AHP Prioritization of Exotic Pests

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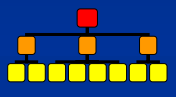
History of AHP Pest Prioritization

- Goal: provide support for PPQ resource allocation decisions
- Development of a single model for prioritization of pests from different taxonomic groups

Review of the Analytic Hierarchy Process



AHP MODEL

AHP MASTER PEST LIST

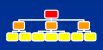
AHP PRIORITIZED PEST LIST

Pest Prioritization in Action!

AHP Core Team
National CAPS Committee

Biologists
Economists
AQI experts

AHP Model



CAPS Pest Prioritization Subgroup

Pest List Coordinator

Master Pest List

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Prioritized List

AHP Model Revision: Goals

- Criteria review by taxonomic group
- Reduced subjectivity
  - Economic criteria ($)
  - Biological criteria
- Improved measurement of entry potential
  - Pathways
  - Utilization of available data

Criteria Review

- Natural dispersal
- Survival mechanisms or structures
- Host or suitable habitat availability
- Remove
  - Potential rate of post-establishment spread
  - Pest and taxonomic group history of invasiveness

Reducing Subjectivity

- Economic criteria
  - Foreign trade (export) impact ($)
  - Domestic trade impact ($)
  - Public costs ($)

- Biological criteria
  - Taxon-specific parameters
  - Management of data gaps

Determination of Entry Potential

Pathways for entry:

- Commodities
  - Plants as food, plant trade, cut flowers, minimally processed plant products
  - Live aquatic and terrestrial organisms
- Shipping containers and packing material
- Transportation vehicles
- Mail/internet
- Travel
- Military
- Natural spread

Determination of Entry Potential

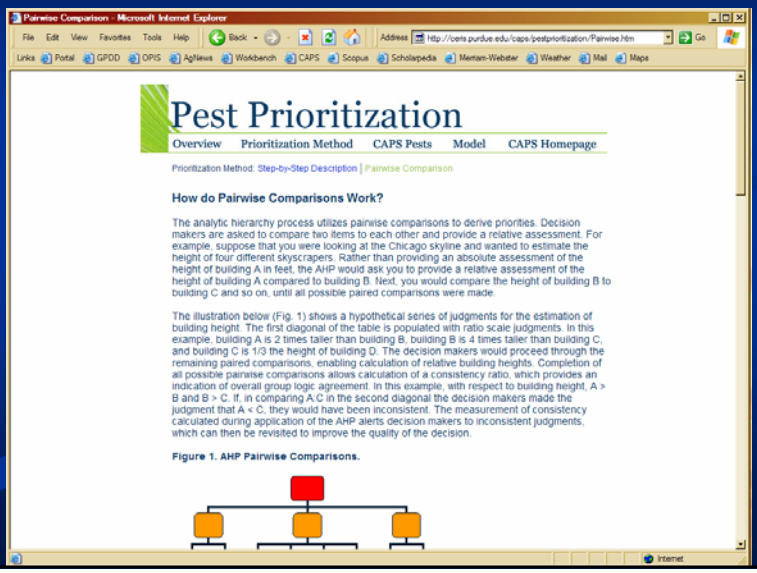
- Using pest interception data:
  - Rate of inspection (regulated vs. non-regulated cargo)
  - Difficulty of detection and identification
  - Record of identification (*e.g.*, plants not on noxious weed list)
  - Number of interceptions
- Smuggling potential (intentional and not intentional)
- Food products
- Plants and cut flowers

Challenges to AHP Prioritization

Resource intensive

- Maintaining the master pest list (Pest list coordinator)
  - Identifying new potential pests of concern
  - Prescreening pests (criteria)
  - Taxonomic and distribution updates
- Pest evaluations by subject matter experts
  - Questionnaire website
  - Time and resource management and setting priorities
- Revisions requiring additional pairwise comparisons

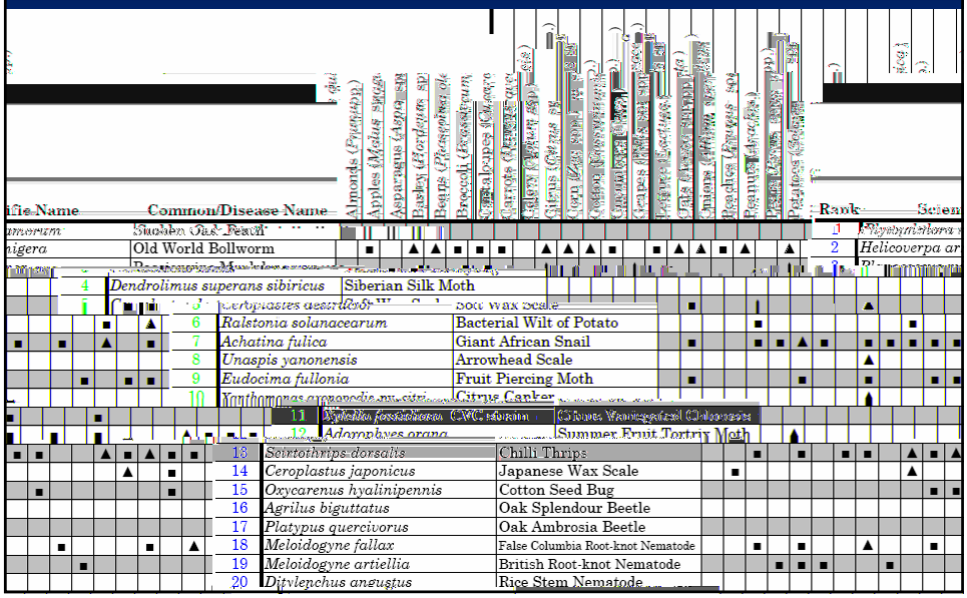
Communication of the AHP



AHP Prioritized Pest List

Priority	Scientific Name
0.944	*Phytophthora ramorum*
0.938	*Helicoverpa armigera*
0.897	*Planococcus minor*
0.880	*Dendrolimus superans sibiricus*
0.859	*Ceroplastes destructor*
0.838	*Ralstonia solanacearum*
0.820	*Achatina fulica*
0.812	*Unaspis yanonensis*
0.810	*Eudocima fullonia*
0.807	*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*

AHP Pests – Affected Commodities



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Thank you!

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