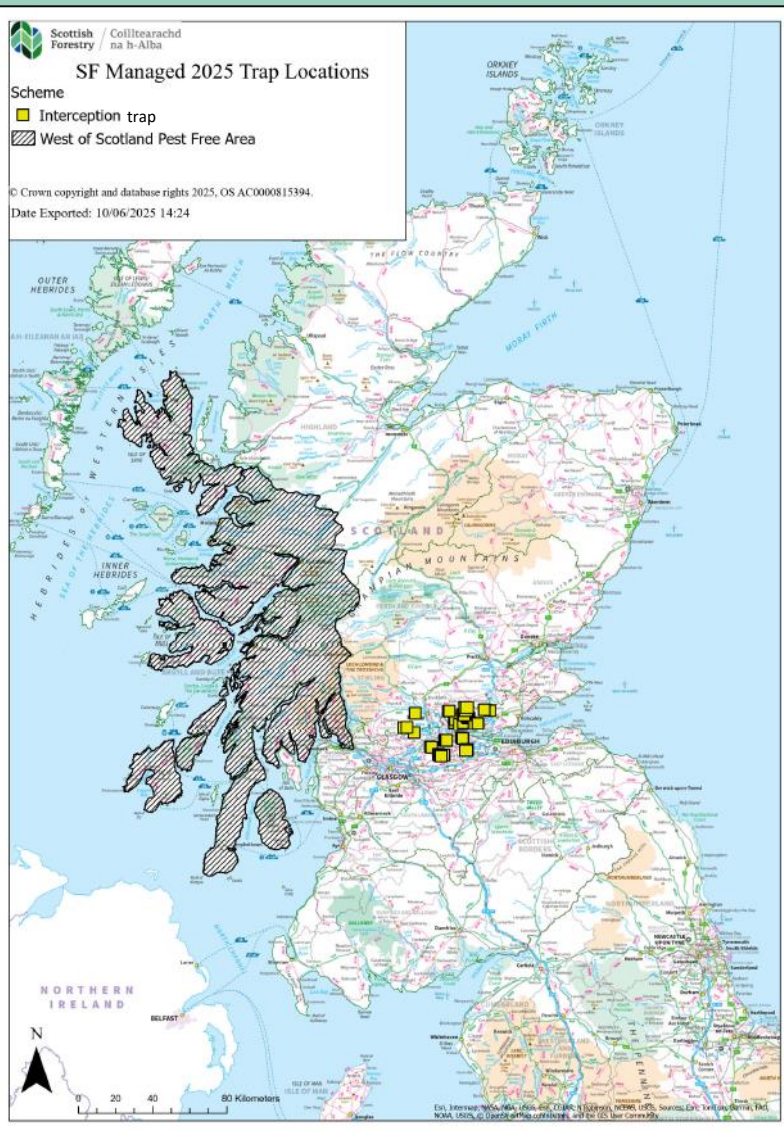
Interception trap network expanded
1 beetle caught in pheromone trap in Devilla forest Spring 2025





