



## ALB Monitoring and Eradication in Austria

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# First official notification of *Anoplophora glabripennis* in EU



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# ALB-Outbreaks in Upper Austria



Braunau: \* 2001 - 2013



St. Georgen b.  
Obernberg \* 2012



Gallspach \* 2013

# ALB infestation area in Braunau/UA

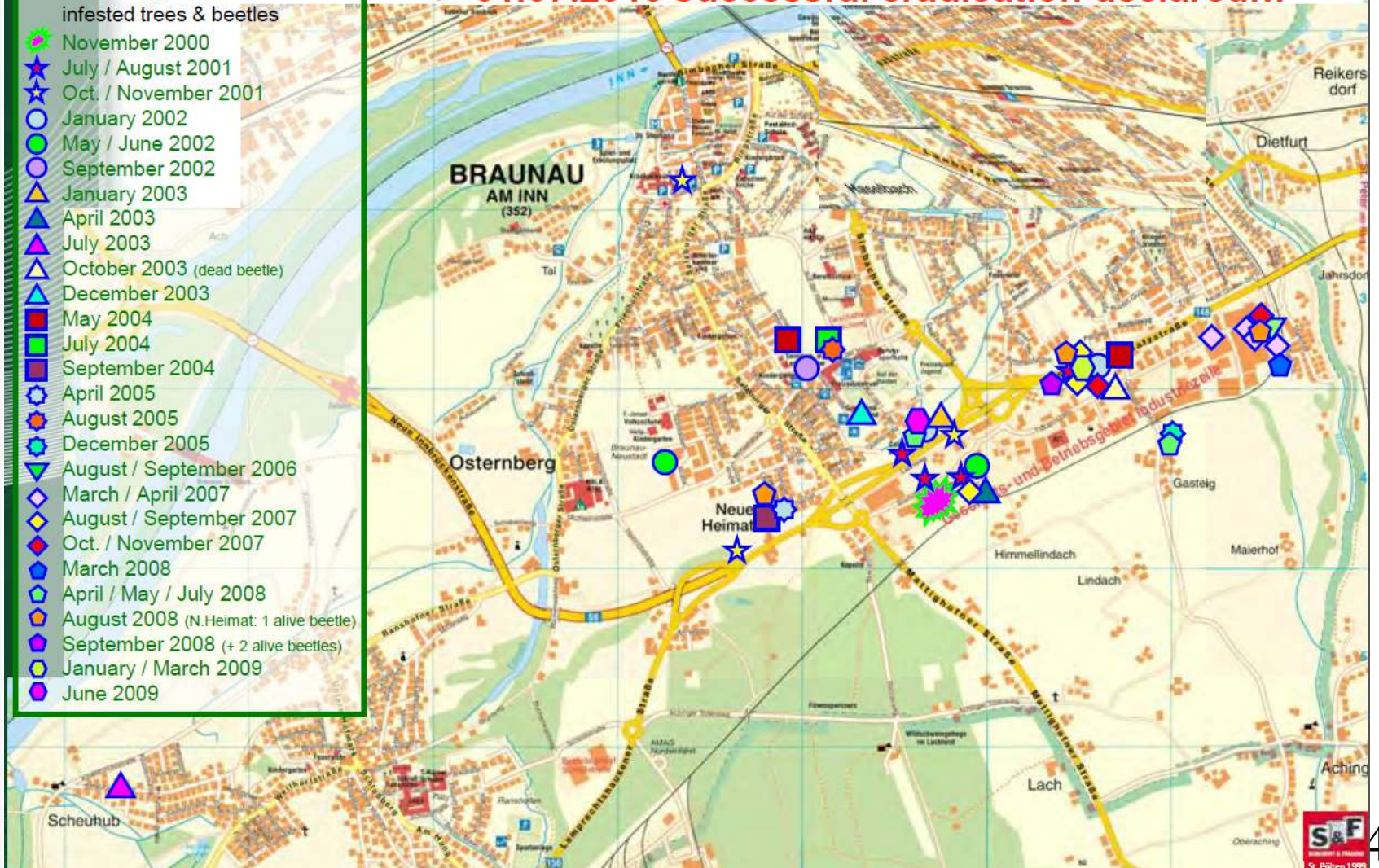
No new infestation detected since June 2009

➤ 01.07.2013 successful eradication declared!!!

