

A Coalition to Abate
the Threat to Native Trees from
Introduced Pathogens and Insects
A Report on the Results of Over 50 Interviews



Orientation to the Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases

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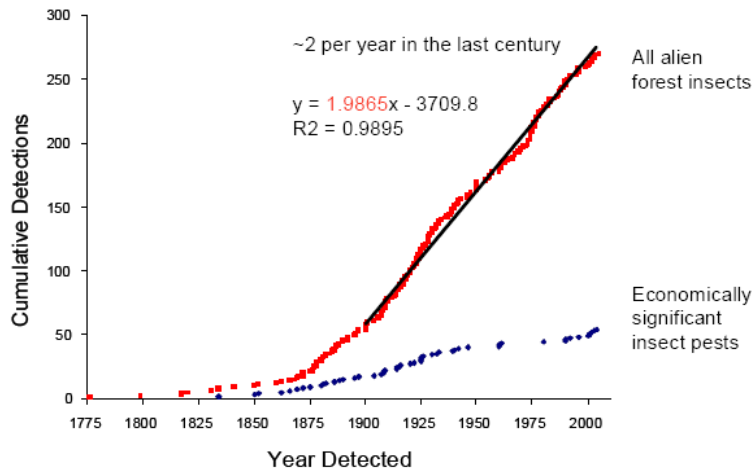
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Why a Continental Dialogue?

- Continued introduction of damaging pests
- Diversity of groups and individuals affected
- Lack of a forum for those groups to come together for common action

Alien Insect Detections Over Time



The Continental Dialogue as... An Airport







Roles

- Steering Committee= Airport Commission
- Workgroups=Airlines
- Y0u= Pilots, flight attendants, mechanics and passengers

Vision (1)

We envision a future when...healthy forests will:

- sustain and enrich biological diversity;
- provide not just clean air and clean water but also contribute to a stable climate;
- provide new and substantial economic, recreational, and inspirational opportunity

Vision (2)

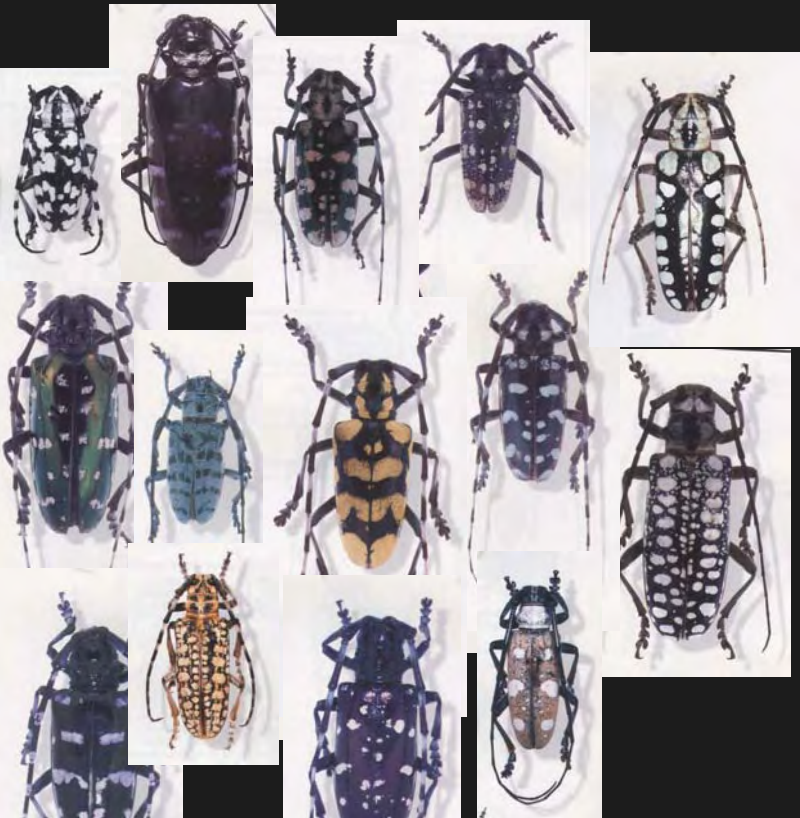
The public will recognize that non-native insects and diseases pose a threat to US forests that must be addressed.

Stronger national policies will result, along with supportive actions by businesses, states, individuals, and many others.

Goals

Prevent New Introductions

- **Goal I: Improve government programs so as to virtually eliminate new Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases by the year 2015.**



Goals

Improve
Detection &
Eradication

- **Goal II: Improve detection and eradication so that new non-native forest insects and diseases do not survive**



Goals

Reduce
Spread

- **Goal III: Reduce the extent to which significant non-native insects and diseases already present continue to thrive.**



Goals

Outreach and Incentives

- **Goal IV: Increase engagement by key constituencies affected by non-native forest insects and diseases or that play a role in their arrival and establishment.**



Accomplishments

- Leading website on firewood movement, reaching thousands of viewers
- Consensus on pending regulations, where previously there was conflict
- Active engagement of dozens of House and Senate members
- Helping shape US Conference of Mayors resolution
- More federal Appropriations (Partial Credit along with many others)