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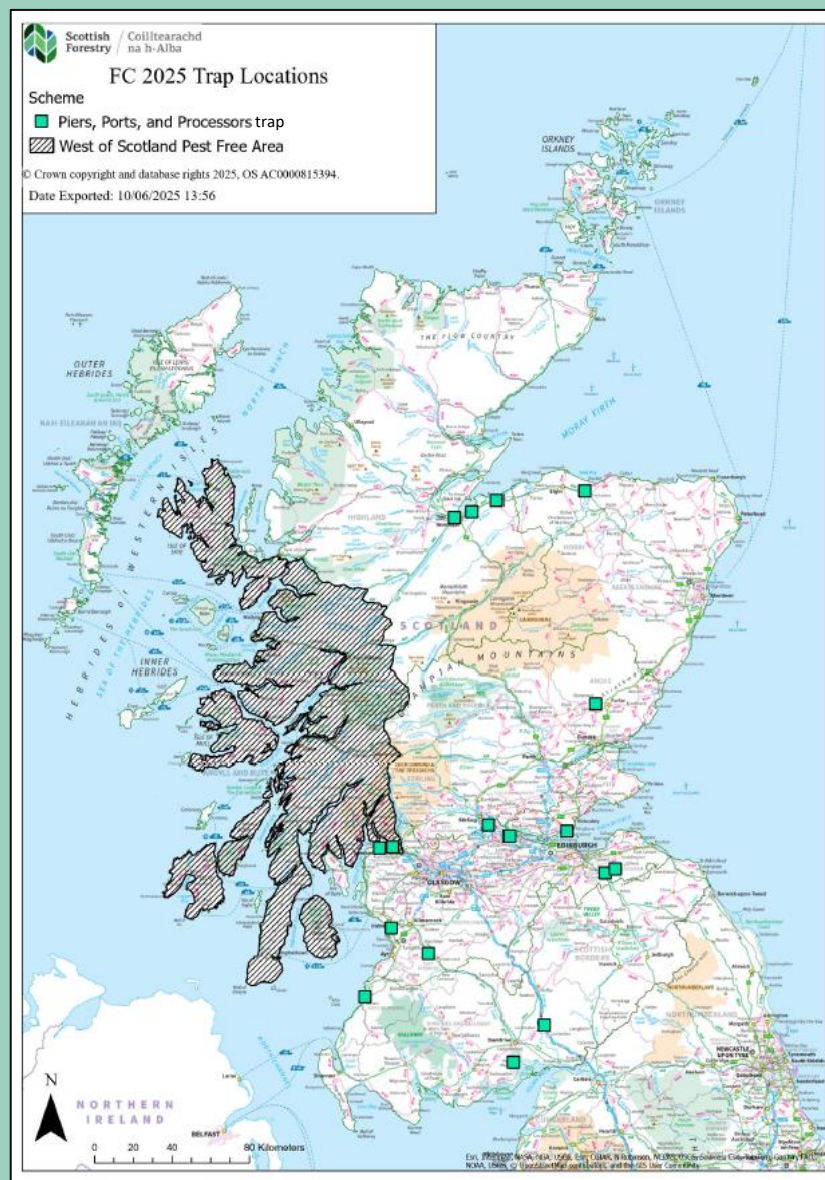
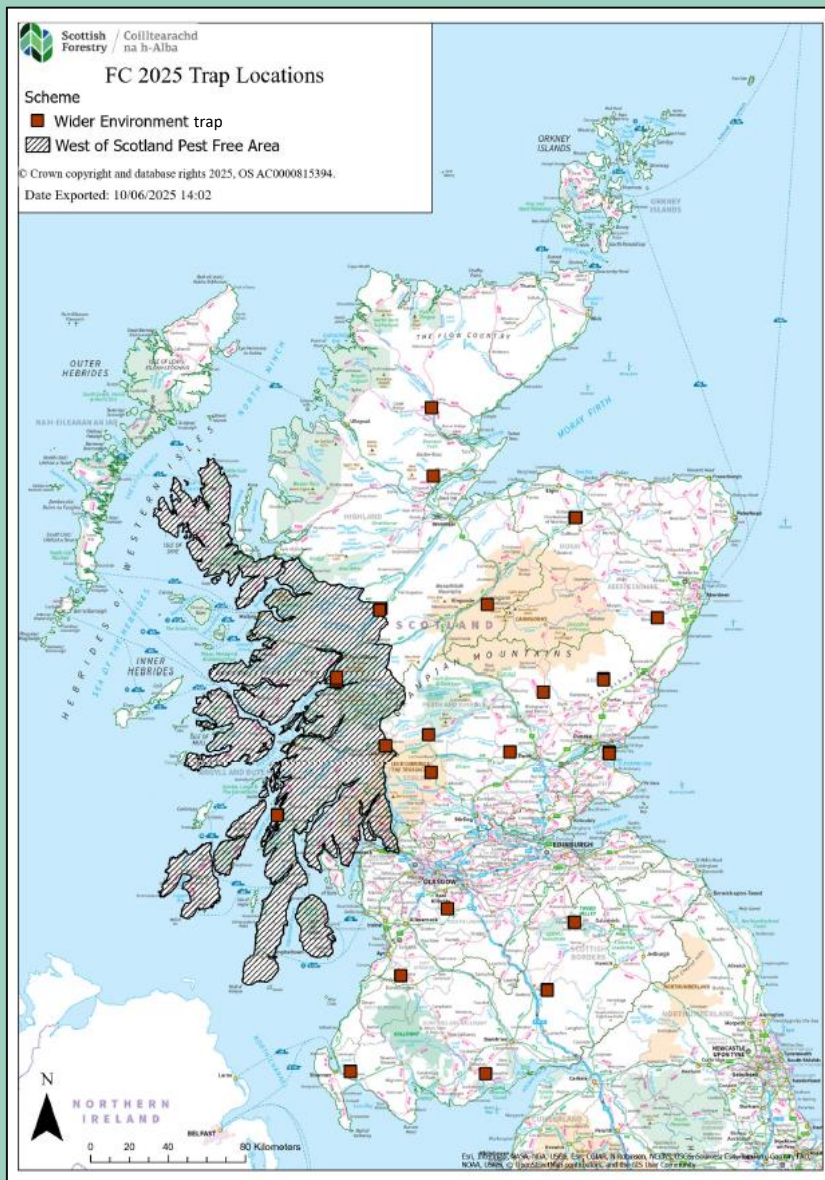