## Infested Area

Chronology of detection of infested trees & beetles

- 🌿 November 2000
- ★ July / August 2001
- ☆ Oct. / November 2001
- January 2002
- May / June 2002
- ◌ September 2002
- ▲ January 2003
- ▴ April 2003
- ▾ July 2003
- ◌ October 2003 (dead beetle)
- ▴ December 2003
- May 2004
- July 2004
- September 2004
- ⊙ April 2005
- ⊙ August 2005
- ⊙ December 2005
- ▾ August / September 2006
- ◇ March / April 2007
- ◇ August / September 2007
- ◇ Oct. / November 2007
- ◇ March 2008
- ◇ April / May / July 2008
- ◇ August 2008 (N.Heimat: 1 alive beetle)
- ◇ September 2008 (+ 2 alive beetles)
- ◇ January / March 2009
- ◇ June 2009



# ALB infestation in Braunau

## Control period 2001 – 06/2008

- First ALB infestation in Europe
- No experiences about eradication measures in European countries available
- Inspectors had to learn biology and symptoms of ALB
- Monitoring was done by the staff of BFW mainly from the ground with binoculars or with ladders, only short time with lifting platforms
- Felling, chipping and burning of infested trees
- Preventive felling of dense growing forest(-like) stands near to infestation spots

# Control period 2001 – 06/2008

## Monitoring methods

### Investigation with ladders



# Control period 2001 – 06/2008

## Monitoring methods

### Investigation with lifting platforms



#### Disadvantages:

- Not everywhere around a tree placeable
- Damage of the crown by the basket

# Preventive felling actions 2001-2007

Small city forest east of industry zone 2007

Clearing except  
single *Prunus*!



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# Preventive felling actions 2001-2007

Northern green stripe of the main road 2007



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# Eradication Project 07/2008 – 06/2013

- Activities and measures:
  - construction of a tree cadastre of all public and private deciduous trees and marking with number plates:
    - 13.500 number plates (including groups, hedges)
    - ~15.000 trees mapped
  - intensive grid monitoring in the whole area of the city by special trained inspectors
  - monitoring by special trained tree climbers
  - monitoring by special trained detection dogs } optimal monitoring
- monitoring during and out of the vegetation period
- monitoring of trees in nurseries by detection dogs
- complete destruction of all ALB infested trees like before (felling, chipping, burning)
- preventive felling of forest-like stands in the vicinity of infestation spots

# Mapping of tree cadastre: Braunau

▲ mapped trees

■ mapped hedges

XXX Preventive cuttings



# Host trees of ALB in Braunau

| Species                     |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Maple                       | <i>Acer</i> spp.                      |
| Silver maple                | <i>Acer saccharinum</i>               |
| Sugar maple                 | <i>Acer saccharum</i>                 |
| Norway maple                | <i>Acer platanoides</i>               |
| Sycamore maple              | <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>            |
| Field maple                 | <i>Acer campestre</i>                 |
| Plane                       | <i>Platanus</i> sp.                   |
| Copper beech                | <i>Fagus sylvatica "atropunicea"</i>  |
| Beech (Geschlitztbl. Buche) | <i>Fagus sylvatica "asplenifolia"</i> |
| Birch                       | <i>Betula</i> sp.                     |
| Horse chestnut              | <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>         |
| Poplar                      | <i>Populus</i> sp.                    |
| Willow                      | <i>Salix</i> sp.                      |
| Ash                         | <i>Fraxinus</i> sp.                   |
| Alder                       | <i>Alnus</i> sp.                      |

Top 5 host genera for ALB: *Acer*, *Betula*, *Salix*, *Aesculus* / *Fagus*, *Fraxinus* / *Alnus* in decreasing order.

# Eradication Project 07/2008 – 06/2013

## Monitoring methods

Inspection from +/- the ground by trained inspectors



# Eradication Project 07/2008 – 06/2013

## Monitoring methods

Investigation by trained tree climbers



Checking of the stem during climbing up and coming down



Investigation also of the periphery of the crown

# Eradication Project 07/2008 – 06/2013

## Monitoring methods

Investigation by detection dogs  
since spring 2009



# Results of ALB-Monitoring in Braunau/Inn

| Results of Monitoring in Braunau/Inn  | 2001   | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007                | 2008 | 2009 | 2010<br>2011 | 2012<br>until 06/<br>2013 | Total   |
|---|--------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------------|------|------|--------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Infested trees with living stages of larvae or eggs (cut, chipped and burnt)                      | 38     | 22   | 8    | 27   | 4    | 7    | 76                  | 10   | 9    | 0            | 0                         | 201     |
| Infested trees with exit holes  | ?      | 0    | 3    | 4    | 0    | 4    | 8 <sup>1), 2)</sup> | 1    | 1    | 0            | 0                         | 21 + ?  |
| Adult beetles emerged outdoor in Braunau (number of detected exit holes)*                         | 89 + ? | 0    | 42   | 19   | 30   | 29   | 50                  | 3    | 1    | 0            | 0                         | 263 + ? |
| Number of escaped beetles in Braunau  | ?      | ?    | 17   | 15   | 30   | 28   | 39                  | 1    | 0    | 0            | 0                         | 130 + ? |
| Adult beetles collected in Braunau  | 89     | 0    | 25   | 4    | 0    | 1    | 11                  | 3    | 0    | 0            | 0                         | 133     |
| Adult beetles emerged from infested logs from Braunau or out of artificial diet in quarantine lab | -      | 5    | 14   | 10   | 4    | 2    | 50                  | 23   | 0    | 0            | 0                         | 108     |

\* year of detection of exit holes must not be identical with year of beetle emergence

<sup>1)</sup> 1 Maple with 36 exit holes of the years 2006 + 2005

<sup>2)</sup> 1 Willow with 51 exit holes of the years 2007 (39) + 2006 + 2005



# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)

