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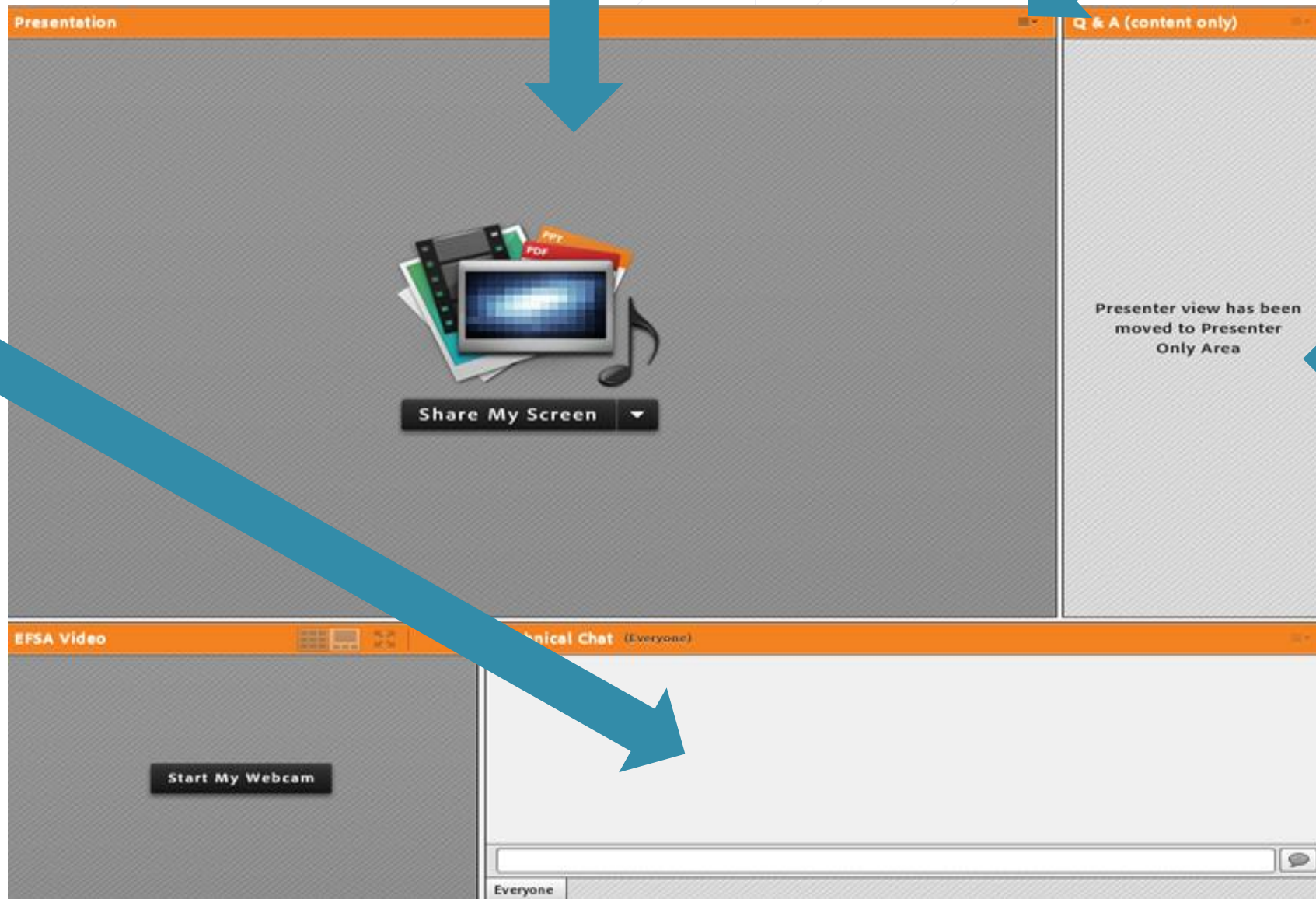


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# **Toolkit for plant pest surveillance: From survey preparation to survey design**

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## ➤ ***Request from the European Commission:***

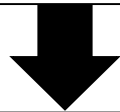
- to facilitate and support the MSs in the planning and execution of their survey activities
- to provide practical and concise outputs
- to address all pests of the survey work program 2018-2020
- to provide guidelines for surveillance for

3 pilot organisms

*Xylella fastidiosa*  
*Phyllosticta citricarpa*  
*Agrilus planipennis*

## ➤ EU regulatory context

- **EC co-financing programme:**
- **Plant health law:** (EU 2016/2031)  
General requirements
- **Priority pests** (EU 2019/1072)  
Annual surveys and contingency planning
- **Emergency measures**



Towards more Prevention, Risk-targeting and Statistics

## ➤ International context

- **Instructions**  
ISPM 6 on surveillance  
ISPM 31 on Method for sampling consignments
- **Procedures and protocols**  
ISPM 1/4/8/9/10/17/22/26/27/32

**Detection, delimiting** and monitoring surveys

# Introduction: EFSA Toolkit for pest survey

## Survey preparation



### **Pest survey card/Story maps**

Guide the surveyor through the gathering of the relevant information for the survey design

