

Collecting and utilising IAS observational data

14. Identify the most likely points of entry to Finland for new invasive species and organise surveillance in those areas



PHOTO A species of Long-horned beetles. CC0 Public Domain

In addition to detached house areas with many gardens, observations on invasive species new to the area are most likely to happen near centres of freight traffic arriving from abroad, such as harbours, airports, rail and road freight terminals.

Do this

Schedule a meeting with those in charge of passenger and freight traffic centres on invasive alien species, their identification and ways of preventing their spread.

Also agree on collaboration in monitoring IAS observations as well as procedures to be taken upon finding new invasive species.

Benefits of the action

If new invasive alien species are detected early, they can be fully eliminated before they spread forward.

Thus, the enormous costs of managing a new invasive alien species can potentially be avoided.

More information

Thanks to swift and extensive action, the spreading of Asian long-horned beetle, a dangerous tree pest, was stopped in East Vantaa:

[The Finnish Food Authority's page on the Asian long-horned beetle \(in Finnish\)](#)