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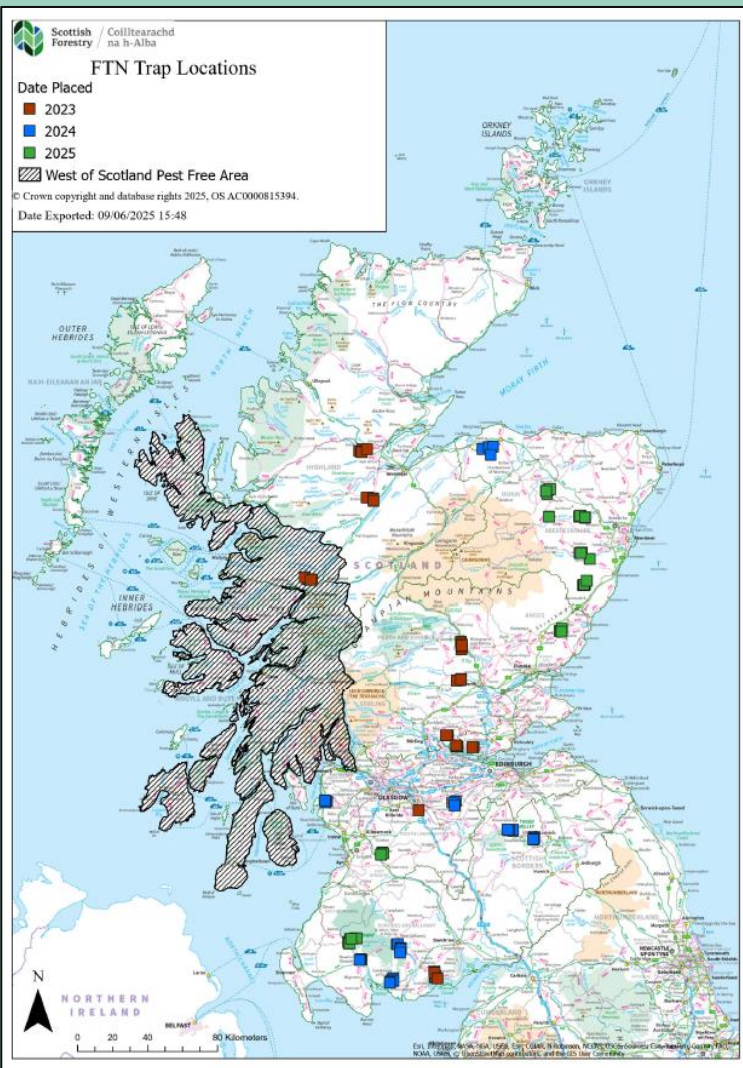
Pheromone trapping





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Forest Trapping Network



Country	Forest	NGR	Fir	MB	Oak	Pine	Spruce
Scotland	Achilty	NH4330057090	1	1	1	1	1
	Glen Loy	NN1291582713	1	1	1	1	1
	Drumnadrochit	NH4618129502	1	1	1	1	1
	Dalbeattie	NX8459556534	1	1	0	1	1
	Keillour	NN9837526076	0	1	1	1	1
	Craigvaineau	NN9901043744	1	1	0	1	1
	Devilla	NS9695688368	0	1	0	1	1
	Dean	NT0535487968	0	1	0	1	1
	Gartmorn	NS9143894677	0	1	0	1	1

- UK-wide network of traps in 50 woodland sites
- 10 woodland sites in Scotland per year
- 5-year rolling programme
- Different areas of Scotland targeted each year
- Multiple woodland types

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Forest Lab Ips project



https://myforest.sylva.org.uk/lab

Guidance Forest Lab Resources Contact

To express an interest, please complete the form by clicking the button below. Applications will be reviewed and suitable candidates will be invited to a training webinar. All materials required to take part (including the trap) will be posted out to candidates.