## Survey design

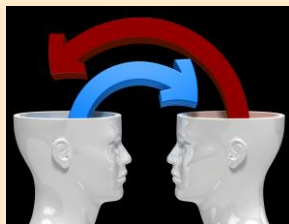


### **Survey guidelines:**

General and specific guidelines for EAB, Xf and CBS

### **Statistical tool:**

RiBESS+ and tutorial



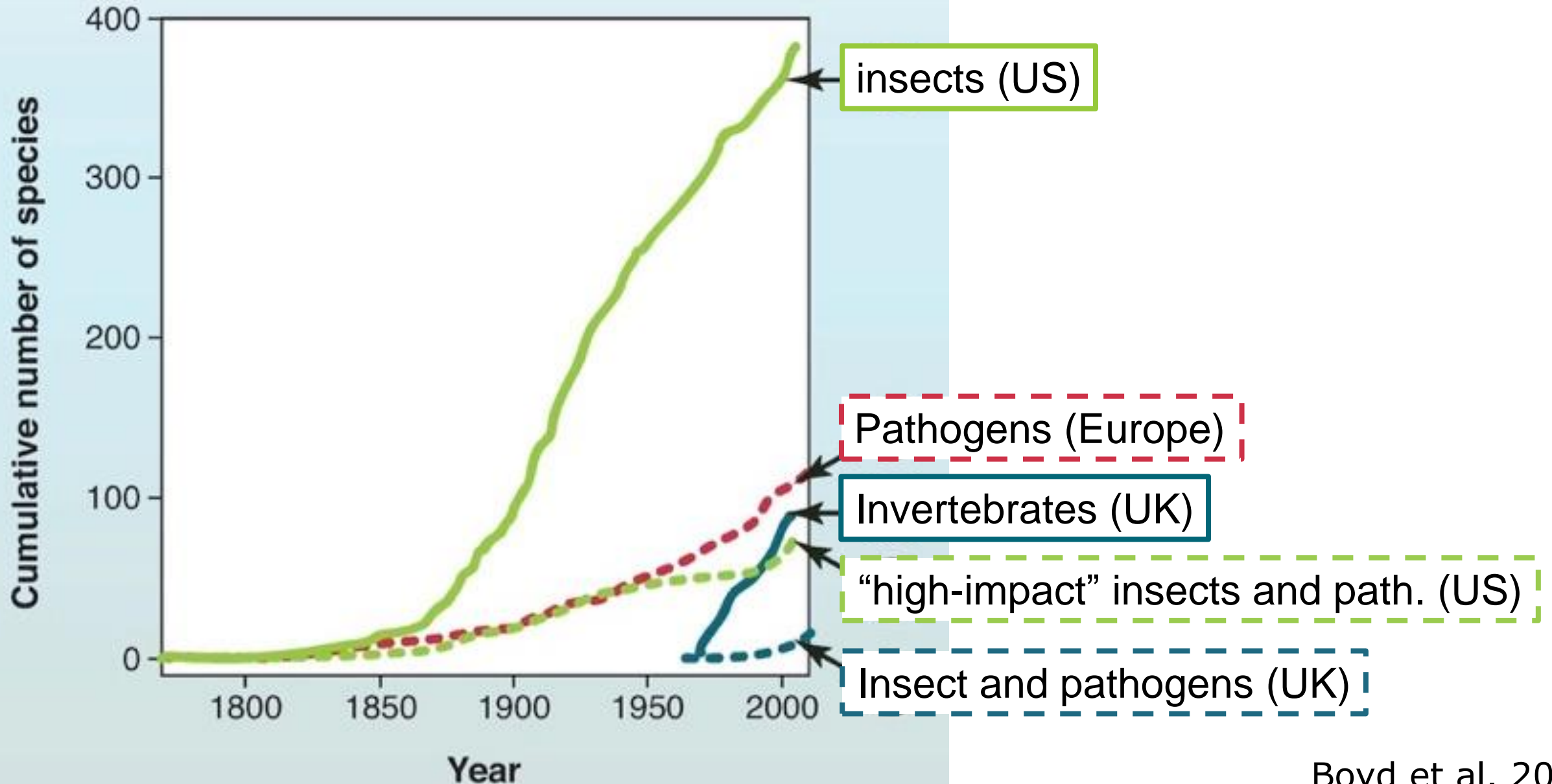
### **Support to MSs in Workshops:**

Tailored pest survey design





# Quarantine pests

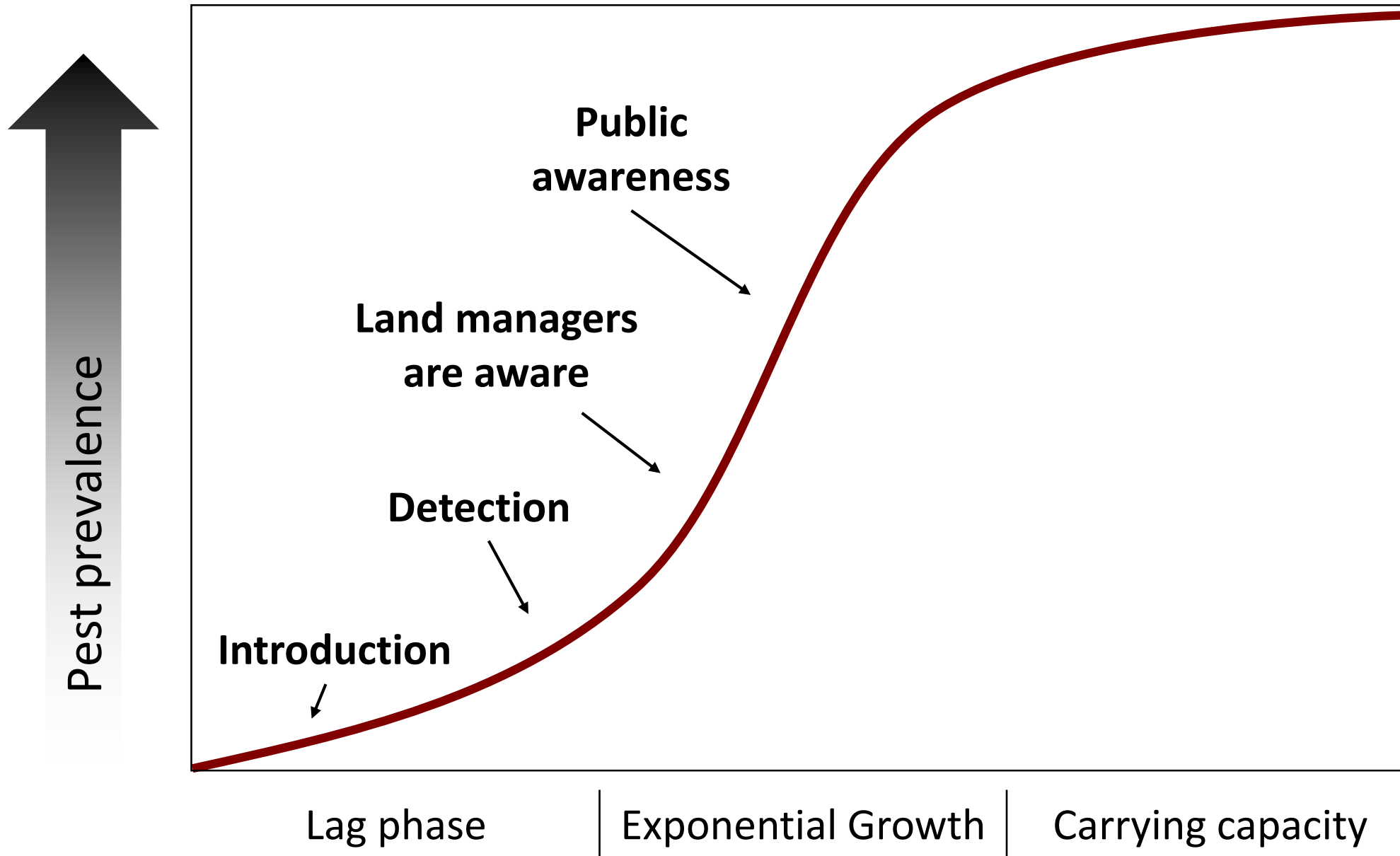




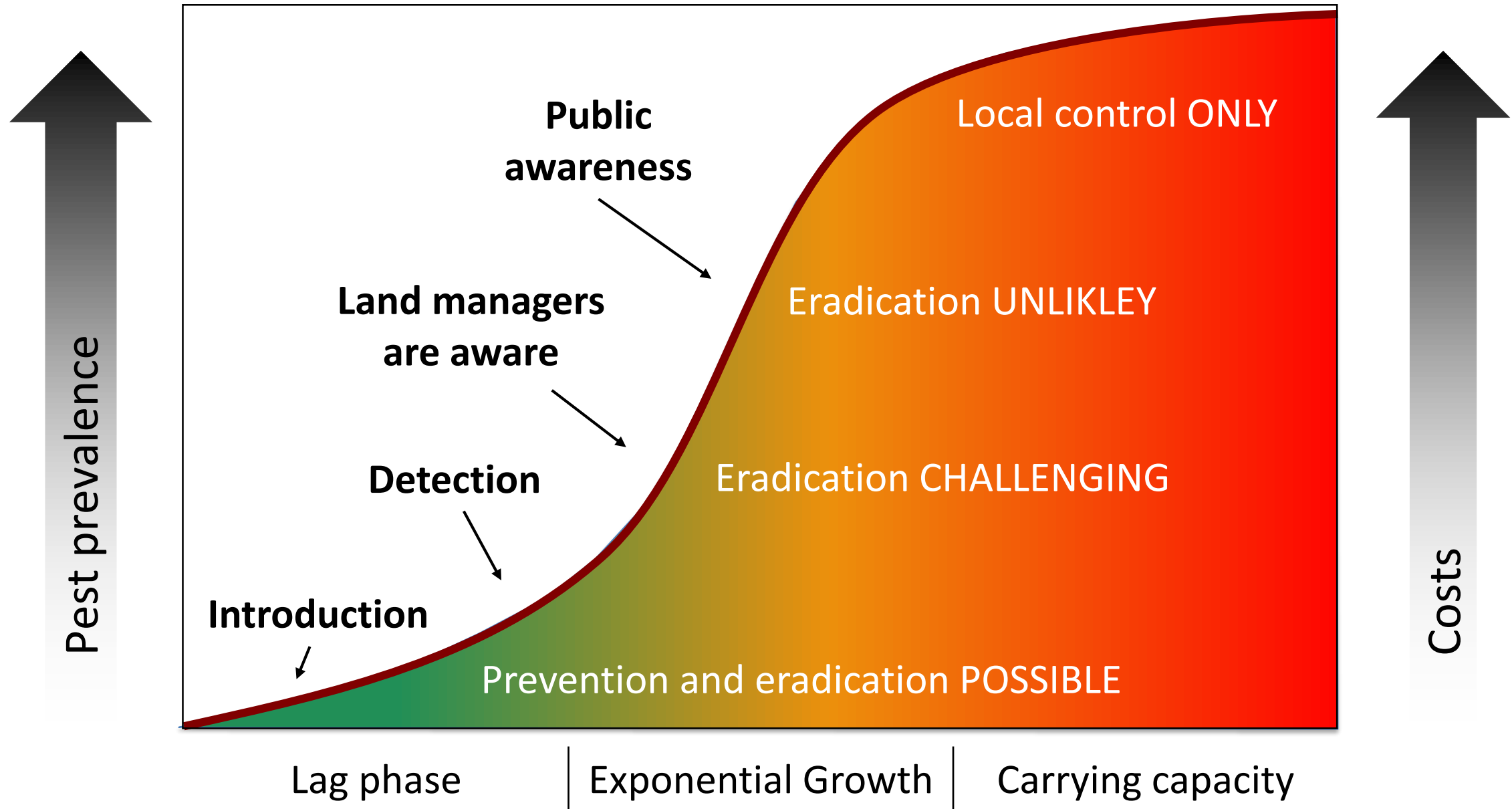
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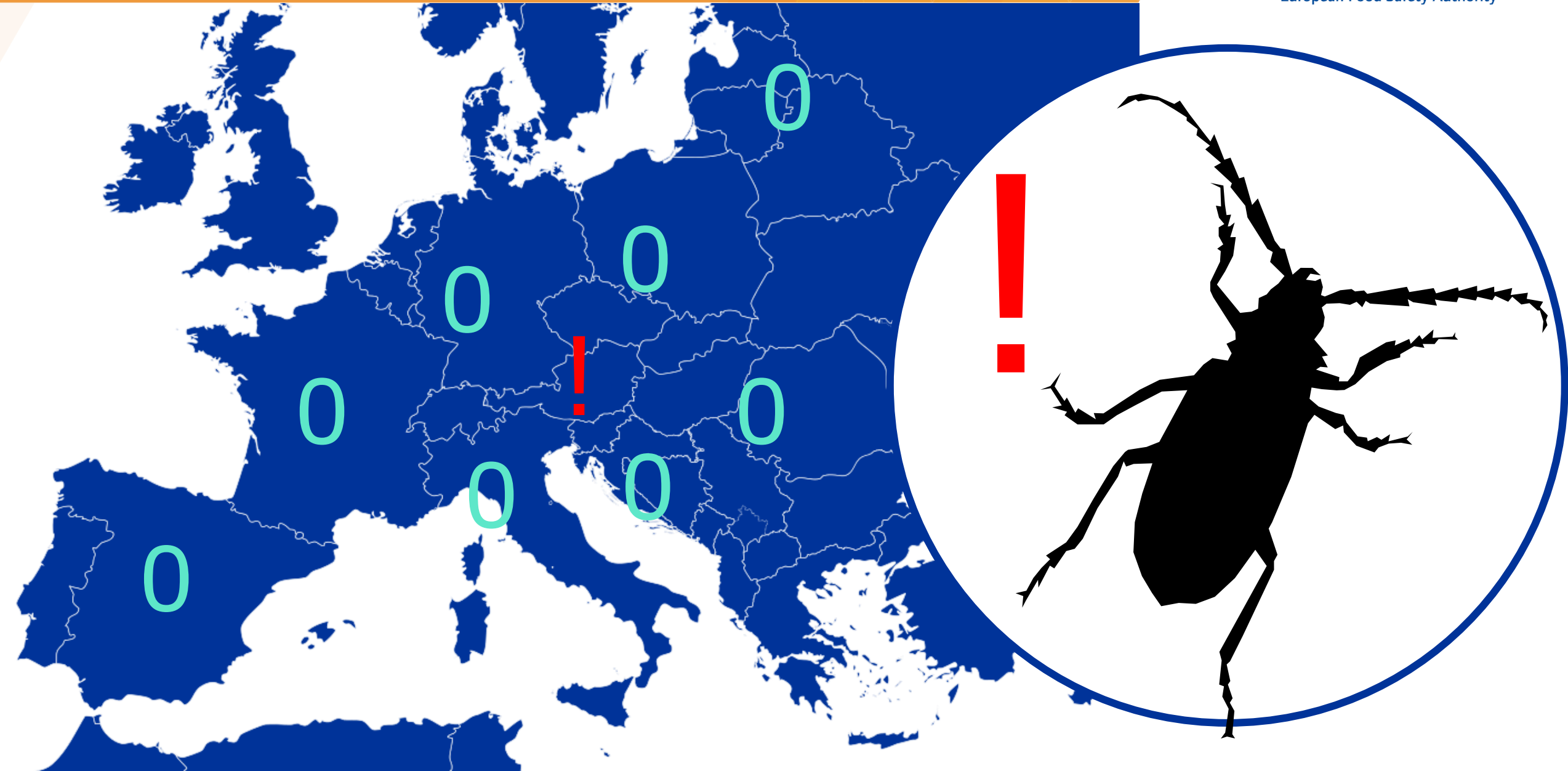
# Surveillance



# Surveillance (IPPC ISPM 5)



# Surveillance





# Surveillance



# Surveillance preparation

WHAT

WHERE

WHEN

HOW



# Surveillance preparation



**Target population  
&  
Detection method**

WHAT

WHERE

WHEN

HOW



# Pest survey card: structure

## PEST SURVEY CARD

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WHAT

WHERE

WHEN

HOW

# 1. The pest and its biology

Taxonomy  
Regulatory status  
Distribution  
Life cycle  
Host range  
Environmental  
suitability  
Spread capacity  
Risk factors



WHAT

WHERE

WHEN

## Assessing risk activities and locations!

**Table 3:** Risk activities and corresponding risk locations relevant for surveillance of *Xylella fastidiosa* in all EU Member States

Risk activity	Risk locations
Production, storage and handling of host plants for planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Nurseries and garden centres cultivating storing ornamental plants, crop plants or treelings for planting</li></ul>
Transport of propagating material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Stops along main roads and railways (e.g. truck parking lots) for routes connected to infested areas</li><li>- Airports and harbours with movement from infested countries or areas</li></ul>
Tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Host crops, gardens parks in the vicinity of touristic sites</li></ul>

## 2. Detection and ID

Visual examination  
*(symptoms, vector,  
morphology)*

Sampling/trapping

Laboratory testing  
*(identification  
methods, diagnostic  
protocols)*



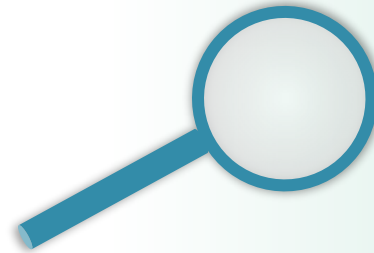
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### 3. Key elements for survey design

Target population:  
*Epidemiological unit*  
*Inspection units*  
*Risk areas*



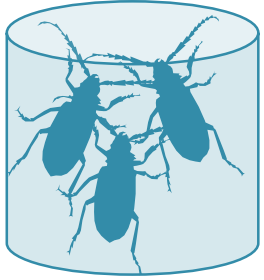
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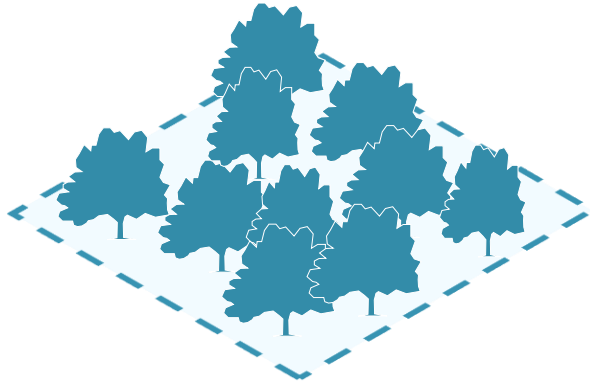
***Having the right detection method is key!***



# Target population



Inspection units  
*(a plant, or a trap)*



Epidemiological units  
*(a homogeneous area)*



Risk areas: areas surrounding risk locations with same relative risk

# Survey cards available

43  
cards

...63  
pests

## EFSA journal virtual issue

[https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/\(ISSN\)1831-4732.toolkit-plant-pest-surveillance](https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/(ISSN)1831-4732.toolkit-plant-pest-surveillance)

- Pilot organisms *Xylella fastidiosa*  
*Phyllosticta citricarpa*  
*Agilus planipennis*
- Citrus pests
- Forest pests
- Potato pests
- Miscellaneous pests



# ...“Story maps” are available!

29  
maps

## Story Maps Gallery

<https://efsa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MinimalGallery/index.html?appid=f91d6e95376f4a5da206eb1815ad1489>

What  
is it?

