

## GLOBAL OVERVIEW OF FOREST INSECT PESTS AND DISEASES

### UPCOMING PUBLICATION FROM FAO



How many hectares of the world's forests are negatively impacted by forest insect pests and diseases? What are some of the major pests impacting forests today? How are they being addressed?

Forest insect pests and diseases have long been recognized as a significant problem for the forest sector. Dealing with the issue requires reliable information. While much information on insect pests and diseases exists at the local, national and

even regional scale, little comprehensive information is available at the global level.

FAO gathers information to obtain an ever more complete picture of global forest health and related activities. A new publication providing an overview of forest health, insect pests and diseases will be available later this year.



The publication will analyse information gathered on forest insect pests and diseases from 25 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Near East. This information will help identify key issues in each region and will also enable further discussion on regional forest pests and capacities for pest management.



A chronology of forest health and protection issues over the past 40 years will also be presented. This will make it possible to determine changes over time in regard to managing forest pests – what has worked, what has not, and what remains to be adequately addressed.

The aim of the publication is to provide more information on forest pests and diseases on the global scale in order to help lead the forest sector towards better pest management for the benefit of forests and those who depend on them.

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