Expression of interest form

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Sylva Foundation

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Dendroctonus micans



2025 Season

Site investigations still ongoing: 26/11/25

383 targets

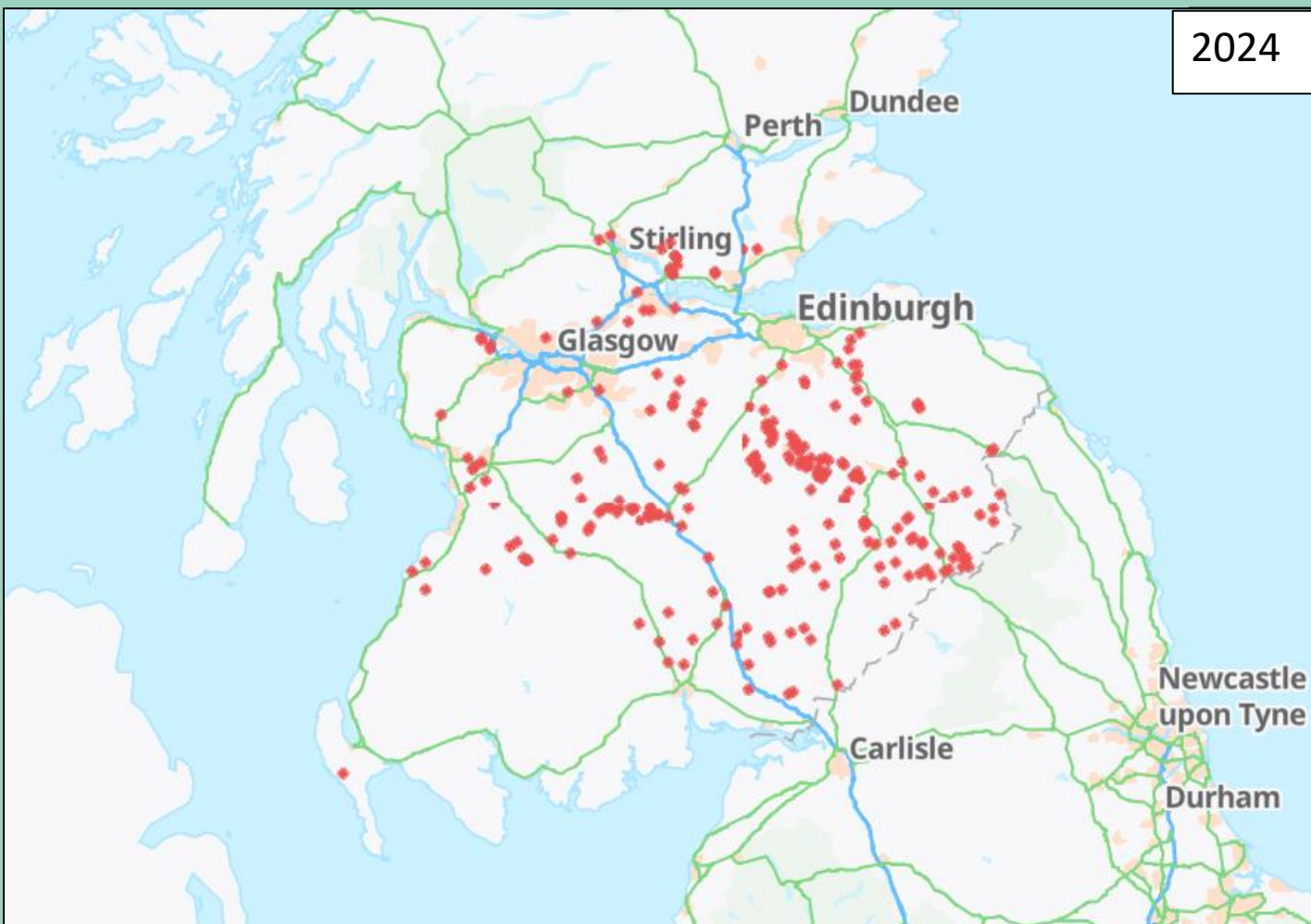
