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**Re: Decade of Biosecurity, 2021-2030**



The Decade of Biosecurity (2021-2030) initiative is a collective of 8 organisations and various State and Federal Government departments with the aim of encouraging Australians to work together to enact more inclusive and effective biosecurity measures. Full information on the 'decade' may be found at

[www.biosecurity2030.org.au](http://www.biosecurity2030.org.au) .

Biosecurity can be defined as the controls and measures used to manage the risks of pests, weeds and diseases from entering, emerging, establishing and/or spreading across Australia.

To give one example of why biosecurity is important, consider the following:

- More than 380 native species of plants have proved capable of being infected by myrtle rust; with the number likely to grow.

The end-of-program outcomes envisaged are:

- A stronger, more integrated and efficient biosecurity system
  - Australians' understanding of biosecurity and their role in the system is enhanced
  - Increased detection rates and reduced incursions

In August, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Biosecurity Symposium will take place at Seaworld Resort Gold Coast, QLD, between 27-29 August, [www.biosym.com.au/](http://www.biosym.com.au/)

Come on and do your bit for biosecurity!

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