FD-ISHB Research

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Platanus racemosa

Ficus sp.

Quercus robur

Persea americana

Populus fremontii

Broad host range

77 species support beetle reproduction (competent)

20 native to California

Avocado

✤25 – 60% percent trees in urban landscape



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Predicting disease establishment in heterogeneous landscapes





Methods: Network of 260 Monitoring Plots





260 monitoring plots
83 in San Diego Co.
Host Composition
Microclimate
Disease Severity
Monitor annually since 2017





































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Warmer Conditions = More beetle generations

Unfavorable communities are more susceptible

Focus monitoring resources in non-infested locations with high likelihoods of being infested

Prioritize management actions in infested locations where community composition AND microclimate are most favorable for beetle establishment





Statewide predictions over time

Landscape considerations

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New KSHB infestation on a sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*) along SLR near Lilac Rd. No new infestation was observed on any willows and cottonwoods in the area.



New PSHB infestation on a sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*) along SLR near Oak Knoll Campground



Host Microbiome and Disease Dynamics





Non-Infested Sycamore in a Disease Hot-Spot





March 2016

November 2016

Endophyte Sampling





- Willows
- Cottonwood
- Oak
- Sycamore



Total 606 samples were collected in San Diego

Preliminary Endophyte Screening









In vitro Inhibition Bioassays





Control

Treatment

No Inhibition

Inhibition

Microbes Exhibiting Inhibition of Fusarium growth

Bacterial Inhibition

Pseudomonas sp. Pantoea sp. Variovorax sp. Bacillus spp.

Fungal Inhibition

Aureobasidium pullulans* Pithomyces chartarum Acremonium sp. Alternaria alternate Epicocoum nigrum

Endophyte Sampling

Fusarium kuroshium



Control







Botryosphaeria sp.

Inhibition Bioassays







In planta



Restoration with Biocontrol

Recover







Willow cutting for propogation



Infiltrate



Propagate

Fermentation of endophytic bacteria in large scale



In vitro isolation and culturing

In vitro fermentation

Large scale fermentation

Collaboration with a group of scientists from the University of Chonnam from South Korea on fermentation of endophytic bacteria that could be applied in large scale. 42

Delivering endophytes into propagation cuttings via vacuum infiltration













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