70 awaiting visit, 104 positive

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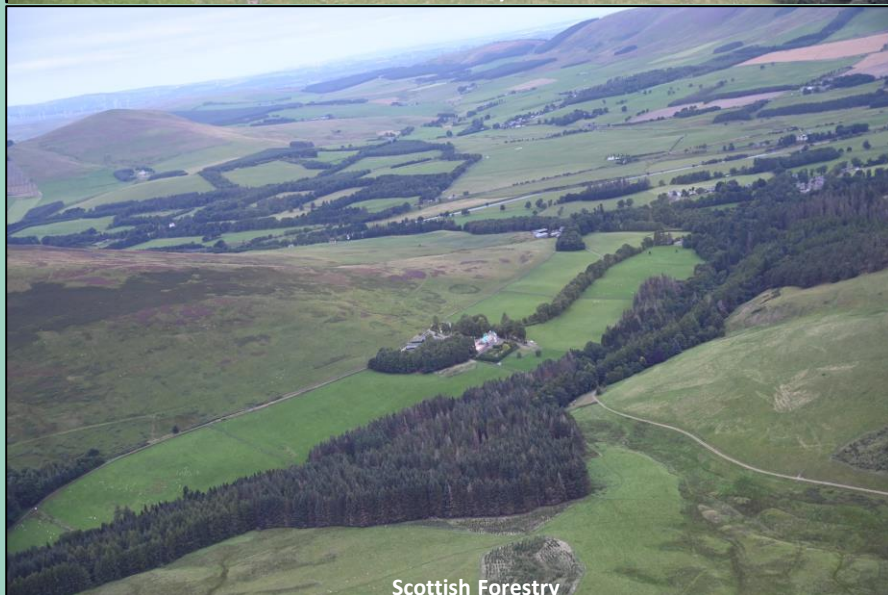
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Rhizophagus grandis



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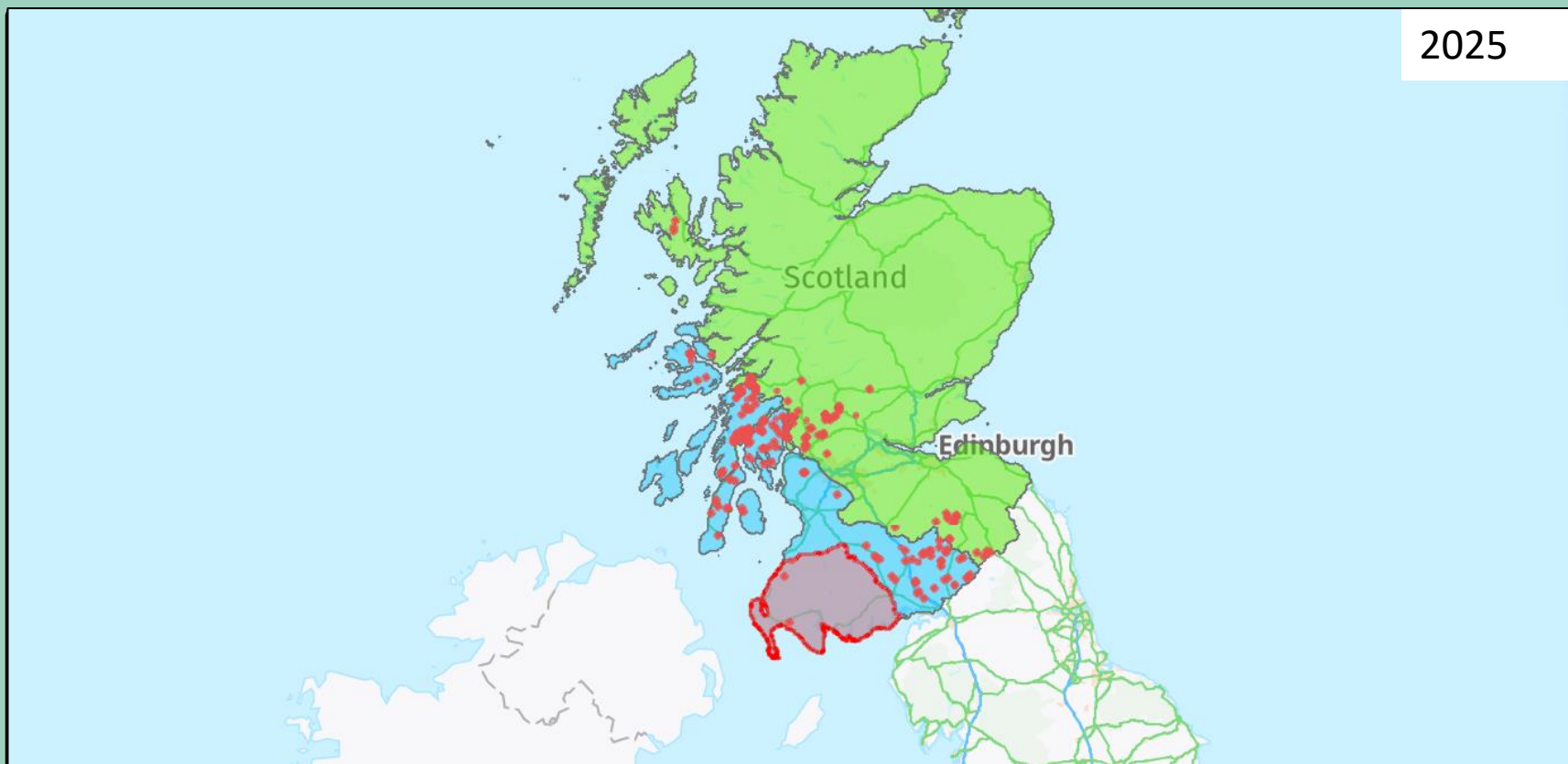


