

STIMBR PGP PROGRAMME

Quarterly Progress Report

October to December 2013

The Stakeholders In Methyl Bromide Reduction (STIMBR) PGP programme is a multi-strand research programme that seeks to reduce methyl bromide emissions to the atmosphere by 2020 and find alternative phytosanitary treatments.

Notable progress during the second quarter of 2013/14 was achieved with the completion of work in Objective 5. This objective was designed to investigate the possibility of developing non-chemical approaches to the control and reduction of pests by:

- Identifying sources and points of risk pressure to inform the development of strategies for managing risks on the supply chain pathway; and,
- Determining pest life cycles and the critical factors influencing these to potentially allow pest free periods to be identified.

The results within this research programme has:

- Allowed the documentation of a range of strategies that will reduce the risk of pest infestation at wood processing sites. A brochure has been completed and will be circulated to industry early in 2014.
- Informed the successful bid for continued work on these approaches within the MBIE funded programme.

