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Ko Tatou This Is Us

KVH is one of 19 Tauranga-based organisations that have come together to strengthen protection for our borders from invasive pests and diseases. The newly formed Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC) programme plans to increase awareness amongst the local population and advocate for better biosecurity.

The group's formation comes as a national biosecurity campaign – **Ko Tatou This Is Us** – launches. A new website has been created to help encourage everyone to take a moment to think about how biosecurity protects our way of life, our outdoor environment, our biodiversity and the food we eat.

Read more [here](#).

Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital launch week

Minister for Biosecurity, Damien O'Connor, has joined local business and community leaders and biosecurity personnel at the official launch of the newly formed Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC). Following on from the launch, the TMBC Biosecurity Week got underway, with a series of local activities celebrating biosecurity awareness and the role everyone in the community plays in protecting our local environment and economy from biosecurity threats.

Read more [here](#).

Proposed new pathway to move plant material

KVH is consulting on a proposed pathway for growers in Exclusion and Containment regions to access kiwifruit plant material from Recovery regions with negligible increase in risk. The proposed pathway is based on tissue culture and rather than relying on a single measure to mitigate risk, the pathway contains a number of different measures over a 14-month period to reduce risk to an acceptable level.

Submissions are welcome by 5pm, Friday 2 November 2018.

Read more [here](#).

Managing BMSB risk

A new KVH risk update on the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is available online. The update outlines how BMSB risk is being mitigated at the border through readiness activities and awareness campaigns, and incorporates data made available by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). Since the start of the high-risk season (1 September) there have been no BMSB interceptions. However, during last season there were more than 2200 BMSB interceptions, demonstrating how real the risk is and how important it is to remain vigilant and keep watch.

Read more [here](#).

Psa around the regions

In general growers around the regions are reporting Psa levels to be lower than last year, being wisely cautious. However, situations can change quickly, and regular monitoring is recommended to stay on top of things. Sites which were very cold through winter are seeing more symptoms than others.

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Have you seen this bird?

KVH is asking those working or living in Te Puke to report any sightings of an aggressive pest bird, the red-vented bulbul.

The bird is an introduced pest that's renowned for the damage it inflicts on fruit and vegetable crops. With our extensive kiwifruit industry and other horticultural crops, this is not a bird we want in the Bay of Plenty. It is aggressive, chasing off other birds, including native species, competing with them for food and space.

Read more [here](#).

Compliance at the border looking up

KVH welcomes new data from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) showing 98.7% of air travellers were free of risk goods after going through biosecurity checks at the border. The independently verified survey of almost 12,000 people was recently completed and is just above the target of 98.5%, which gives KVH confidence in the work being done by MPI frontline staff to appropriately manage risk.

Read more [here](#).

No fruit fly interceptions

Latest border interception information on fruit flies has been published in the October KVH risk update, showing that our biggest threat – the Queensland Fruit Fly – hasn't been found at all since the start of the high-risk season which was 1 September 2018. The new risk update also details the national fruit fly surveillance programme, which involves almost 8,000 pheromone traps checked on a fortnightly basis.

Read more [here](#).

Your free 2019 calendar

If you or your organisation would like one of the fantastic, bright and colourful KVH and Port community 2019 unwanted pest calendars pop into the KVH office or send us an email (info@kvh.org.nz) letting us know your postal address and we'll get one in the mail to you.

Read more [here](#).

Don't be afraid to report suspect finds

We understand that reporting a potential biosecurity threat can create anxiety for some growers, who may worry about potential implications or movement controls that may result. The sooner you alert us to anything unusual, the more we can do to help you. Early detection is key to eradication.

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Cruise operators help keep pests out

KVH attended the annual pre-cruise season meeting at the Port of Tauranga to raise awareness of biosecurity and the partnership between the Port, KVH, and the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) aiming for biosecurity excellence. There are 113 ships stopping at the Port over the summer and since the meeting KVH has provided all bus drivers with information about biosecurity that they can share with their customers, including pre-written intercom messages and instructions for passengers if they are on a tour that stops in at a kiwifruit orchard.

Read more [here](#).

KVH biosecurity award finalists

KVH is pleased to be representing kiwifruit as a finalist in the industry category at the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards. The awards were established two years ago to recognise and celebrate exemplary contributions to protecting our taonga (precious natural resources) and ensuring New Zealand's biosecurity system remains resilient, effective, and world-leading. Award winners will be announced during the annual Biosecurity Forum in Auckland on Monday 12 November 2018.

Read more [here](#).

Training the next generation of stink bug hunters

KVH has helped bring biosecurity alive for groups of intermediate students taking part in the Creepy Crawlies Meets Primary Production project. For two field-days, students were introduced to kiwifruit and avocados, and learnt how to catch, snap and report unwanted stink bugs.

Read more [here](#).

Whangarei changes to Containment status

This spring, Psa has been detected on two new orchards in Whangarei, bringing the total to four positive orchards in the region. These new detections are within two kilometres of the existing positive orchards. With this progression of Psa the status of the region has changed from Exclusion to Containment.

Read more [here](#).

Fewer Psa infection risk events to date for Te Puke

When spring 2018 rainfall and Psa infection event data from Plant and Food Research's Te Puke Research Station is compared against 2016 and 2017 data, it shows less than half the rainfall has fallen, Psa infection events have been fewer and infection events have also been less severe.

Read more [here](#).

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