Latest update of survey  
cards

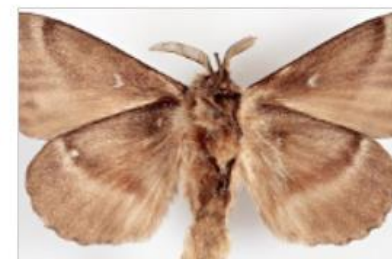
ESRI platform

Online visual format

It's a “pocket” survey card



Story map for survey of  
'Candidatus Liberibacter  
solanacearum' and its  
vectors



Story map for survey of  
*Dendrolimus sibiricus*



Story map for survey of  
*Popillia japonica*



Story map for survey of  
*Scirtothrips aurantii*, *S. citri*  
and *S. dorsalis*



# Survey: from preparation to design

## PEST SURVEY CARD

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doi:10.2903/sp.efsa.2019.EN-1667

### **Pest survey card on *Xylella fastidiosa***

video

ArcGIS StoryMaps

video



**RIBESS+  
stats tool**

## TECHNICAL REPORT

APPROVED: 27 May 2020

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### **Guidelines for statistically sound and risk-based surveys of *Xylella fastidiosa***



# Q & A

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# Survey design: Guidelines

## TECHNICAL REPORT



APPROVED: 31 July 2020

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### General guidelines for statistically sound and risk-based surveys of plant pests

European Food Safety Authority (EFSA),  
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### Guidelines for statistically sound and risk-based surveys of *Agrilus planipennis*

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## General guidelines

- Context for surveillance
- Survey design

## Specific guidelines (pilot organisms)

### Application of the approach

- Setting the survey parameters
- Estimating the survey effort (RiBESS+)
- Allocating the efforts in the survey area
- Concluding of a survey

## Types of surveys

### Detection survey

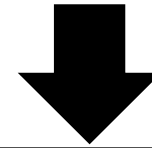
- Early detection of pests
- Support NPPO declarations of pest freedom
- Changes in pest status

### Delimiting survey (Zoning)

- Delimit the extent of a pest following an outbreak

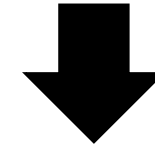
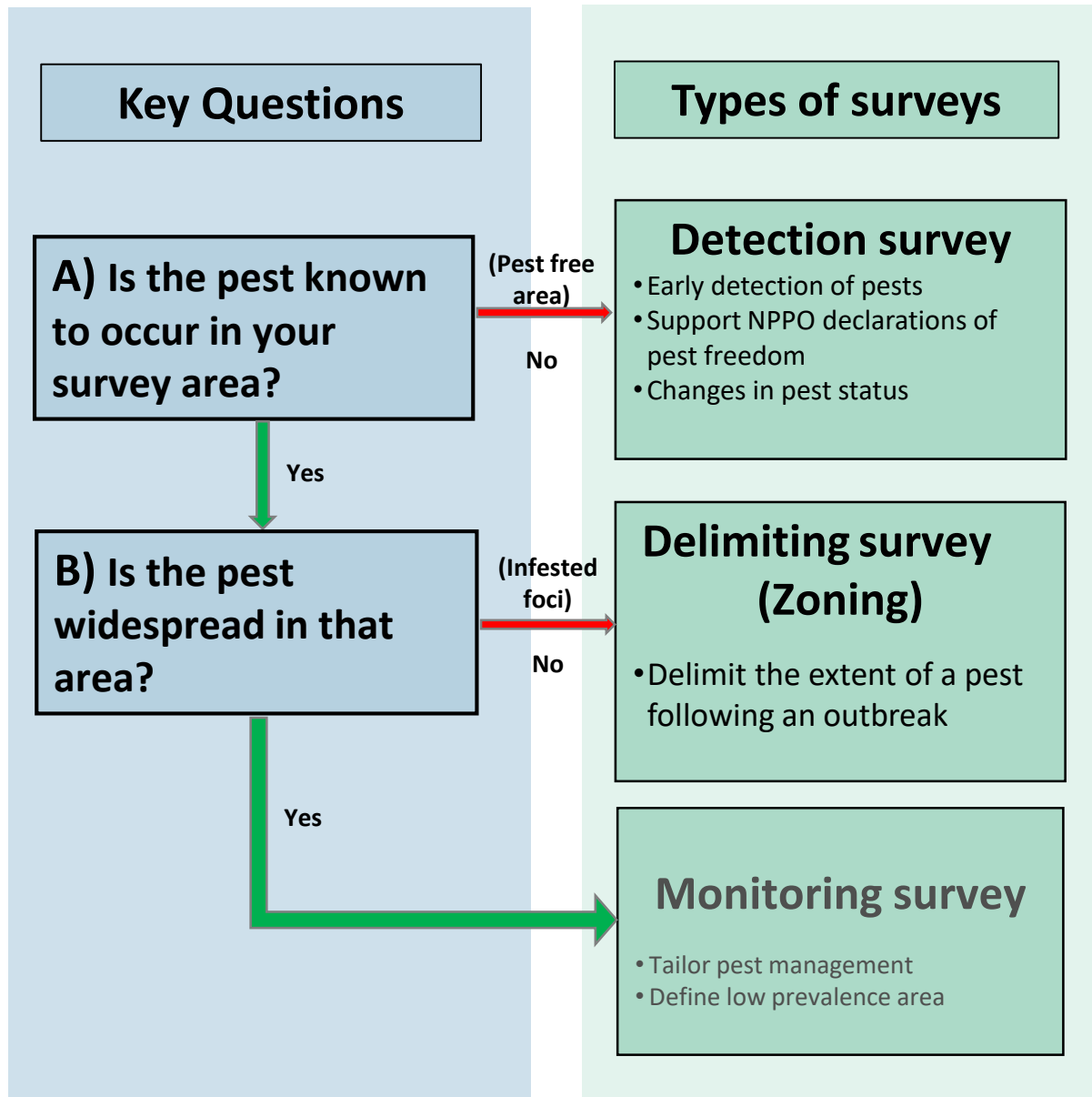
### Monitoring survey

- Tailor pest management
- Define low prevalence area



Which one to choose?

