

Environmental Management Committee

**Tuesday, 7 October 2003
Commencing at 9.30 am**

Part III: Environmental Management

**Item 15: Painted Apple Moth Update
Report From The Ministry of
Agriculture and Forestry**

(Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Report)

MAF Bio Security - Pam Project
Report on the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry's Painted Apple Moth Project
For Waitakere City Council
August-September 2003

1. The Winter Aerial Campaign has seen a major reduction to the Summer Aerial Campaign. Over the winter there will be a total area covered of 892 Hectares. There are currently five targeted areas included in this campaign. These are Hobsonville, Meola, Riverpark, Waikumete Cemetery and Ranui.
2. Trap Catch results for August and September to date on the male moths was 0.
3. There has been no ground surveying for Painted Apple Moth for the months of August and September.
4. The Movement Control Group completed 65 compliance audits in August. All permitted operators were compliant with the requirements to move any vegetation out of the Painted Apple Moth Controlled Area.
5. The release of the Sterile Male moths is still continuing. There are still currently 2000 moths being released in the three locations.

Aerial Operation for the current Winter Programme

| Spray No: | Date Scheduled | Date Applied | Date Completed | Total Area Covered (hectares) |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Spray 21 | 11 June | 12 June | 12 June | 892 |
| Spray 22 | 2 July | 3 July | 3 July | 892 |
| Spray 23 | 29 July | 4 August | 4 August | 929 |
| Spray 24 | 26 August | 26 August | 26 August | 929 |
| Spray 25 | 16 September | | | |