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Registrations now open for Virtual ADSW 2024!

The Virtual Annual Diagnostics and Surveillance Workshop (ADSW) 2024 will be held on **Wednesday, 5 June 2024, from 11.00am AEST.**

The virtual event will feature presentations from experts across the plant biosecurity spectrum who will share their knowledge and address topics over two sessions:

- Session 1 - Surveillance (commences at 11.00am AEST)
- Session 2 - Diagnostics (commences at 12.30pm AEST)

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Register your place via the button below to receive your Microsoft Teams meeting invitation. Registrations close on **Friday, 31 May 2024.**

For more details, please email the PSNAP coordinator at psnap@phau.com.au.

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ADSW 2024
Virtual Annual Diagnostics & Surveillance Workshop

REGISTER NOW: Wednesday 5 June, 2024

NATIONAL PLANT BIOSECURITY DIAGNOSTIC NETWORK

Plant Surveillance Network Australasia-Pacific

The banner features a black background with the text 'ADSW 2024' in large, colorful letters (A: red, D: green, S: white, W: white, 2: red, 0: white, 2: red, 4: white). Below it, 'Virtual Annual Diagnostics & Surveillance Workshop' is written in white. A 'REGISTER NOW: Wednesday 5 June, 2024' button is in a grey bar. Logos for the National Plant Biosecurity Diagnostic Network and Plant Surveillance Network Australasia-Pacific are at the bottom. The right side of the banner is decorated with three hexagonal images: a woman in a field, a plant in a jar, and a molecular structure.

The National Plant Biosecurity Diagnostic and Surveillance Professional Development and Protocols Projects are coordinated and delivered by Plant Health Australia and funded by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. The objectives of the Projects are to enhance and strengthen Australia's diagnostic and surveillance capacity and capability to identify priority plant pests that impact on plant industries, the environment, and the community.

Data protocols update request form added to the PSNAP website

A data protocols update request form has been added to the Plant Surveillance Network Australasia-Pacific (PSNAP) website. The form can be used to notify the National Surveillance Protocol Working Group (NSPWG) to implement a protocol update when a new surveillance method becomes available, which is not yet reflected in the controlled vocabulary list of a protocol.

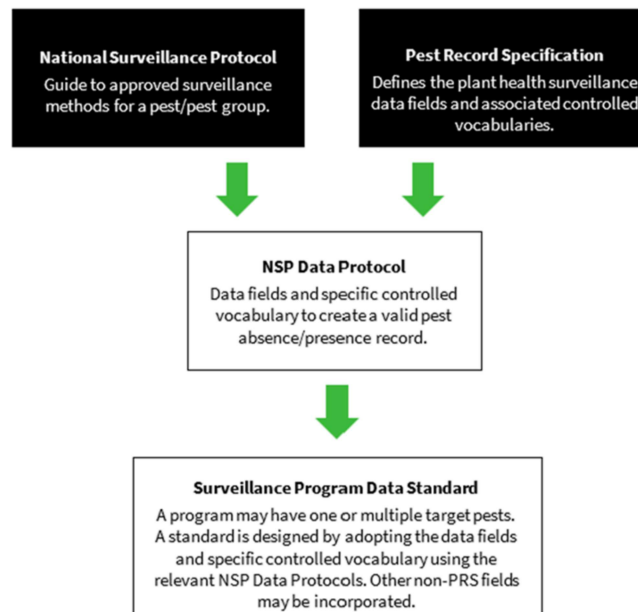
Approved surveillance methods for a pest or pest group are detailed in a National Surveillance Protocol (NSP), with the valid data fields to record the surveillance defined by the associated NSP Data Protocol, which is derived from the Pest Record Specification (PRS) and associated controlled vocabularies.

The PRS is a flexible set of nationally endorsed data fields for plant health surveillance which have associated controlled vocabularies defining the content that may be selected in a field.

The form allows members to formally request updates to PRS fields, as well as data protocol fields and/or controlled vocabulary in NSPs. Completed forms will be submitted to the NSPWG for consideration and to implement the suggested updates.

For more information about the form, please email the NSP coordinator at nspcoordinator@phau.com.au.

Access the
form



Pictured: A schematic representation of the National Surveillance Protocols and Pest Record Specifications that are used to develop a surveillance program data standard to support consistent and effective surveillance activities and data capture.

Register for Australian workshop: DNA Barcodes for the Top End

The *Australian workshop: DNA Barcodes for the Top End* is a free event supported by the Southern eDNA society.

The workshop aims to prioritize the DNA barcodes needed to fully realize the benefits of DNA-based monitoring in the Northern Territory. Participants will engage in discussions to identify the uses, needs, and benefits of DNA-based monitoring and the terrestrial and aquatic fauna best suited for these purposes.

The agenda includes:

- case studies on the uses and benefits of eDNA monitoring
- review of DNA barcode libraries collected thus far
- identification of future DNA barcoding needs
- quantification of the effort involved from organism to barcode.

Date: Thursday, 6 June 2024

Venue: The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Auditorium

Time: 9.00am – 5.00pm (AEST)

[Visit the website](#) for more information.

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Upcoming biosecurity events

- [3rd Australian Biosecurity Symposium](#), Gold Coast, QLD | **27 – 29 August 2024**
- [Australasian Soilborne Diseases Symposium 2024](#), Kingscliff, NSW | **26 - 30 August 2024**
- [Australasian Plant Virology Workshop 2024](#), Gold Coast, QLD | **29 – 31 October 2024**
- [2024 Australian Entomological Society 55th Annual General Meeting and Scientific Conference](#), Hobart, TAS | **17 – 21 November 2024**

Careers in surveillance

Visit the careers page on the PSNAP website to keep up to date with current job and PhD scholarship advertisements.

The following job opportunities are currently being advertised:

- Various vacancies at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

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Careers



Career spotlight

This month, the career spotlight is on Rohan Burgess, Surveillance Manager at Plant Health Australia. Rohan has worked in the biosecurity space for 13 years, with the last eight years focused on surveillance.



Read more



About the Network

The Plant Surveillance Network Australasia-Pacific (PSNAP) enables members to communicate and share skills in plant pest surveillance. It acts as a coordination point for surveillance professionals and practitioners to strengthen surveillance capacity and capability across Australia, New Zealand and the nearby region.

The National Plant Biosecurity Surveillance Professional Development and Protocols Projects are coordinated and delivered by Plant Health Australia and are funded by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

BECOME A PSNAP MEMBER

You must be an active plant surveillance professional employed in Australasia-Pacific to join.
Membership provides you with the opportunity to:

- Improve **skills**
- Facilitate **connections**
- Share **knowledge**

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