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WEBINAR

# Forest Invasive Species the next global pandemic?



**29 July 2020**

10:00-11:30 hrs CET

Guest Speaker, Prof. Mike Wingfield (FABI, University of Pretoria, South Africa)

*Tree health in the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH2020) and  
what we might learn from the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic*

## PANEL DISCUSSION

- *How can community involvement play a role in preventing the spread of invasive species?*
- *Can surveillance networks enhance preparedness for future pandemics?*
- *How do we enhance the resilience of our forests to climate change and pest outbreaks?*
- *How can we increase national and regional capacity building?*
- *What are environmentally friendly measures to manage invasive species?*

**Participate in the webinar,  
contribute to the discussion,  
and share ideas and solutions!**

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TIME	ACTIVITY
10:00-10:05	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Shiroma Sathyapala, Forestry Officer, FAO</p>
10:05-10:20	<p><b>Guest Speaker:</b></p> <p>Prof. Mike Wingfield, FABI, University of Pretoria</p> <p>Tree health in the International Year of Plant Health and what we might learn from the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic</p>
10:20-10:50	<p><b>Panel discussion:</b></p> <p>Regional networks &amp; IPPC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Ferenc Lakatos, Forest Invasive Species Network for Europe and Central Asia (REUFIS)</li> <li>• Prof. Simon Lawson, Asia-Pacific Forestry Invasive Species Network (APFISN)</li> <li>• Prof. Jianghua Sun, Asia-Pacific Forestry Invasive Species Network (APFISN)</li> <li>• Prof. Mohammed Habib Ben Jamaa, Near East Network on Forest Health and Invasive Species (NENFHIS)</li> <li>• Prof. Brett Hurley, Forestry Invasive Species Network for Africa (FISNA)</li> <li>• Dr. Adriana G. Moreira, IPPC Standard Setting Officer</li> </ul>
10:50-11:25	<p><b>Interactive session with participants</b></p>
11:25-11:30	<p><b>Concluding remarks:</b> Dr. Tiina Vahanen, Chief, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, FAO</p>

Interpretation will be provided in French and Russian

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