ALB regulation of the local authority BH Ried im Innkreis at 01.08.2012 analogue to that of Braunau

ALB-Bekämpfung St. Georgen/Obernberg Bez. Ried i

## 1. radius of 500 m

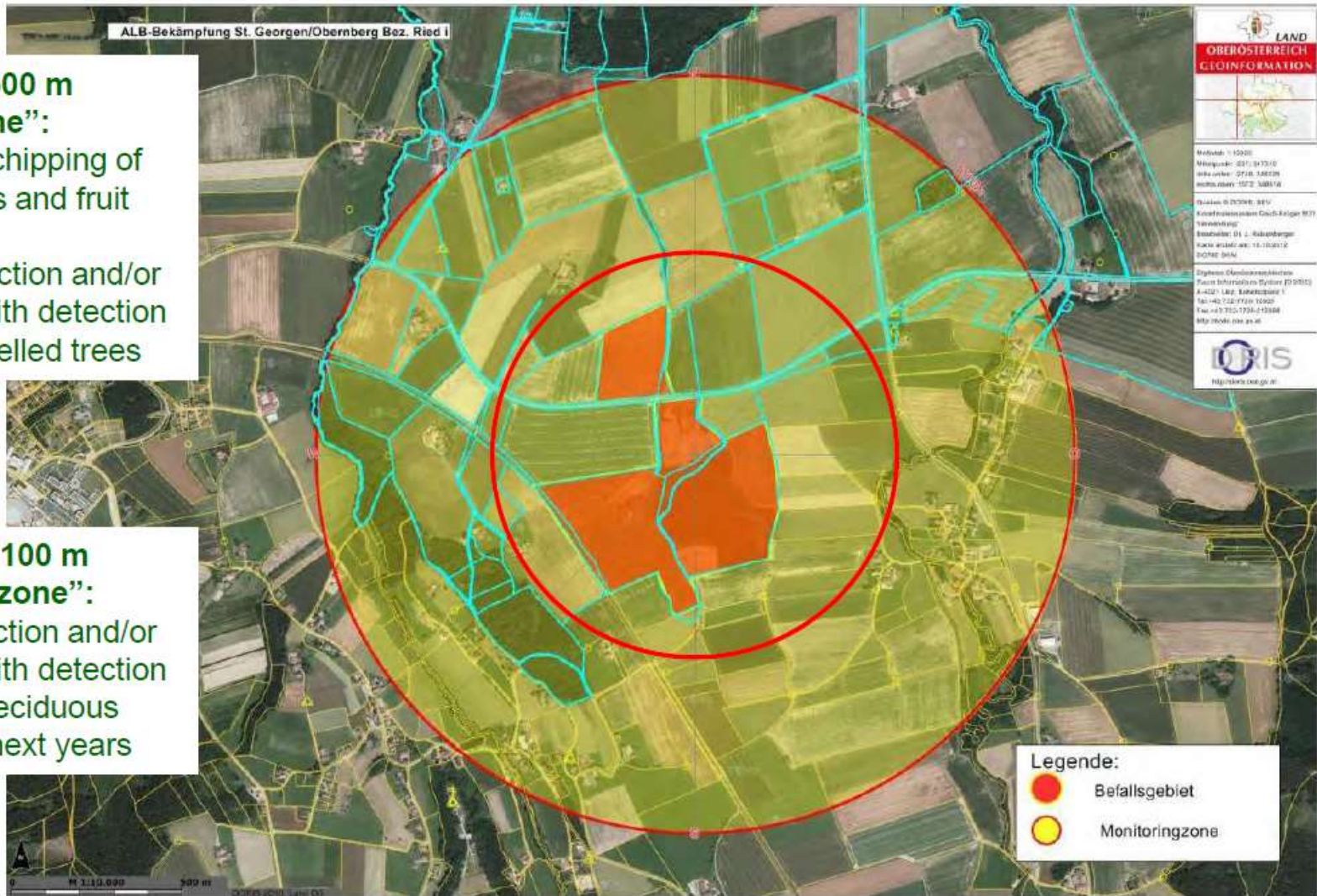
### “infested zone”:

- Felling and chipping of all deciduous and fruit trees
- Visual inspection and/or inspection with detection dogs of the felled trees

## 2. radius of 1100 m

### “monitoring zone”:

- Visual inspection and/or inspection with detection dogs of all deciduous trees in the next years



# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)

Position of *Fagus sylvatica*:

1. tree found to be ALB infested



# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)

The neighbouring small mixed forest with deciduous trees at the edge to the stone storage place and within the forest



All deciduous trees were felled, investigated and destroyed.



# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)

Preventive cuttings



changed the structure  
of this property

# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)



Preventive cuttings  
followed by inspection  
with detection dogs



# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)



Preventive (?) cutting of a 113 years old Horse chestnut tree:

- ▶ Indication of the dogs
- ▶ Verification:  
1 exit hole, 3 larvae in pupa chambers



# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)



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Horse chestnut tree with ALB-exit hole and larval damage



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ALB larva in pupa chamber in horse chestnut tree

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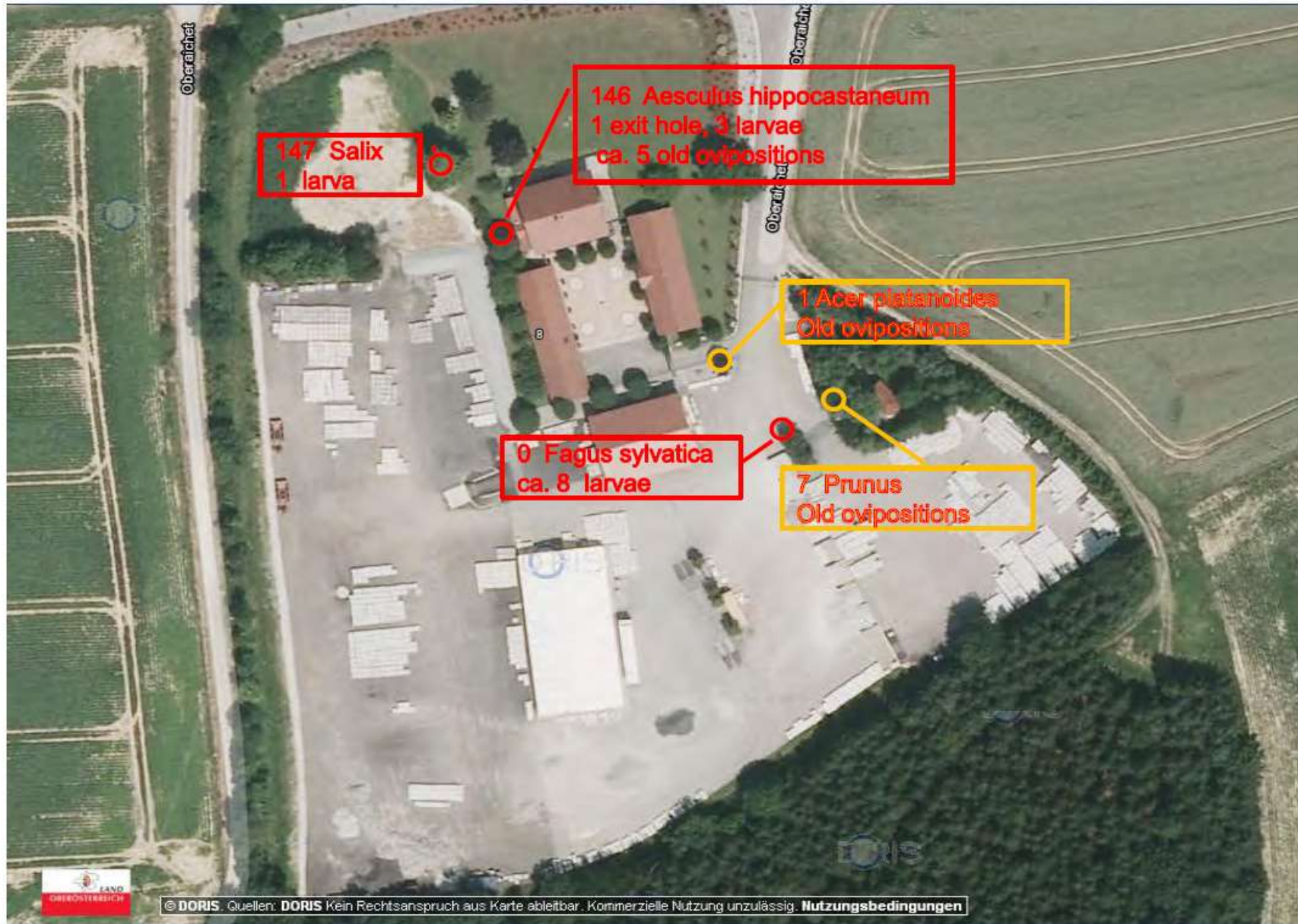
Infested felled trees were covered with Storanet until chipping few days later to avoid spreading of possibly emerging beetles



