

Forest Health Research Needs in British Columbia

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For which topic were research priorities identified?

forest health

In which location was the research priority setting conducted?

North America - Canada

Why was it conducted at all?

Various committee meetings have given forest health issues a high priority, but detailed recommendations for specific research topics and priorities have not been provided. Therefore, in 1992 BCFRAC requested that a survey questionnaire be developed to obtain recommendations and priorities from various forest research agencies and prime users of forest health research results

What was the objective?

to determine the needs and priorities for research on specific topics concerning forest health in British Columbia

What was the outcome?

a ranking list of 25 research topics

How long did the research prioritization take?

November 1992

Which methods were used to identify research priorities?

survey

How were the priorities for research identified exactly?

Step 1: survey; participants were asked to rank the 10 most important forest health problems (pests) in their region and for each problem to rate its priority (none, low, medium, high) and to indicate type of research needed (short term (3 years) research)

Which stakeholders took part?

Managers, researchers and others working in forest health (CFFS, BCMOF, BC Ministry of Environment Lands & Parks, industry, and universities). 72 participants.

How were stakeholders recruited?

A questionnaire was mailed out to managers, researchers and others working in forest health (CFS, BCMOF, BC Ministry of Environment Lands & Parks, Industry, and Universities) in early November, 1992.

Were stakeholders actively involved or did they just participate?

Stakeholders were mere participants of the research prioritization process; they were not actively involved in the process.