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Phytophthora ramorum





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Phytophthora ramorum



- 2025 Season
- Initial site investigations complete
- 485 targets
- 253 positive

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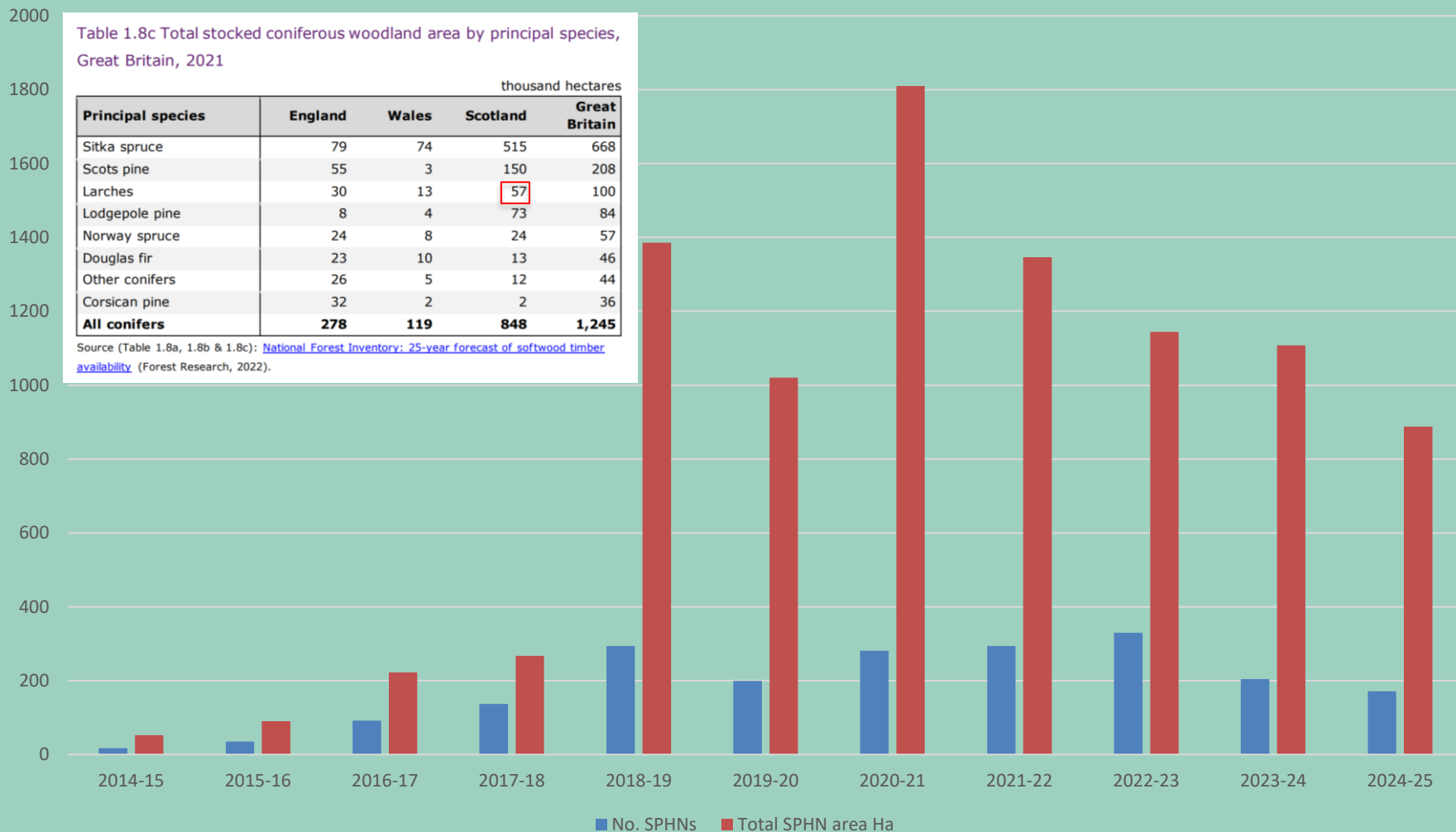
Phytophthora ramorum