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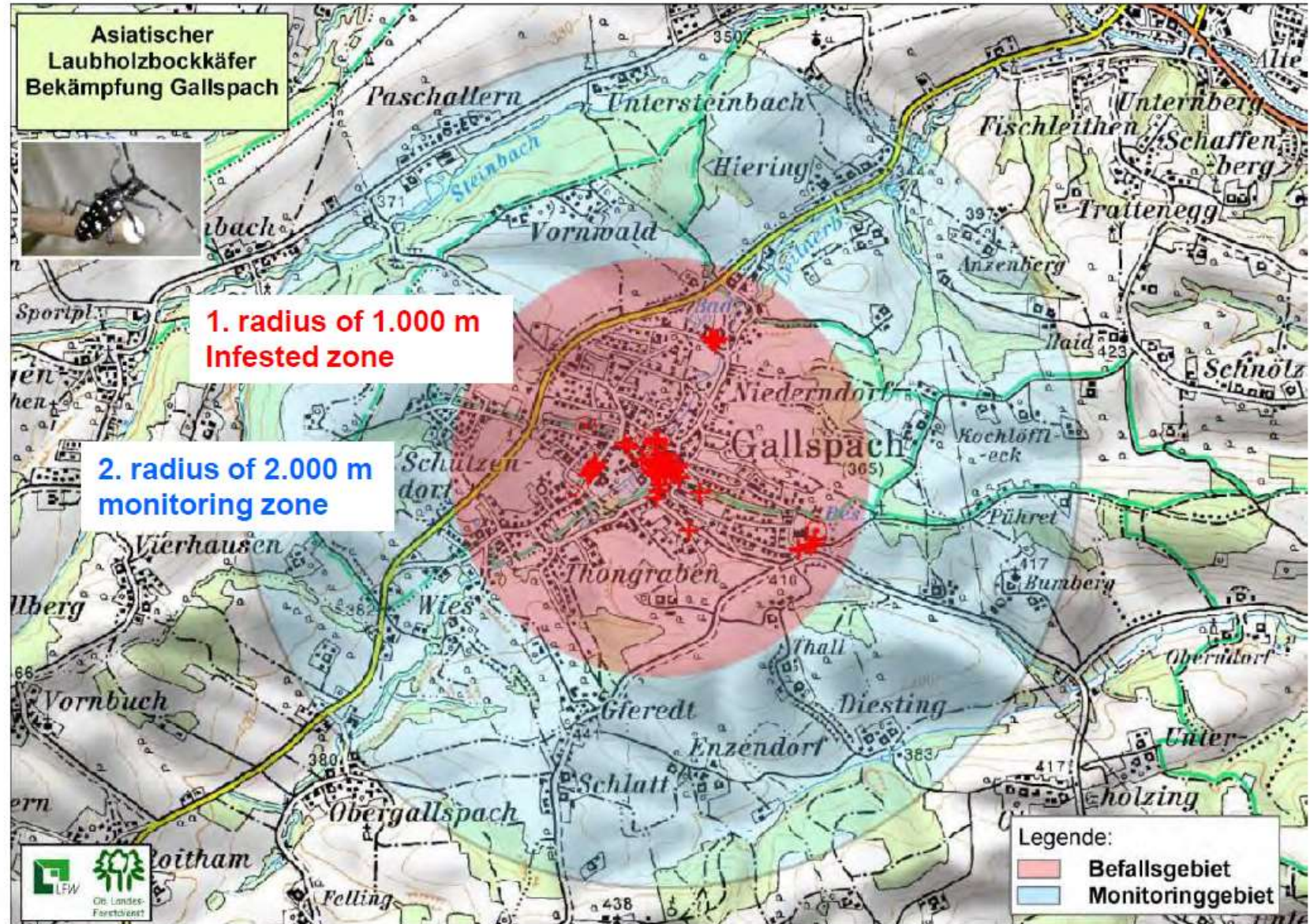
# ALB infestation area St. Georgen (UA)

## Results 2012

- 49 trees on the property of the stone importer felled:
  - 5 trees with ALB infestation, 1 exit hole, 12 larvae
- 52 trees on the neighbouring properties felled:
  - no ALB infestation could be found
- ~ 500 additional trees within 500 m radius felled:
  - no ALB infestation could be found