# Survey design: Type of surveys



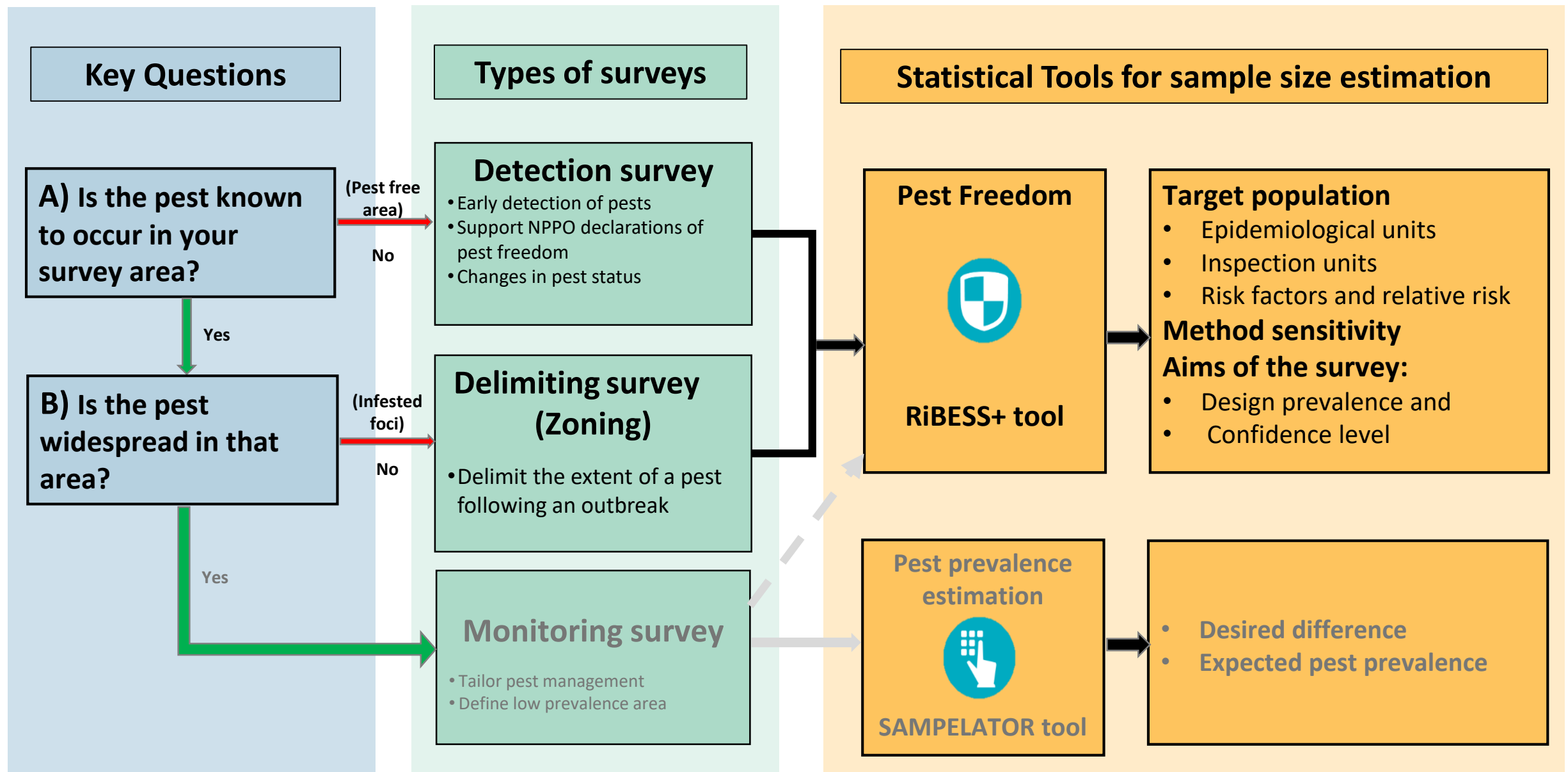
Once the type of survey selected, what tools are available?

Pest freedom based on evidence

Reassure trade partners

Improve timely detection and potential eradication

# Survey design: Type of surveys



# Survey design: statistically sound and risk-based

## Survey preparation

### What?

Pest taxonomy  
Pest biology

### Where?

Host range  
Epidemiology  
Risk locations

### When?

Pest biology  
Life cycle

### How?

Detection method  
Symptoms, traps  
Field sampling  
Laboratory testing



Objective of a statistically sound and risk-based surveys is to:

Estimate the number of inspections/samples/tests necessary to infer conclusions on the entire target population



# Survey design: Target population

**Survey preparation**

**Where?**

**What?**

**Target population  
(Structure and size)**

**Inspection units**

Elementary subdivision (e.g. host plant, vectors)

**Epidemiological units**

A homogeneous area where interactions between pest, host plants and abiotic and biotic factors result in similar epidemiology

**Risk factors**

Biotic/abiotic factor increasing the probability of infestation by the pest

**Survey design**

# Survey design: Target population

## Structure Size Assumptions

### SURVEY AREA



### LAND USE CATEGORIES



### Epidemiological unit



FROM the  
whole  
survey area  
TO a single  
hectare

### Risk factors



### Inspection Unit



LEVEL 1

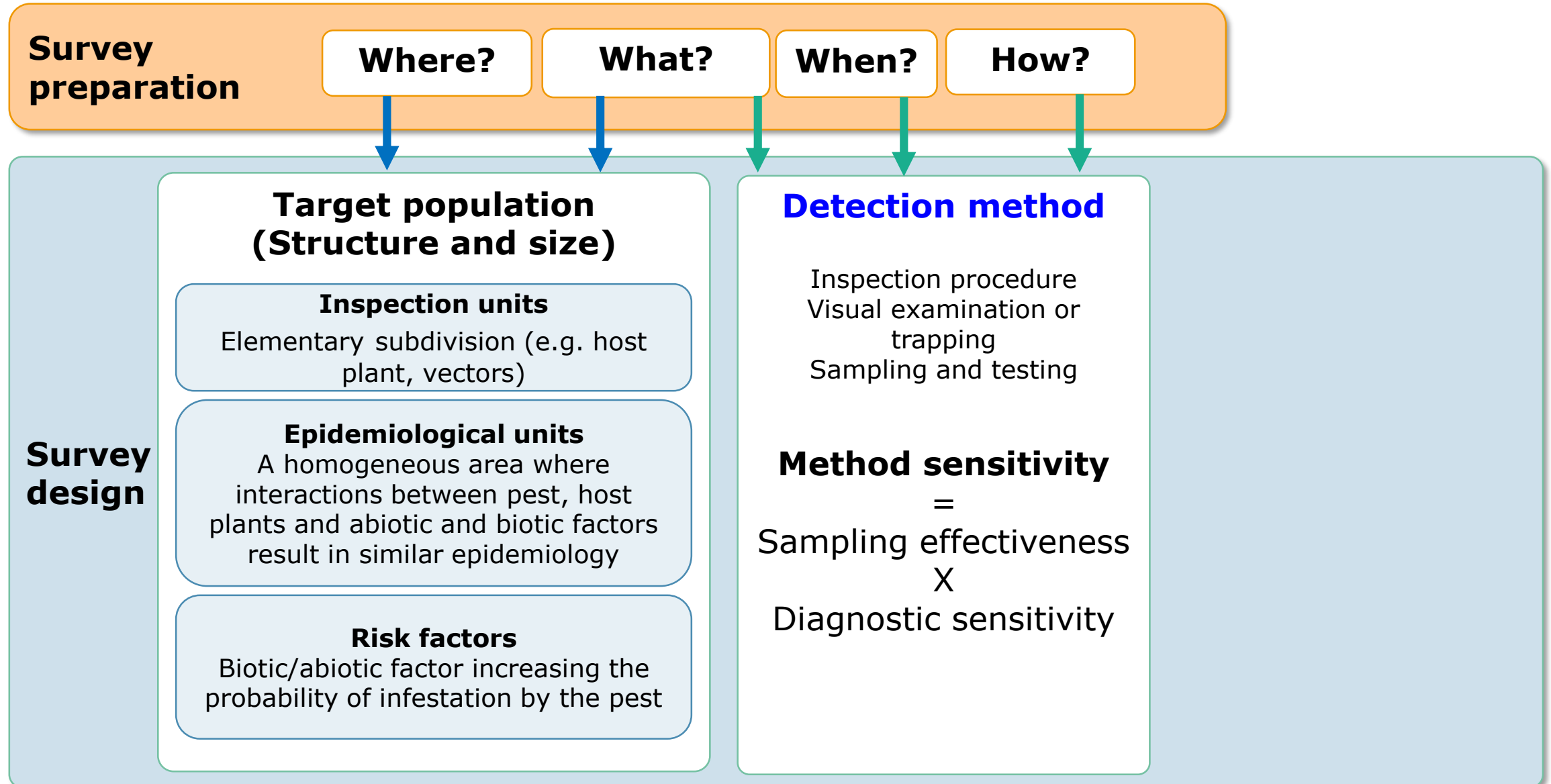
LEVEL 2

LEVEL 3

LEVEL 4

LEVEL 5

# Survey design: Detection method



# Survey design: Detection method



- **Method sensitivity** (efficacy of detection, ISPM 31)
  - Probability to find the pest when it is there

