

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of tree health in New Zealand forest plantations		
Level	3	Credits	5

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: describe the potential effects of disease, insect infestation, and other disorders on a New Zealand forest plantation; describe the pathways of entry of exotic organisms into New Zealand forest plantations and the importance of biosecurity at ports of entry; identify the signs and symptoms of tree health disorders in New Zealand forest plantations; demonstrate knowledge of the requirements for reporting suspected forest health disorders in New Zealand forest plantations and prepare samples for dispatch; and describe legislation relevant to, and organisations involved in forest plantation protection in New Zealand.
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Classification	Forestry > Forest Health Surveillance
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance information

- 1 People completing this unit standard may work in the forest industry or have attended a forest health field trip.
- 2 Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes the: Biosecurity Act 1993 and any subsequent amendments.
- 3 References:
Colley, M. Ed. *New Zealand Institute of Forestry Handbook*. 4th ed. (Tauranga: Design and Print Management Ltd, 2005).
Chapman, S. *Field Guide to Common Pests, Diseases, and Other Disorders of Radiata Pine in New Zealand* (Rotorua: Forest Research, 1998), available at <http://www.scionresearch.com/>.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Describe the potential effects of disease, insect infestation, and other disorders on a New Zealand forest plantation.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 The vulnerability of forest plantations in terms of susceptibility to spread of disease and insect infestation is described.
- 1.2 Methods of early detection of disease and insect infestation in a forest plantation are described in accordance with the reference texts.
- 1.3 The potential economic impact of serious tree health disorders in forest plantations in New Zealand is described in accordance with the reference texts.
- 1.4 The cost of control measures for *Dothistroma pini* in New Zealand is described in accordance with the reference texts.
- 1.5 An example of a pest or disease not yet established in New Zealand that could have a serious impact on a New Zealand forest plantation is described.

Outcome 2

Describe the pathways of entry of exotic organisms into New Zealand forest plantations and the importance of biosecurity at ports of entry.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 The entry pathway of *Dothistroma pini* to New Zealand is described in accordance with the reference texts.
- 2.2 Entry pathways of pests and diseases that may affect New Zealand forest plantations are described.

Range containers, ships, seeds, plant material, animals, humans.
- 2.3 The probable entry pathway of Painted Apple Moth into New Zealand is described.
- 2.4 The importance of biosecurity screening at ports of entry of people and goods to New Zealand is described in accordance with the reference texts.

Outcome 3

Identify the signs and symptoms of tree health disorders in New Zealand forest plantations.

Performance criteria

- 3.1 The signs and symptoms of disorders of forest tree foliage are identified from actual examples, or from the reference texts.

Range discolouring, banding, chewing, webbing, wilting, distortion.

- 3.2 The signs and symptoms of disorders of forest tree branches are identified from actual examples, or from the reference texts.
- Range dieback, breakage, distortion, canker.
- 3.3 The signs and symptoms of disorders of forest tree stems are identified from actual examples, or from the reference texts.
- Range holes, scars, ringbarking, resin bleeding, canker, distortion, staining.
- 3.4 The signs and symptoms of disorders of the roots/butt of forest trees are identified from actual examples, or from the reference texts.
- Range surface fungal growth, fungal growth under bark, resin bleeding.
- 3.5 The signs and symptoms of disorders of felled logs are identified from actual examples, or from the reference texts.
- Range wood boring, bark loosening, staining, discoloring of cut end, fungal growth on cut end.

Outcome 4

Demonstrate knowledge of the requirements for reporting suspected forest health disorders in New Zealand forest plantations and prepare samples for dispatch.

Performance criteria

- 4.1 The importance of accurate information on the site/location of suspected forest health disorders is described in accordance with the reference texts.
- 4.2 The type of information required to be included in a Forest Health Report is described in accordance with the reference texts.
- 4.3 A sample of tree foliage is prepared for dispatch to a diagnostic laboratory in accordance with the reference texts.
- 4.4 An insect specimen is prepared for dispatch to a diagnostic laboratory in accordance with the reference texts.

Outcome 5

Describe legislation relevant to, and organisations involved in forest plantation protection in New Zealand.

Performance criteria

- 5.1 The purpose of the Biosecurity Act in relation to forest protection is described.
- 5.2 The functions of the New Zealand Forest Owners Association – Forest Biosecurity Committee is described.

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Comments on this unit standard

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