

# Contingency planning in the Netherlands

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# Contingency

- possible future situation
- manage risks
- risk analyses
- precautionary approach
- general contingency plan
- specific contingency plans



# Risks

- natural environment
- public opinion
- trade
- administration/politics



# Requirements activity

- effective
- proportional
- science based
- consistent
- within legislation
  
- political support
- executional support



# Organization

- policy team:
  - judges situation
  - takes policy-decisions
  - gives instructions
- coördination team:
  - collect and interpret info
  - make policy options
  - communication internal  
external
  - evaluation



# Organization

- executional services: gov./ngo
  - personnel
  - diagnostic infra.
  - legal powers
  - IT software
  - material
  - equipment
  - instructions
  - training eradi./admini.



# Communication

- strategy development:
  - information
  - commitment
- execution: - support
- sector, scientists, policy makers, field workers, press, public, other (intern.) organizations, etc.





# Contingency plan

- complexity
- immediate action
- how to handle
- who is responsible
- who to inform
  
- level of detail depends: resources, consequences, public health, politics etc



# Type of action

- prevention
- eradication
- containment
- control
- none

Policy document in development

Risk analyses often followed by survey



# Prevention/eradication

## Ornamental horticultural products

- import value: € 500.000.000/-
- interceptions: 11 organisms  
40 consignments
- eradication: 7 organisms  
25 companies

(average 1999-2000)



# Containment/control

- *Phytophthora ramorum*
- *Rhagoletis indifferens*
- Horse chestnut leafminer
- Dutch elm disease
- *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*



# *Phytophthora ramorum*





# infested sites  
# inspected sites  
2002-2003

10 0 10 20 Km



# Survey 2002/2003

- survey 1400 sites with Rhododendron and 100 sites with Vaccinium
- 30 infestations found only in Rhododendron
- containment measures
- large infested objects



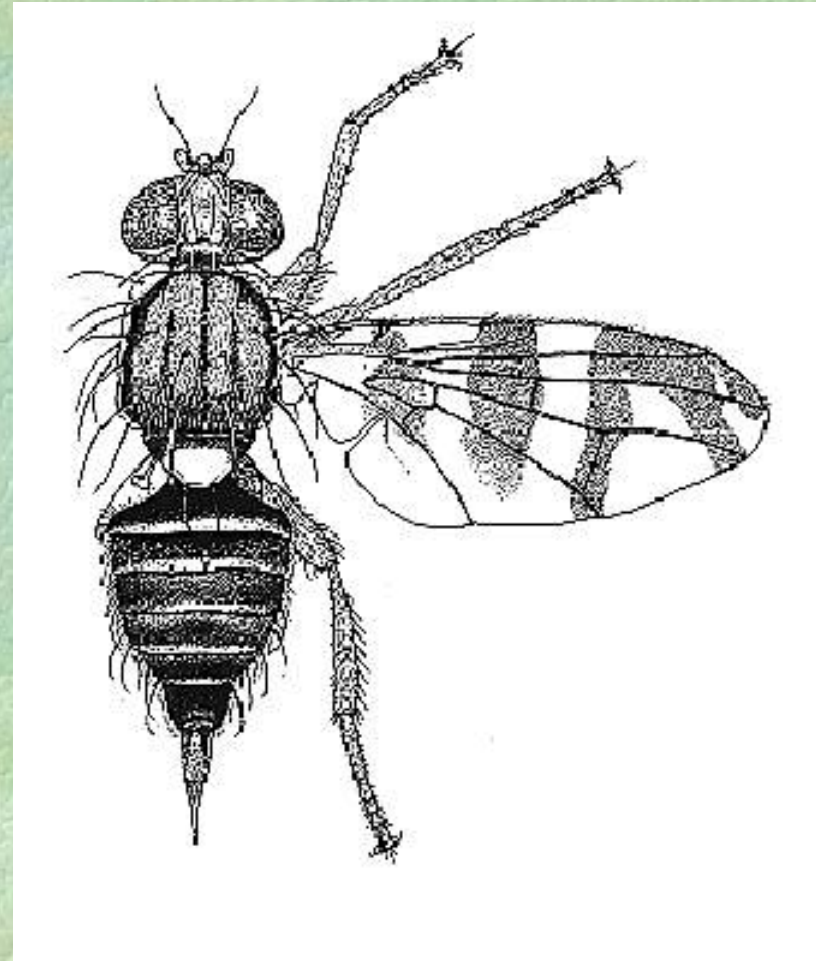
# Future programme

- evaluation September
- formulation policy options
- consultations
- policy decision October
- EU discussion end 2003





# *Rhagoletis indifferens*



# Horse Chestnut leafminer



# Dutch elm disease



# *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*



**Thank you for your attention.**



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