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Continental
Dialogue
on Non-Native
Forest
Insects & Diseases

CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE OVERVIEW

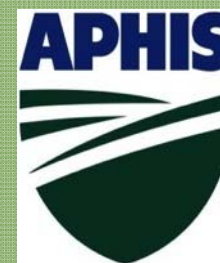
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CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE STEERING COMMITTEE



RESOLVE



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THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
CENTER FOR INVASIVE SPECIES
AND
ECOSYSTEM HEALTH
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C ONTINENTAL DIALOGUE FOCUS

Minimizing new introductions of high impact non-native forest insects and diseases to North America;

Improving the effectiveness of **early detection and eradication systems in order to prevent the survival** of newly introduced invaders;

Significantly **reducing the spread** of established populations of non-native forest insects and diseases; and

Increasing **engagement by key constituencies** affected by or that play a role in the arrival and establishment of non-native forest insects and diseases.

MISSION

The Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forests Insects and Diseases **cultivates and catalyzes collaborative action among diverse interests** to abate the threat to North American forests from non-native insects and diseases.

OUR APPROACH

A central forum for stakeholders and partners to identify areas of mutual interest, discuss those interests, and then build consensus around strategies and actions that further our mission.

Act on **opportunities, leverage, and credibility** to support and enhance activities by our own participants or by others.

Respects our members' missions, areas of responsibility, and statutory obligations.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 9 National Meetings
- Over 500 Organizations and Individuals Participating since 2006
- Numerous Consensus Letters Jointly Submitted
- Don't Move Firewood Multimedia Campaign Launched 2008
- Resolution for the US Conference of Mayors 2008
- *Lurking in the Trees* Documentary produced 2009
- Quarantine-37 on Plants for Planting NAPPRA 2011
- Decision-making Guide for Invasive Species Managers 2011
- Economic Studies UC Santa Barbara NCEAS
- *Trees, Pests, and People* Documentary produced 2012
- Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities Initiative launched 2012

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ACTION AREAS



INITIATIVES

Prevent Introduction of New Pests and Diseases

Don't Move Firewood National Campaign

Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities Initiative

Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative (FOCI)

Engage Industry on Communication and Education

LOOKING FORWARD

- Expanding Continental Dialogue Partnership
- Outreach and Education
- Connecting Continental Dialogue and Forest Health Focus to Other Coalitions and Partnerships



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Questions