Table 1.8c Total stocked coniferous woodland area by principal species, Great Britain, 2021

thousand hectares

Principal species	England	Wales	Scotland	Great Britain
Sitka spruce	79	74	515	668
Scots pine	55	3	150	208
Larches	30	13	57	100
Lodgepole pine	8	4	73	84
Norway spruce	24	8	24	57
Douglas fir	23	10	13	46
Other conifers	26	5	12	44
Corsican pine	32	2	2	36
All conifers	278	119	848	1,245

Source (Table 1.8a, 1.8b & 1.8c): [National Forest Inventory: 25-year forecast of softwood timber availability](#) (Forest Research, 2022).





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Phytophthora ramorum



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Phytophthora pseudosyringae



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Other activities: 2025





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Phytophthora pluvialis



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Phytophthora
pluvialis Scotland
Demarcated
Areas

 Active
 Superseded



Barnaby Wylder
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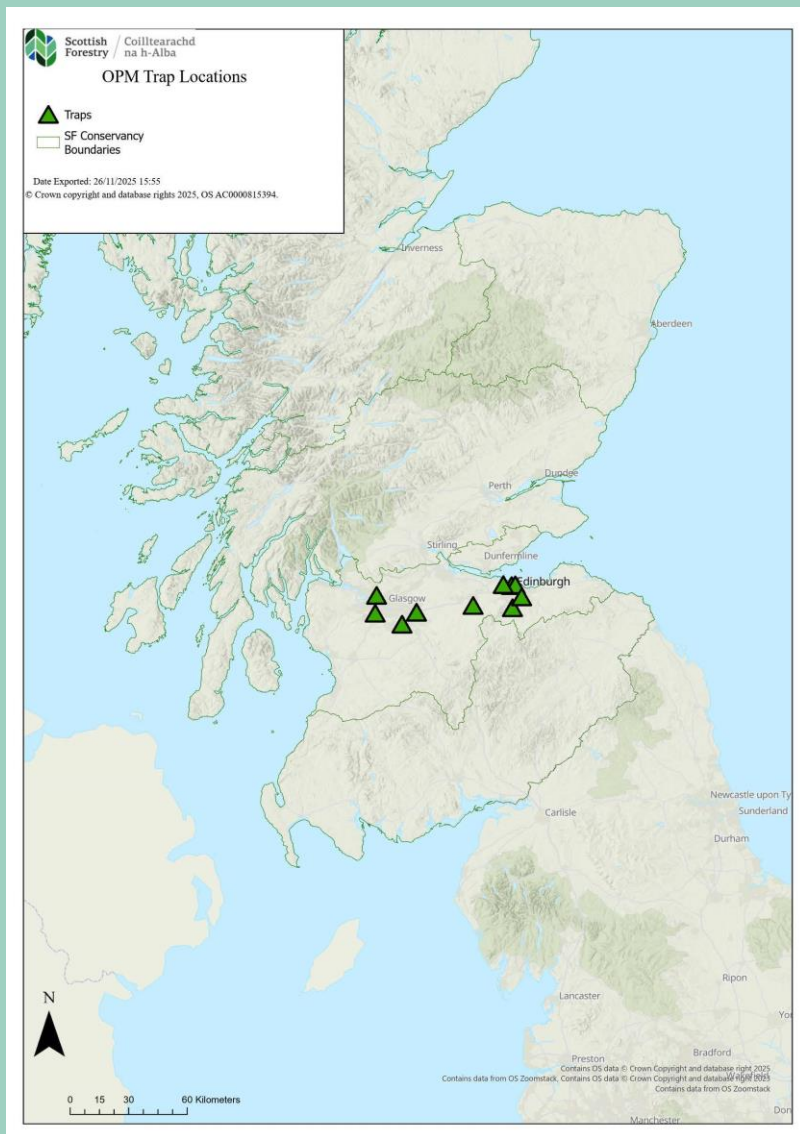
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Other activities: 2025



