Australian Government
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

Biosecurity

What does the future hold & are we ready?

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Australia’s Biosecurity System

- The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has primary responsibility for managing Australia's biosecurity system.
- The biosecurity system protects our people, plants, animals and environment from the impacts of exotic pests and disease.
- Biosecurity is a shared responsibility.

Import from overseas
"... to protect the economy and environment from the impact of exotic pests and diseases..."
Safeguard Australia
"Safeguard Australia's animal and plant health status..."
Export overseas
"... maintain overseas markets..."

What are we doing to support the system?

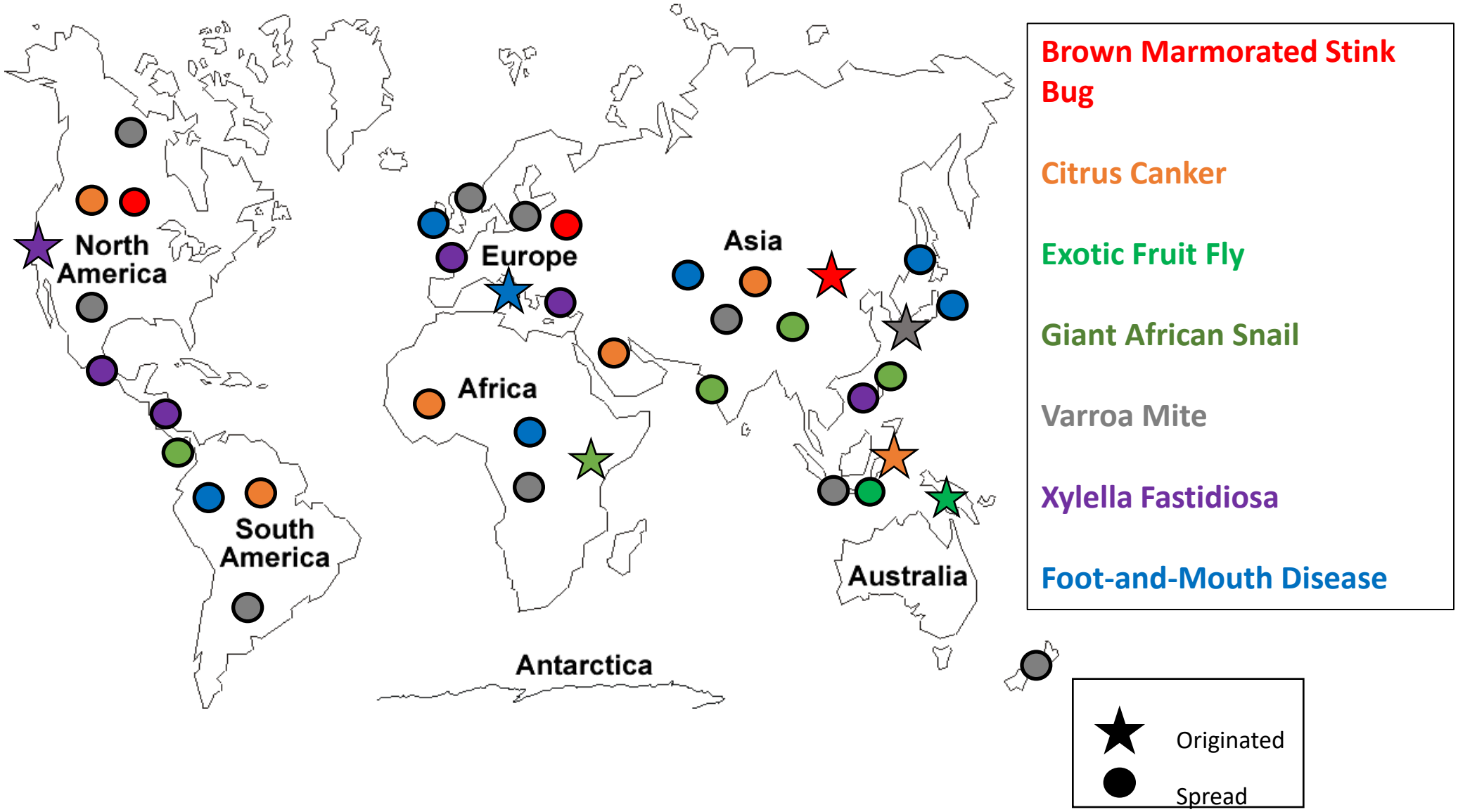
- Fruit fly pest free status
- Authorised officers
- White Paper Funding
- Watch list
- Research

Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper Funding

The Australian Government has allocated $200 million to:

- Strengthening Australia's biosecurity surveillance
- Strengthening scientific capability, information and analysis
- Strengthening Australia's biosecurity – community based action

Our watch list – some key pest and disease threats



Note: Xylella impact

What challenges could R&D fix?

- Hitchhiker pests
- Preparation for top 40 plant pests
- Interception, detection and eradication measures
- Make best use of innovation in surveillance, treatments and technologies