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Modelling economic impact and strategies to increase resilience against tree disease outbreak



A Tree Health and Plant
Biosecurity Initiative project.



CHOICE EXPERIMENT

A part of the project is a choice experiment that aims at understanding the views of forest and woodland managers and owners about different disease control methods and options for funding such controls. We invite forestry professionals to take part in the experiment and share their views and feedback on the topic. All answers will remain anonymous, and the analysis will concentrate on average tendencies only.

In the experiment, participants are offered several choice cards with a menu of hypothetical contracts in a future "forest disease management scheme", and are asked to select the most attractive option in each card. In principle such a scheme could be introduced in the UK for actions which go beyond current requirements for pest and disease management. The contracts are formulated in terms of

- duration,
- frequencies of checks for a disease presence,
- likely severity of a disease if it arrives,
- disease management options,
- annual payments to a forest owner if he/she takes part in such disease management scheme, and
- a bonus for inviting neighbouring forest owners to join the scheme.

More explanations and a preview of the choice experiment are available online: <http://tinyurl.com/forestmanagementsurvey>

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