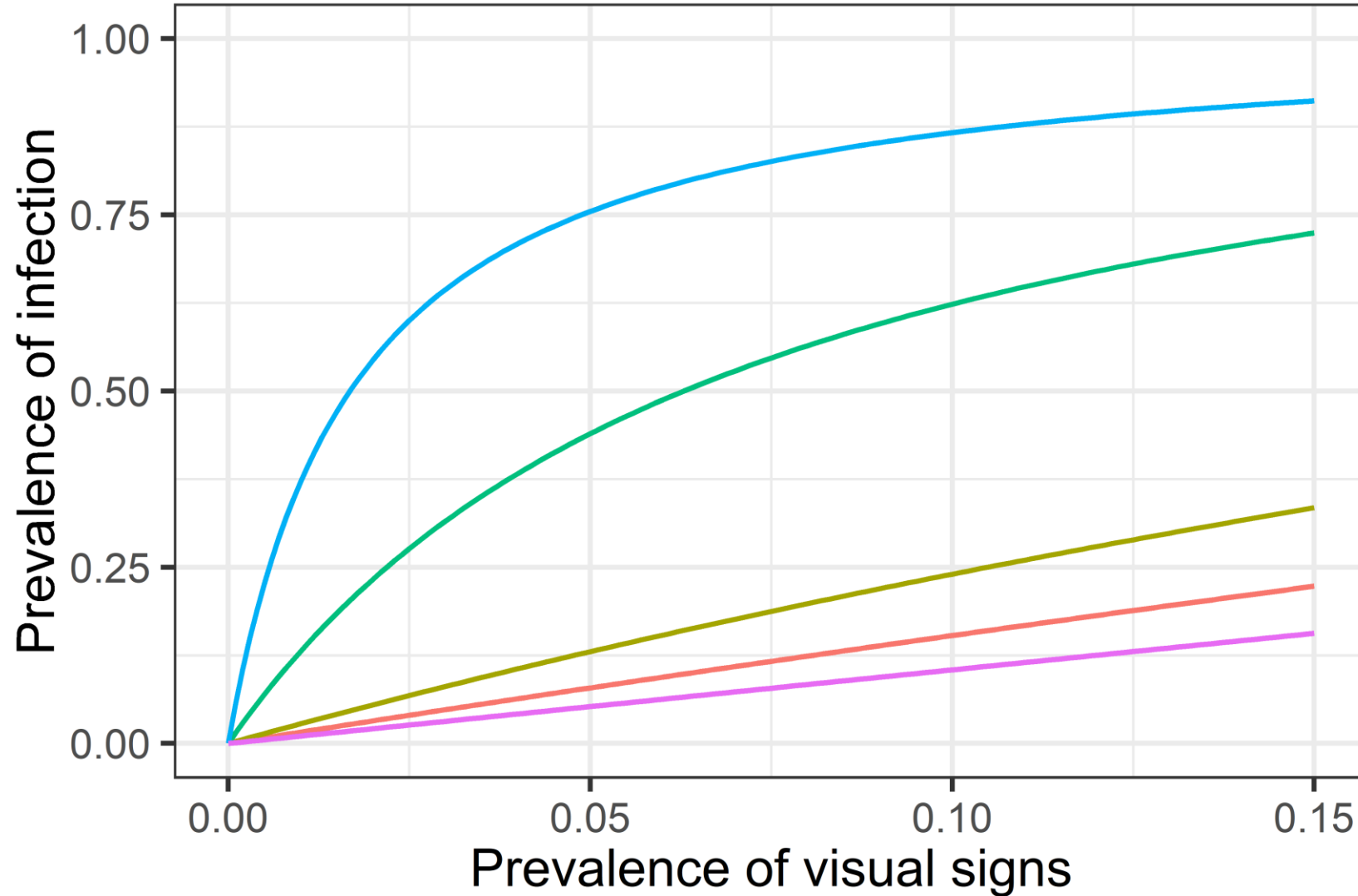
**Effectiveness** of inspection/sampling/trapping  
ability to successfully choose the infected parts from a host plant

X

**Diagnostic sensitivity**  
probability that a sample tests positive when the sample is truly positive



# Survey design: Detection method



**Olive quick decline**

*(Xylella fastidiosa)*

**Huanglongbing**

*(Ca. Liberibacter asiaticus)*

**Citrus canker**

*(Xanthomonas axonopodis)*

**Ash dieback**

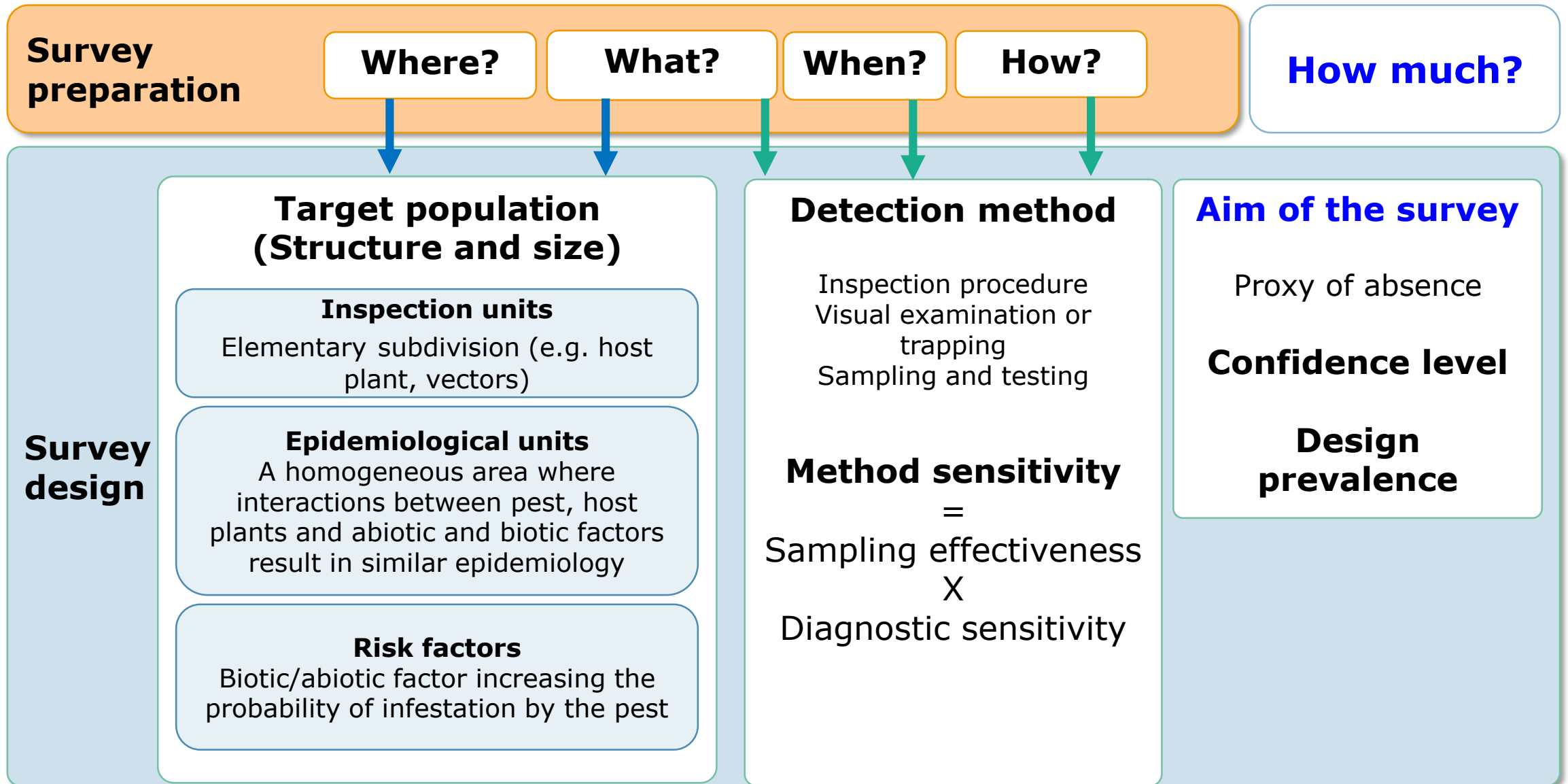
*(Hymenoscyphus fraxineus)*

**Sudden oak death**

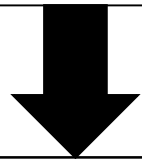
*(Phytophthora ramorum)*



# Survey design: Aim of the survey



- Confidence level and design prevalence
  - Confidence level is the “amount of confidence” we want to have on the survey
  - The Design prevalence: level of detection in ISPM 31 is the “maximum prevalence” that there could be.  
What is the prevalence I can live with?
  - Gradient of design prevalence (detection/delimiting/buffer zone)

