



ECO Submission to the EPA under
the HASNO Act re
Application to import the
Samurai wasp for bio-control of
the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

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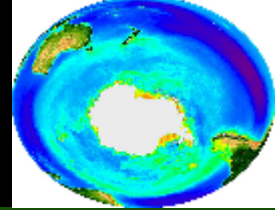
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What I'll cover

- ECO – who we are
- ECO's position on the Application
- Decisions and conditions that we request.
- Questions



What and who is ECO?



ECO is an organisation of organisations.

We were established in 1971-72.

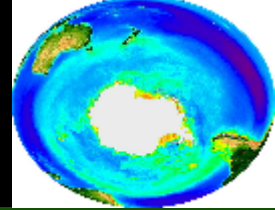
48 organisations with a shared concern for environment, conservation and sustainability.

Members include:

- Local and regional non-government organisations that “watchdog” their patch
- Single subject groups – place, species, issue
- NZ branches of international ENGOs – eg Greenpeace NZ; Friends of the Earth NZ
- Other federations such as the National Council of Women, regional groupings of organisations



Preparation of this submission:



ECO's Executive Committee discussed the application.

ECO's Biodiversity, BioSecurity and Conservation Working group prepared the submission.

We consulted with various experts – entomologist and botanists, ecologist.

ECO's stance on this application:

We recognise the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug could be harmful.

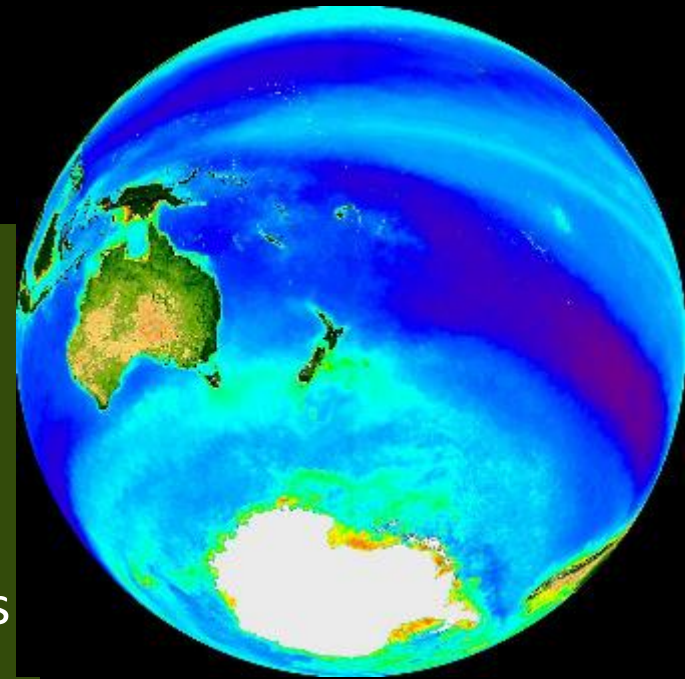
ECO is very concerned about impacts of the wasp on NZ native bugs.

ECO conditionally supports the application iff it has appropriate conditions and further research into effects on native and especially endemic species is done and reported:

Prior to any introduction as far as possible;

Monitoring and reporting after any introduction for 55 years.

We want monitoring and public reporting of the spread and impacts of any samurai wasps' introduction.



Conditions of Approval should include:

- That more work is done to examine the potential impacts of any samurai wasp introduction, especially on the endemic native species.
- We also a request that the EPA establishes a fund from applicants and government to allow environmental protection responses in the event of harms being detected.
- Monitoring, reporting and response provisions should be conditions on any (and every) approval and that these continue for at least 55 years.

Thank you. Questions?