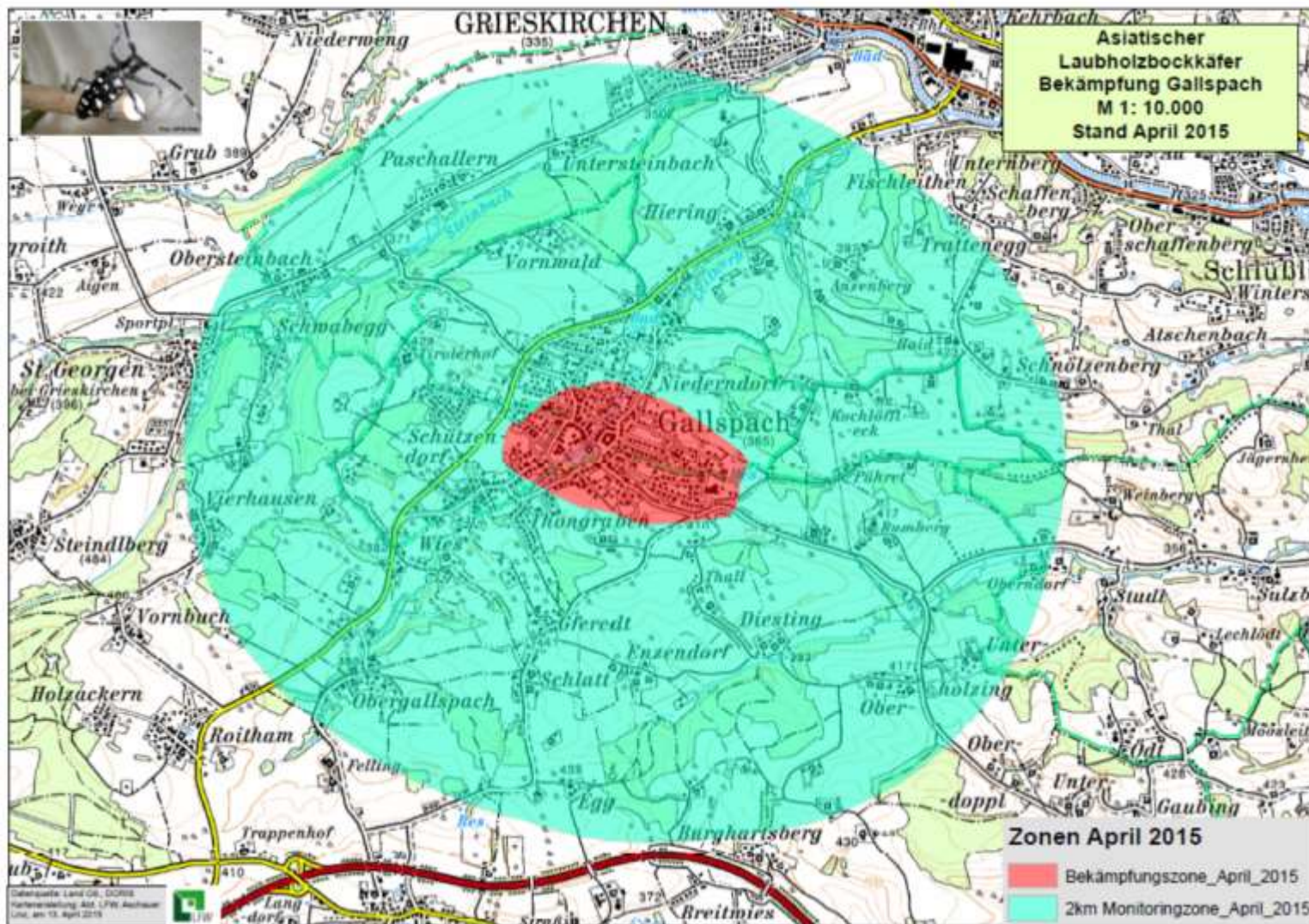
# ALB infestation area Gallspach (UA)

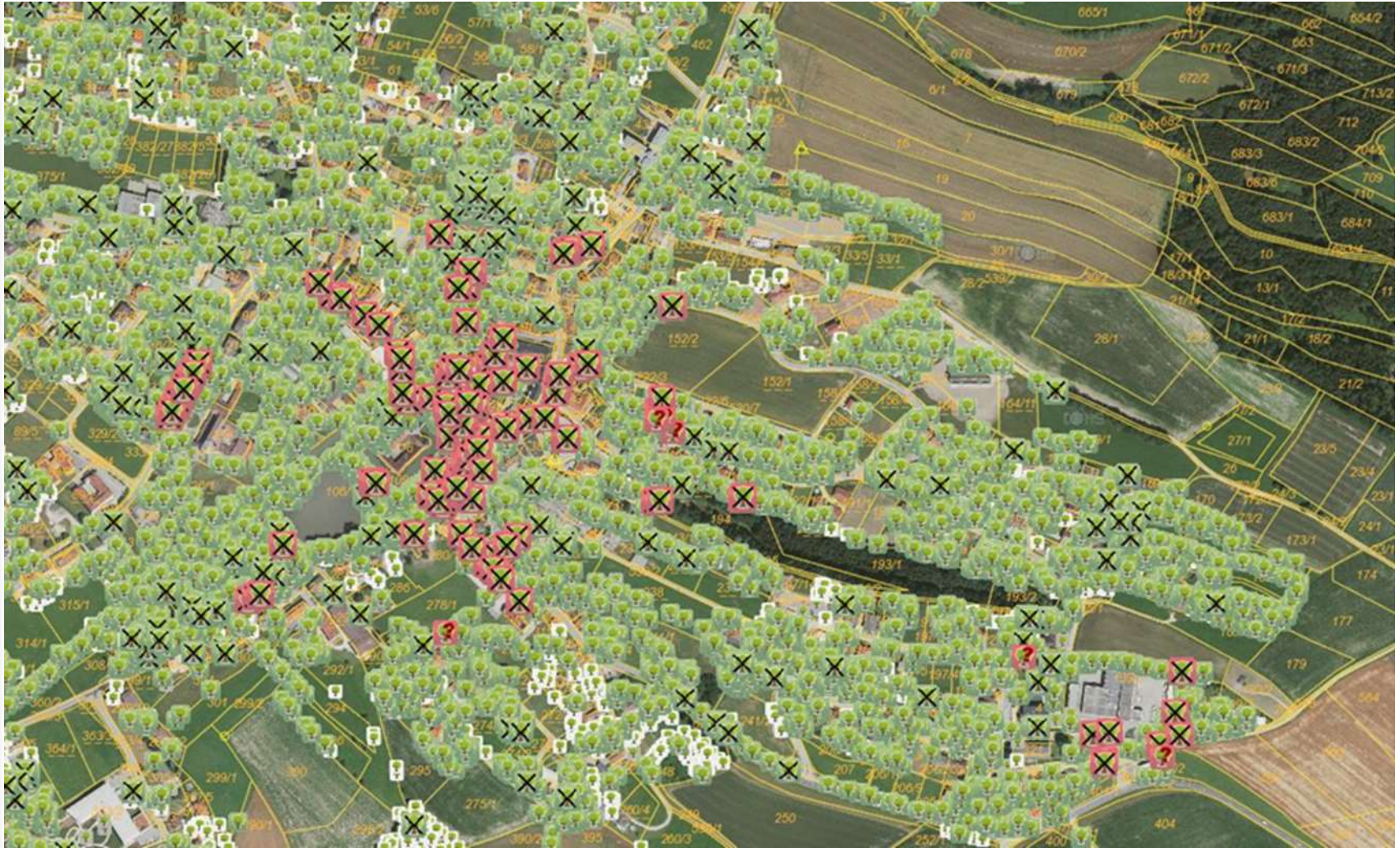
ALB regulation of the local authority BH Grieskirchen at 21.11.2013 analogue to that of Braunau





