



A Forest Pest and Pathogen Initiative: Science Applied to Policy

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Nonnative forest insects and pathogens in the United States: Impacts and policy options

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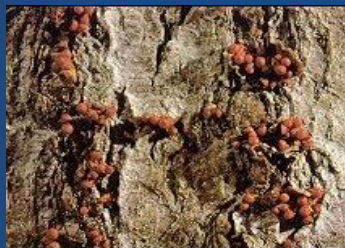
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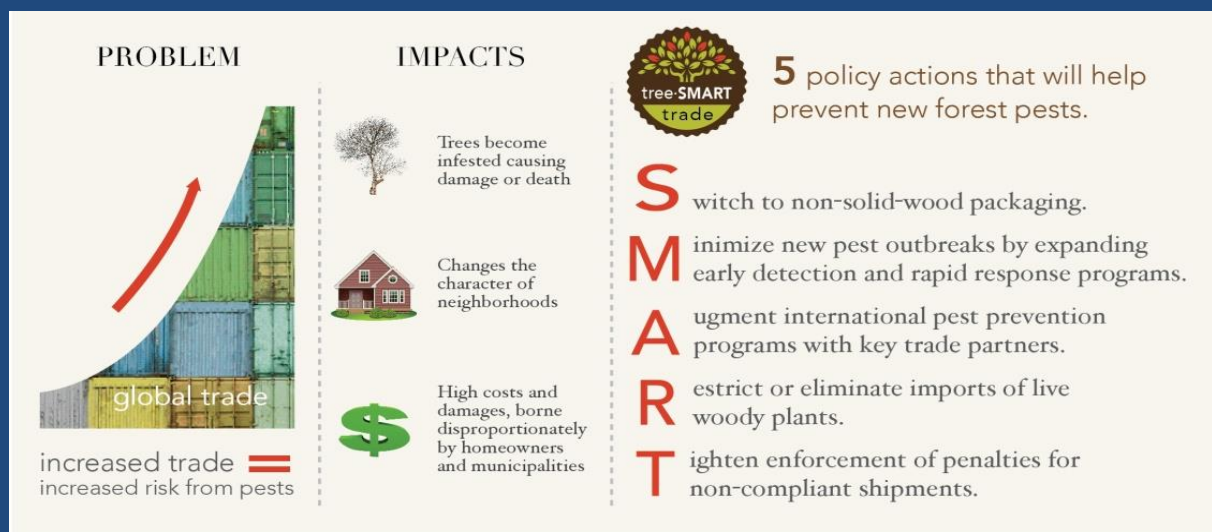
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- **There are many possible policy options for reducing importation and establishment of new pests**

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Science Applied to Policy

- Policy brief and policy recommendations



- Engagement with federal agencies and Congress to provide information on the problem and potential policy solutions

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Policy Priorities

- 1) Focus on preventing importation and establishment
- 2) Focus on major pathways of introduction

**Solid wood packaging
material**



**Live woody plants for
landscaping**



5 Tree-SMART Trade Policy Actions



Switch to non-solid-wood packaging.

Minimize new pest outbreaks by expanding early detection and rapid response programs.

Augment international pest prevention programs with key trade partners.

Restrict or eliminate imports of live woody plants.

Tighten enforcement of penalties for non-compliant shipments.



US must step up forest pest prevention

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