DECADE OF BIOSECURITY
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Decade of Biosecurity Bulletin

Welcome to the newly formatted Decade of Biosecurity newsletter, a bi-monthly newsletter to keep you updated on the progress of the Decade of Biosecurity initiative, share exciting biosecurity news and initiatives and help to build a movement of Australians dedicated to improving our biosecurity system in Australia.

My name is Emily Mellor and I have recently commenced as the Decade of Biosecurity Coordinator. I live in Adelaide and I'm a mother of three awesome kids! For me, biosecurity is about protecting our environment, our industries and our way of life in Australia right now, and for my kids and their future families as they grow up. We need to strengthen and build resilience into the biosecurity system to tackle future challenges.

I'm passionate about collaborating with government, industry and the community to find innovative ways of tackling these biosecurity challenges and identifying meaningful actions to achieve better biosecurity outcomes. I'm excited by the concept of all Australians playing their part as biosecurity warriors to protect our environment, our industries and our way of life. WE WANT YOU to be part of this movement.

Decade of Biosecurity Implementation Plan Update

After 6 months and extensive consultation we are excited to report that the Decade of Biosecurity Implementation Plan has been finalised and we are moving into the next exciting phase of implementing the projects outlined in the Plan.

THANK YOU to everyone who has provided input into shaping the Plan.

We are now seeking investors, leads and partners to deliver these projects that will transform and strengthen the national biosecurity system. Please get in touch to explore opportunities to be involved.

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Access the Implementation Plan here

2023 National Biosecurity Forum

Decade of Biosecurity project partners at the National Biosecurity Forum.

The 2023 National Biosecurity Forum was held on 5 April 2023 in Canberra.
The forum included four themed sessions:

- stronger partnerships and a shared biosecurity culture,
- new opportunities and challenges,
- natural pathways and invasive species,

- integration supported by technology, research, and data,

and brought together key stakeholders from around Australia to discuss challenges, opportunities and innovative approaches for protecting Australia's biosecurity system. It was great to be there along with so many of the Decade of Biosecurity project partners.

A highlight was hearing from Stuart Anderson, Biosecurity New Zealand about the exciting work New Zealand is doing to raise awareness and build the knowledge of all New Zealanders about the importance of biosecurity and the role they can play.

This also included the biosecurity business pledge, a system whereby business organisations can pledge to integrate proactive biosecurity practices into their business operations and supply chains to proactively manage biosecurity risks in their businesses. The Decade of Biosecurity is keen to replicate this model here in Australia and if your business or organisation is keen to be involved in this opportunity please get in touch.

For further info about what New Zealand are doing visit:

- Ko Tatou –This is Us
- Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital

2022 Biosecurity Awards

The 2022 Biosecurity Awards were announced as part of the National Biosecurity Forum. These awards recognise commitment to Australia's biosecurity and the systems that uphold it.

We would like to congratulate all the winners. You can learn more about the winners and their incredible work here.

The community award was presented to the Victorian Community Pest Management Group (CPMG). This project aligns with the objective of the Decade of Biosecurity, to actively engage all Australians in building a stronger national biosecurity system. This group of 4 voluntary community pest management groups (Victorian Rabbit Action Network (VRAN), the Victorian Serrated Tussock Working Party (VSTWP), the Victorian Gorse Taskforce (VGT), and the Victorian Blackberry Taskforce (VBT)) partnered with Agriculture Victoria to deliver the Weeds and Rabbits Project - a $4.3 million initiative to improve the way established pest animals and weeds are managed in Victoria.

The Weeds and Rabbits Project recognised the need to build the capability and capacity of those who lead, coordinate and support invasive species management activities and focused on shifting pest and weed management from a government responsibility to a community led, government supported management model.

The project is a true testament to what can be achieved with partnerships, collaboration and community involvement. You can learn more about this project here.

Weeds and Rabbits project members.

Resources, training and events

We would love to help promote and share your biosecurity resources, training and events. Please get in touch at hello@biosecurity2030.org.au if you would like to promote something through our newsletter.

We want all Australians to play a part in building a stronger biosecurity system.

Here are a number of excellent free e-learning platforms to help you learn more about biosecurity and the role you can play!

Mission Biosecurity
A suite of free, interactive and digital resources which showcase the importance of biosecurity across Australia.

Learn more

Plant Health Australia's Biosecurity Online Training (BOLT)
BOLT provides e-learning courses related to plant biosecurity. Access is free and available to anyone with an interest in biosecurity.

Learn more

Online training courses - Animal Health Australia
Animal Health Australia host a variety of online courses related to emergency animal disease (EAD) preparedness, arrangements and biosecurity on its e-learning platform.

Learn more

Toolkit - Farm Biosecurity
Farm Biosecurity has a number of materials to help you implement biosecurity measures on your farm including plants, checklists and factsheets.

Learn more

2023 Environmental Biosecurity Webinar Series

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is inviting people to connect with them for the 2023 Environmental Biosecurity Webinar Series. The annual environmental biosecurity webinar series provides a platform for knowledge sharing, networking, and collaboration amongst all tiers of government, Landcare and NRM organisations, researchers, conservation groups and leading plant and animal health bodies.

The six-part webinar series takes its themes from the National Biosecurity Strategy (NBS). Released in August 2022, the NBS provides a strategic roadmap and collective vision for Australia's biosecurity system over the next ten years.

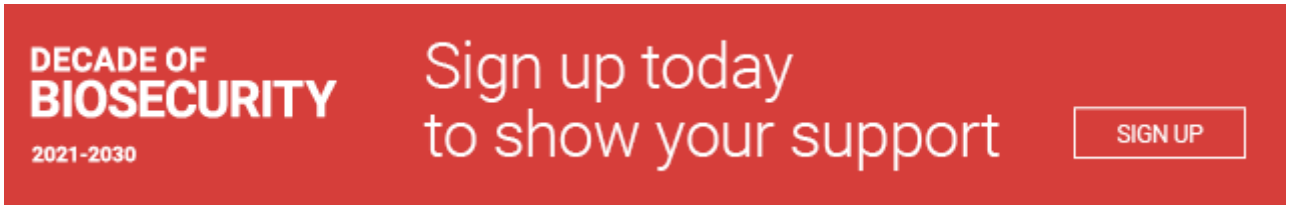
This webinar series takes place every two months on a Thursday between 12:30-2pm AEST.

Register for the webinars or find out more details on the 2023 dates and speakers here.

About the Decade of Biosecurity

The Decade of Biosecurity is a partnership between industry, business, community and government to elevate the importance of biosecurity and improve the biosecurity system's effectiveness during the 2020s. The partnership seeks to engage all Australians with building a stronger biosecurity system and connect leaders and influencers across sectors to share and leverage their learnings and approaches.

The Decade of Biosecurity coordination is hosted by the Invasive Species Council on behalf of the Decade of Biosecurity partners: Invasive Species Council, Animal Health Australia, Centre for Invasives Species Solutions, Plant Health Australia, National Farmers' Federation, Freight and Trade Alliance, National Landcare Network, Landcare Australia, NRM Regions Australia, federal, state and territory biosecurity agencies.



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