

STIMBR PGP PROGRAMME

Quarterly Progress Report

January to March 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 which can replace methyl bromide.

Notable progress during the third quarter of 2012/13 was achieved with:

- Good progress being made on the development of efficacy data sets for alternative treatments. It is unlikely however that the planned work will be completed by June 2013 due to the lack of wild caught insects over this season. Milestones have been reset to take account of this delay. (Objective 1)
- Confirmation that wood boring insects can be raised in the laboratory. Further work is required before a system is developed for production of all the species required for delivery throughout the year. This has proved difficult to date because of their long (1 year +) life cycles. This work supports the development of efficacy data sets for fumigants and physical disinfestation treatments and allows work to proceed independently of the weather and the season. (Objectives 1,2 and 5)