Asiatischer  
Laubholzbockkäfer  
Bekämpfung Gallspach  
M 1: 10.000  
Stand April 2015





# ALB infestation area Gallsbach

- Infestation ca. 4 years old
- heavy infestation in the centre of the village: up to 150 exit holes, 40 larvae and more than 200 ovipositions per tree on *Acer platanoides* and *Aesculus hippocastaneum*
- monitoring with inspectors from the ground (since 11/2013), with detection dogs (11/2013) and tree climbers (12/2013)
- so far 140 infested trees detected, felled and destroyed
- infested tree species so far: *Acer*, *Aesculus*, *Salix*, *Tilia*, *Fraxinus*, *Betula*, *Corylus*
- installing of a tree register map: > 10.000 trees mapped
- living beetles until end of November 2013, also after several nights with temperatures of -5° C

# Präventivfällungen:

2014



2015



# ALB infestation area Gallsbach

## Monitoring

### 2013 and 2014:

about 8.000 trees investigated, 2.500 of them with tree climber

### 2015/2016:

- Monitoring of about 10.000 trees
  - All host trees in infested area
  - Risk based monitoring on main species (Maple, Poplar, Horse chestnut, Willow, Birch) in 2km monitoring zone (including forest trees)



**Baumnummer:**  **Baumart:**

**Kontrolle am:** ..... **durch:** .....

**Parz. Nr./Grundstückseigentümer/Bewohner/Ansprechperson:**

**Telefonnummer:**

**Befunderhebung:**  okular Boden  Baumsteiger  Spürhund

# ALB

## tree monitoring data sheet

developed by  
BFW Forest Protection,  
for Gallspach adapted by  
Upper Austria Forest Service

| Befallssymptome:     | ja            |       | okular             |       | nein                     |  |
|----------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------------|--|
|                      | einzel        | viele | Äste               | Stamm | ggf. Name d. Spürhundes: |  |
| Eiablagen            |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Larvengänge          |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Bohrspäne            |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Bohrmehl             |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Rindenschäden        |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Ausbohrlöcher        |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Reifungsfraß         |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Entwicklungsstadium  | Anzahl lebend |       | Anzahl tot         |       | Kommentar                |  |
| Ei                   |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Larve                |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Puppe                |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Käfer/adultes Insekt |               |       |                    |       |                          |  |
| Foto                 | Nein          |       | Ja/Datum/Bilddatei |       |                          |  |
| Probenahme           | Nein          |       | Ja/was             |       |                          |  |

| ALB-Befall  | Nein | ALB-Befall  | Ja |
|---|------|---|----|
| Großer Pappelbock   |      | ALB-Verdacht  | Ja |
| Kleiner Pappelbock  |      | Anmerkungen: Maßnahmen/Fristen                          |    |
| Moschusbock   |      |   |    |
| Weidenbohrer  |      |   |    |
| Blausieb  |      |   |    |
| andere:.....  |      | BHD/fm geschätzt:                                       |    |
| Erscheinungsbild: (Vital/Totäste/Fäule/einziehende Krone) |      | <input type="checkbox"/> Zustimmungserklärung liegt vor |    |

| Status/Gutachten: | untersucht ALB-frei | untersucht ALB-Verdacht | untersucht ALB-Befall | entfernt |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
|                   |                     |                         |                       |          |

**Datum u. Unterschrift:**

# ALB infestation area Gallspach (UA)

Central place of Gallspach with heavy infested trees ●



# ALB infestation area Gallspach (UA)

*Acer platanoides* from the central place of Gallspach



4 large ALB larvae within this part of the infested tree

# ALB infestation area Gallspach (UA)

*Aesculus hippocastaneum* in private garden



oviposition scars

# ALB infestation area Gallspace (UA)

Monitoring by tree climbers



# ALB infestation area Gallspaceh (UA)

Monitoring by tree climbers



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During winter sometimes the weather surprised with hoarfrost within short time during the monitoring.

