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**SIDE MEETING ON INVASIVE SPECIES AND THEIR
 IMPACT ON FOREST HEALTH**

**The Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive
 Species Network (APFISN)**

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**Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission
 (APFC)**

- Network operates under the umbrella of APFC
- APFC - a statutory body of FAO
- APFC membership - 28 countries within the Asia-Pacific region
- Member countries shape the work of APFC

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**Mongolia - 19th session of
 APFC**

- Session convened in August 2002 in Ulaanbaatar
- *In-session seminar on forest invasive species*
- Call for information sharing and awareness building to increase cooperation in dealing with invasive species threats
- Seeds of the Forest Invasive Species Network sown.

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**China - Asia-Pacific Forest
 Invasive Species Conference**

- Conference convened in Kunming, China, in August 2003
- Considered major issues in combating invasive species
- Key recommendation - establish an Asia-Pacific Forest Invasive Species Network
- Purpose - promote information exchange on forest pests and approaches to combat them

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Fiji - Developing an Action Plan for Addressing Forest Invasive Species In Asia and Pacific Workshop

◀ Convened in Nadi, Fiji in April 2004

Network should:

- ◀ focus on technical and organizational issues
- ◀ address the prevention, detection, eradication, and control of forest invasive species
- ◀ share appropriate information
- ◀ build awareness of impacts of invasive species
- ◀ assist member countries build capacity

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Priority areas for future work

- ◀ Organizational structures to support the network
- ◀ Stock-taking of national activities
- ◀ Awareness raising
- ◀ Capacity building
- ◀ Database and information sharing.

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Current activities

- ◀ Network of national focal points - 22 countries
- ◀ Network database
- ◀ Stocktake of national activities
- ◀ Workshop - *Development of an Asia-Pacific regional strategy for Eucalyptus rust* - October 2004
- ◀ *Regional workshop on coconut beetle* - February 2005
- ◀ Network coordinator appointed

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Thank you!!!

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