

Forest Biosecurity Research Council

FBRC Progress, the R&D Strategy, and Preparing an Operating Plan

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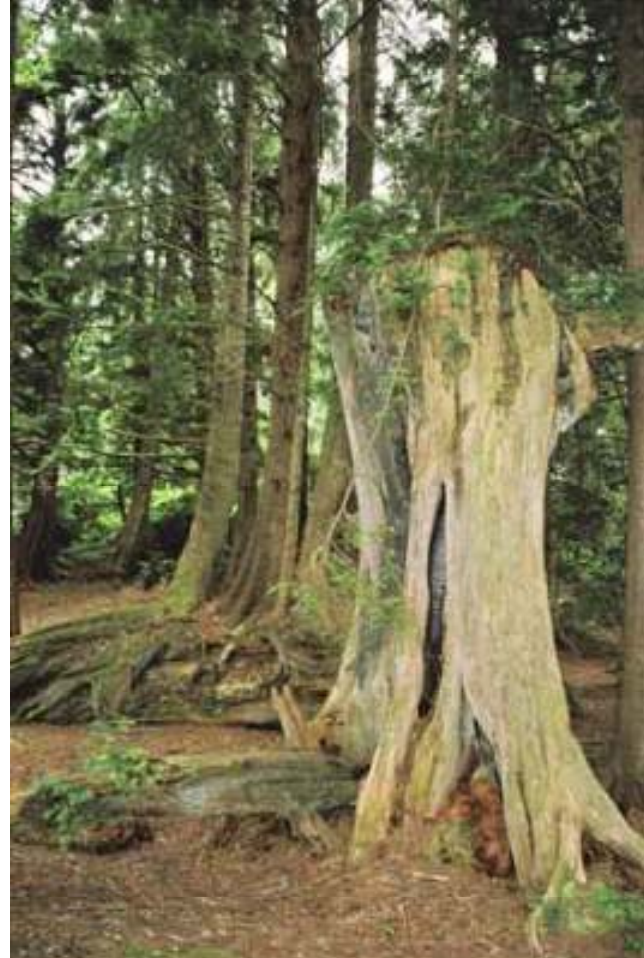
Outline:

1. Progress with FBRC
2. Launching the R&D Strategy
3. Developing next year's Operating Plan

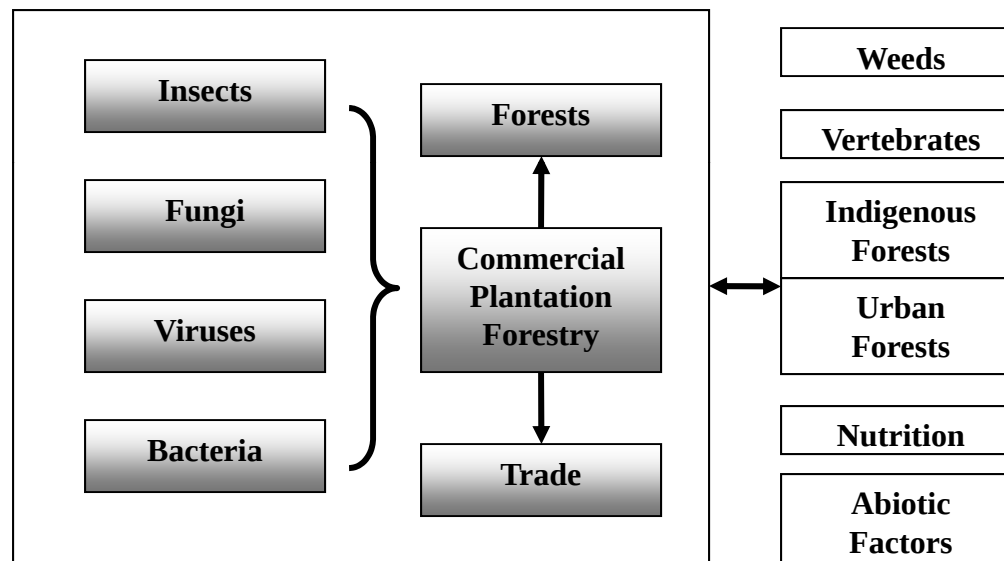


1. Progress with FBRC

- An unincorporated JV
– partnership of sorts
- Formed to provide
focus and impetus to
forest biosecurity
research



FBRC Scope



All New Zealand forestry – exotic, indigenous, urban
Pests and diseases but other aspects affecting health as well

FBRC Mission

- The FBRC has been established to protect and improve the health of New Zealand's Forests and wood export trade by developing a forest biosecurity research strategy, and managing research programmes.



FBRC Objectives

- To establish a biosecurity RS&T strategy
- To manage its implementation
- To share findings
- To manage R&D programmes
- To obtain funding



FBRC Membership

- FOA (3 members)
- MAF (2)
- NZFRI (2)
- Lincoln Core (1)
- FHRC (1)

JF current chair



FBRC Funding

- FRST and FOA
- Approximately \$19M to invest over 5 years
- Approximately \$300K/year from FOA through a voluntary levy



What FBRC's been doing:

- Getting the agreement sorted and signed
- Setting up a website
- Developing a research strategy and operating plan
- Funding new projects
- Managing project overview
- Dealing with current issues
- Communicating results



2. Launching the R&D Strategy

Purpose:

To provide a framework to ensure that effective biosecurity research is conducted to meet the needs of New Zealand forestry. The Research Strategy will be used as a guide to prioritise research, source funding, manage research, and provide confidence to investors that the biosecurity risk is being effectively addressed. A key purpose is to identify knowledge gaps that limit our ability to deal with pests and diseases.

FBRC Strategy Structure

Hierarchy:

- Goals
- Objectives
- Project Areas

Projects are identified
in Operating Plan



FBRC R&D Strategy

- High-level goals established by FBRC and unlikely to change
- Objectives, Project Areas and especially Projects will evolve as problems are solved and new knowledge created



FBRC Strategy Goals

1. Healthy forests
2. Safe wood products trade
3. Resource and capability management



FBRC Objectives – G1: Healthy Forests

1. Understanding offshore threats
2. Detecting and ID – new pests
3. Incursion response
4. Manage current pests & diseases
5. Improved tree/forest resistance
6. Abiotic disorders and vertebrates



FBRC Objectives – G2: Safe Trade

1. Phytosanitary treatments



FBRC Objectives – G3:Resource and capability management

1. Capability management
2. Resource use
3. Technology implementation and extension
4. Programme management



FBRC – Reprioritising

- Strategy reviewed 2-3 years depending on need
- Consultation with stakeholders



3. Developing the Operating Plan

- Produced annually
- Implements the strategy
- Includes research projects
- Delivery on milestones
- Monitored by FBRC
- Priorities set using process in Strategy – but not this year



This year's priority process:

For industry \$ - steps:

1. Canvas workshop
2. FBRC review
3. RFPs 20 April
4. Proposals 30 May
5. FBRC decides funding on 15 June



Today's Tasks for afternoon:

1. We want your assessment as to what we know and do about existing diseases and disorders
2. We want your input into next year's FBRC Operating Plan