# ALB infestation area Gallspach (UA)

Monitoring by tree climbers

oviposition sites

*Acer*, 12/2013



Fotos: Clemens Hofbauer, Pichl bei Wels

*Aesculus hippoc.*, 12/2013



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# ALB infestation area Gallspace (UA)

Monitoring by tree climbers

oviposition sites on *Acer*, 03/2014





# Host trees of ALB in Europe

| SPECIES                 |  | Braunau<br>Oberaichet<br>Gallspach<br>(AT) | Neu-<br>kirchen<br>(DE) | Born-<br>heim<br>(DE) | Weil/<br>Rhein<br>(DE) | Feld-<br>kirchen<br>Forst<br>(DE) | Gien<br>(FR) | Ste Anne/<br>Brivet (FR) | Furiani/<br>Korsika<br>(FR) | Cornuda<br>+ Maser<br>(IT) | Brünisried<br>Winterthur<br>(CH) | Paddock<br>Wood/<br>Kent (UK) |
|-------------------------|--|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ahorn                   | <i>Acer</i> spp.                         | ✓✓✓  | ✓                       | ✓                     | ✓                      | ✓✓                                | ✓            | ✓                        | ✓                           | ✓                          | ✓                                |                               |
| Eschenahorn             | <i>Acer negundo</i>                      |  |                         |                       |                        |                                   | ✓            | ✓                        |                             |                            |                                  | ✓                             |
| Silberahorn             | <i>Acer saccharinum</i>                  | ✓  |                         |                       |                        |                                   | ✓            | ✓                        |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Zuckerahorn             | <i>Acer saccharum</i>                    | ✓  |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Spitzahorn              | <i>Acer platanooides</i>                 | ✓✓✓  |                         | ✓                     |                        | ✓                                 | ✓            |                          |                             |                            | ✓                                |                               |
| Bergahorn               | <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>               | ✓✓   |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              |                          |                             |                            | ✓                                | ✓                             |
| Feldahorn               | <i>Acer campestre</i>                    | ✓  |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              |                          |                             |                            | ✓                                | ✓                             |
| Rosskastanie            | <i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>            | ✓✓✓  | ✓                       |                       |                        | ? ✓                               | ✓            | ✓                        | ✓                           | ✓                          |                                  | ✓                             |
| Erle                    | <i>Alnus</i> sp.                         | ✓  |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Birke                   | <i>Betula</i> sp.                        | ✓✓   | ✓                       |                       |                        | ? ✓                               | ✓            | ✓                        |                             | ✓                          | ✓                                | ✓                             |
| Sommerflieder           | <i>Buddleja</i> sp.                      |  |                         |                       |                        |                                   |              |                          |                             |                            | ✓?                               |                               |
| Hainbuche               | <i>Carpinus betulus</i>                  |  |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              | ✓                        |                             |                            |                                  | ✓                             |
| Kuchenbaum              | <i>Cercidiphyllum</i> sp.                |  |                         |                       |                        |                                   |              |                          |                             | ✓                          |                                  |                               |
| Hasel                   | <i>Corylus</i> sp.                       | ✓  |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Ölweide                 | <i>Elaeagnus</i> sp.                     |  |                         |                       |                        |                                   |              |                          | ✓                           |                            |                                  |                               |
| Rotbuche                | <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>                   | ✓  |                         |                       |                        | ✓✓                                |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Blutbuche               | <i>Fagus sylvatica</i><br>"atropunicea"  | ✓  |                         |                       |                        |                                   |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Geschl.blättr.<br>Buche | <i>Fagus sylvatica</i><br>"asplenifolia" | ✓  |                         |                       |                        |                                   |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Esche                   | <i>Fraxinus</i> sp.                      | ✓✓   |                         |                       |                        |                                   |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Platane                 | <i>Platanus</i> sp.                      | ✓  |                         |                       | ✓                      | ?                                 |              |                          | ✓                           |                            |                                  |                               |
| Pappel                  | <i>Populus</i> sp.                       | ✓  | ✓                       |                       |                        | ?                                 | ✓            | ✓                        | ✓                           | ✓                          | ✓                                | ✓                             |
| Steinobstgew            | <i>Prunus</i> sp.                        | ✓  |                         |                       |                        |                                   |              | ✓                        | ✓                           | ✓                          |                                  |                               |
| Weide                   | <i>Salix</i> sp.                         | ✓✓✓  | ✓                       | ✓                     |                        | ? ✓                               | ✓            | ✓                        | ✓                           | ✓                          | ✓                                | ✓                             |
| Mehlbeere               | <i>Sorbus</i> sp.                        |  | ✓                       |                       |                        |                                   |              |                          |                             |                            |                                  |                               |
| Linde                   | <i>Tilia</i> sp.                         | ✓  |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              |                          | ✓                           |                            |                                  |                               |
| Ulme                    | <i>Ulmus</i> sp.                         |  |                         |                       |                        | ✓                                 |              |                          |                             | ✓                          |                                  |                               |