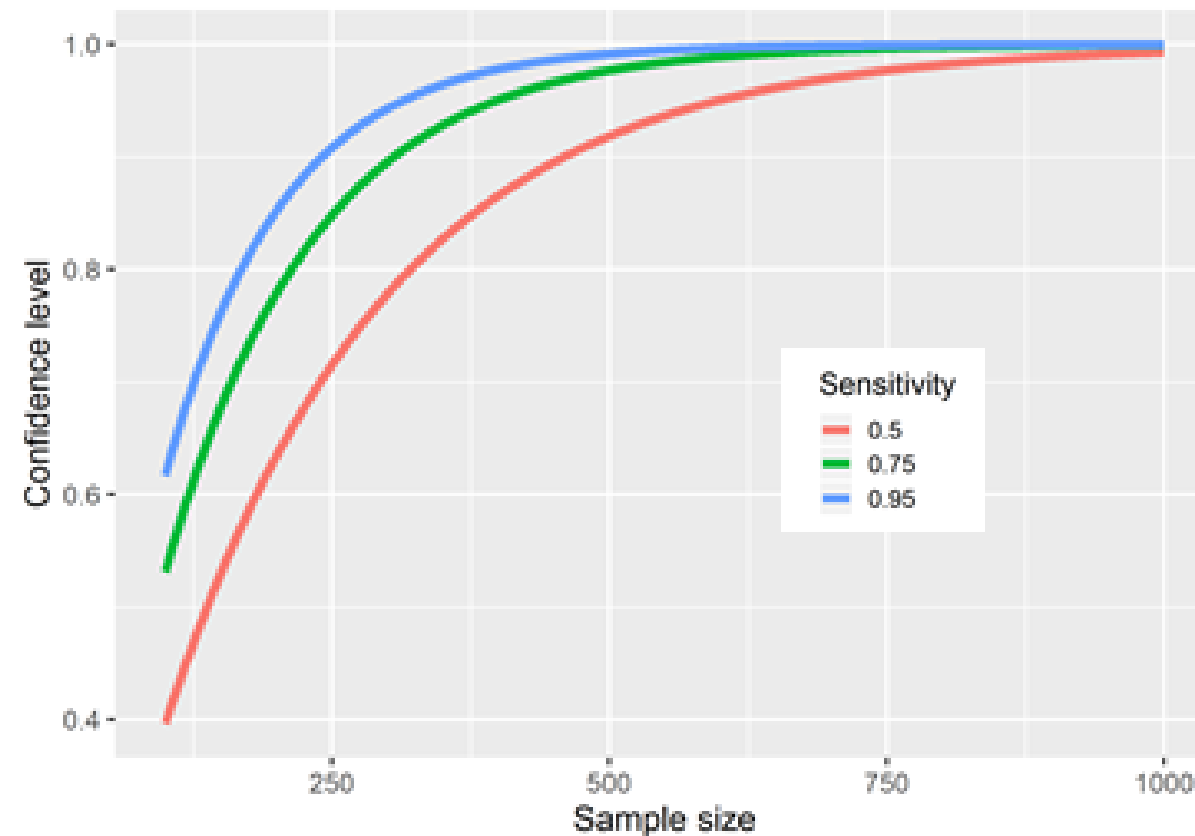
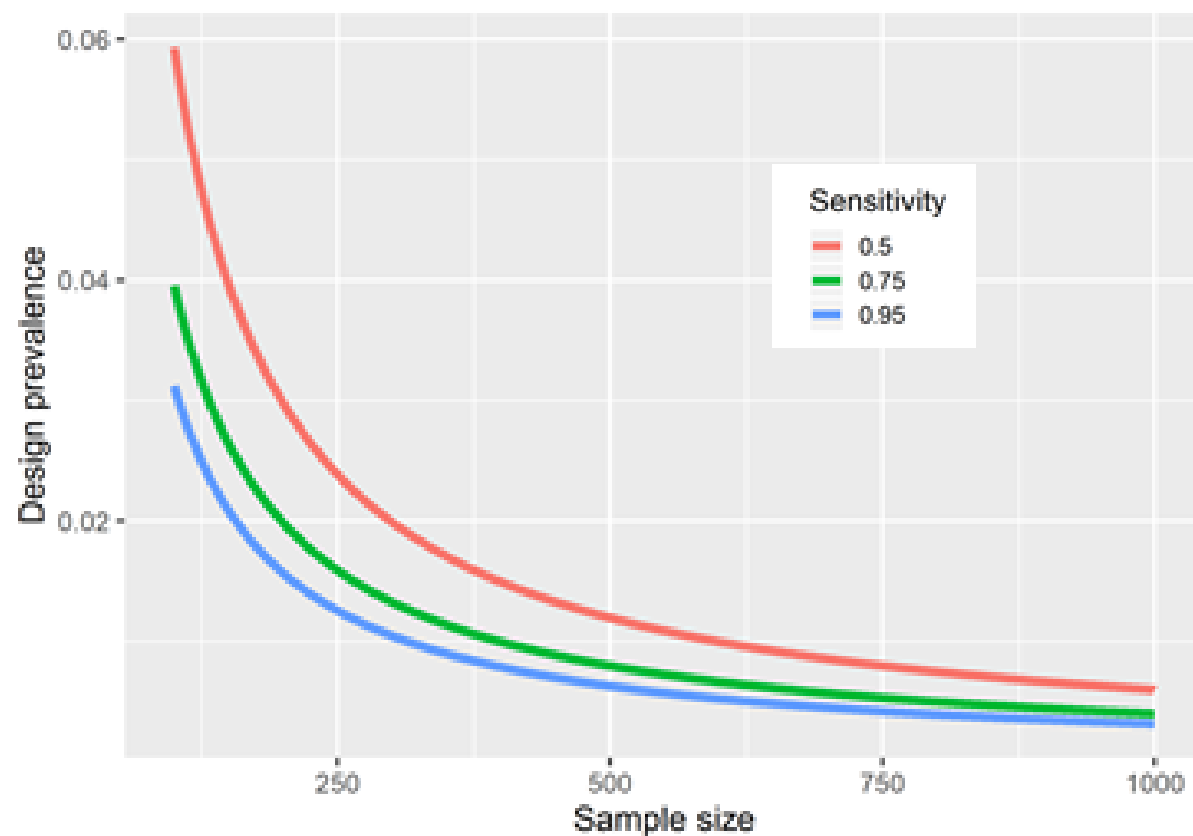