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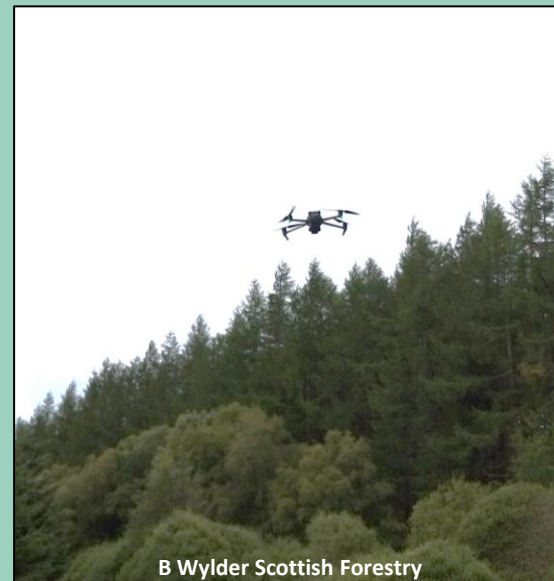
Other activities: 2025



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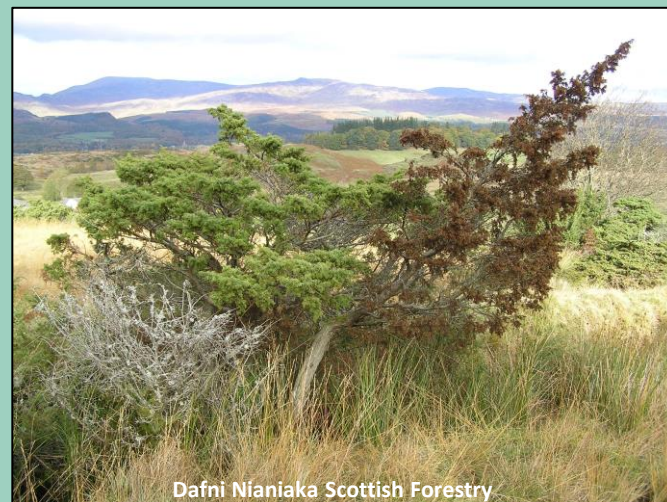
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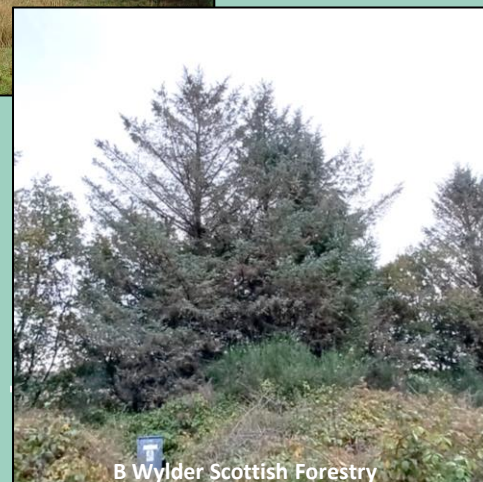
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Other activities: 2025





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Planned activities: 2026

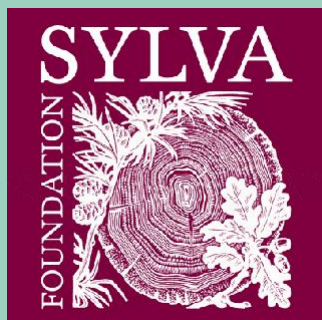




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Thank you

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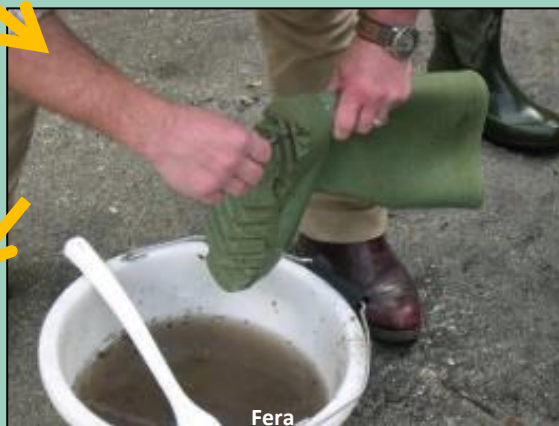


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give tree pests
and diseases
an easy ride



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We need your help!

Tree Alert

Tree Pest & Disease sighting reporter



Tree Alert

Britain's trees are under unprecedented threat from new pests and diseases. We are particularly interested in identifying problems with ash, oak, horse chestnut, pine and sitka spruce trees. You can help by being aware of the symptoms of serious threats and reporting them for further investigation.

Typical symptoms

Report a Sighting

More info (website)



Forestry Commission

Be vigilant - report any unhealthy-looking trees through **TreeAlert**

<http://treealert.forestresearch.gov.uk>

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