**Risk managers compromise between:**

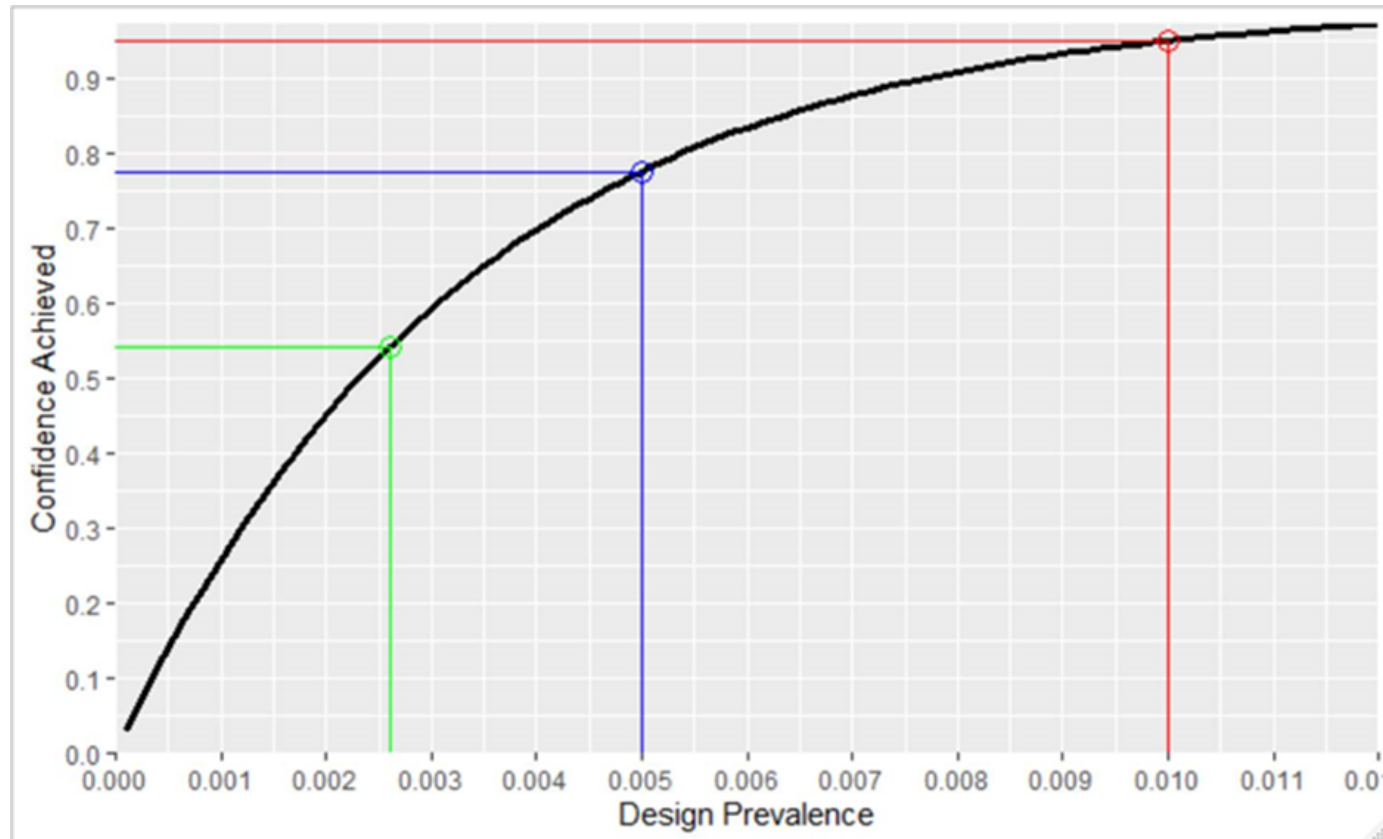
available resources  
acceptable level of risk

## ➤ Interrelation of survey parameters

The lower the design prevalence and the higher the confidence level, the stronger the evidence for pest freedom.

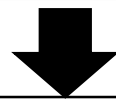


## ➤ Equivalent surveys in terms of sample size



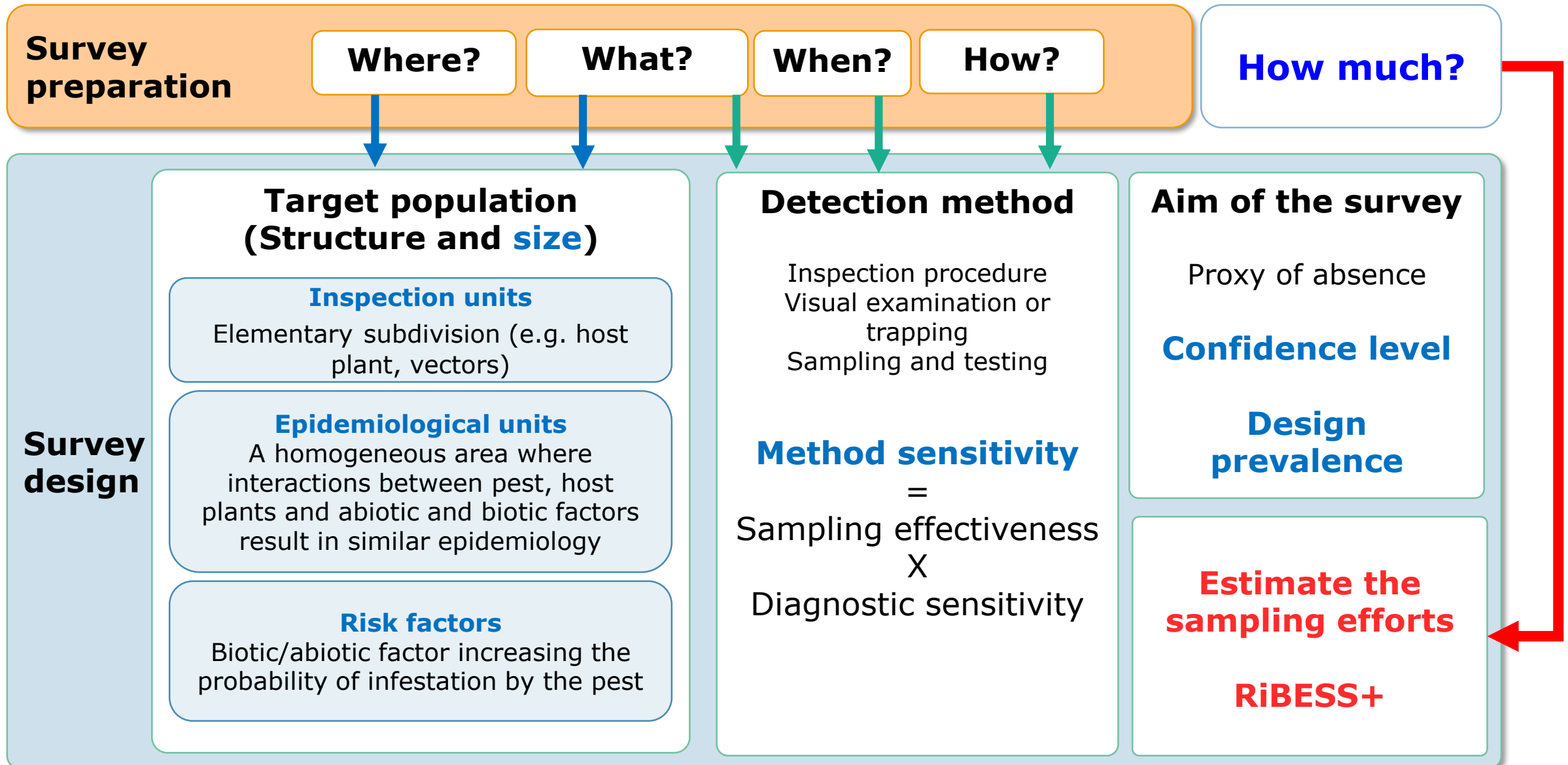
If no positives were found

- there is 95% confidence that if the pest is present it is below 1% design prevalence
- there is a 78% confidence that if the pest is present it is below 0.5% design prevalence



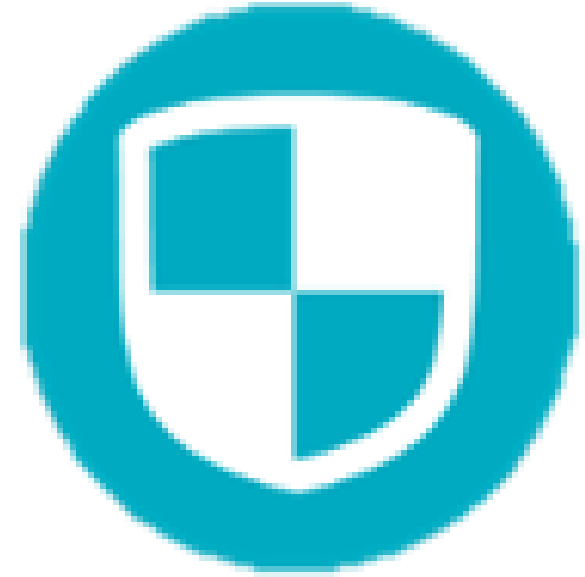
**Harmonising surveys comparing them in time and space**

# Survey design: Conclusion





## Tutorial for use of RiBESS+



The videos are available on the [EFSA YouTube channel](#)



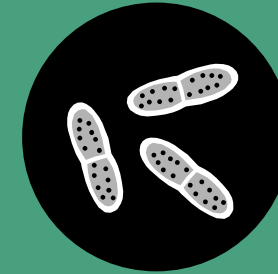
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# What is next...

New mandate: >200 pests in 6 yr

- Quarantine, protected zone, and emerging pests
- From pest-based to crop-based survey
- Plant health specific stats tool



## Next Webinars on pest surveys

- 21 October  
“Detect your pests:  
practical statistical  
framework for risk-based  
surveillance”
- 1 December “Delimiting  
surveys”

# Thanks for attending!

## EFSA Working Group on pest surveys

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