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**FINAL RISK ANALYSIS REPORT FOR THE RELEASE OF *PLECTONYCHA***  
***CORRENTINA* FOR THE BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF MADEIRA VINE**

This Biosecurity Australia Advice (BAA) notifies stakeholders that a policy recommendation has been made to allow release of the leaf feeding beetle, *Plectonycha correntina* for the biological control of Madeira vine, *Anredera cordifolia*. Release of *P. correntina* may be permitted, subject to standard quarantine conditions associated with the import and release of biological control agents.

Biosecurity Australia has completed a risk analysis assessing an application from Biosecurity Queensland (Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation) to release the leaf feeding beetle, *Plectonycha correntina* for the biological control of Madeira vine, *Anredera cordifolia*. In support of this application, Biosecurity Queensland provided a submission detailing results of host specificity testing, along with other relevant information. This submission is included as an appendix to the final risk analysis.

A draft risk analysis report was released for a 60 day stakeholder consultation period on 15 June 2010. Written submissions received from 7 stakeholders were considered in the preparation of the final report.

The Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities has a parallel approval process under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999*. The DSEWPC must also make a ruling under the *EPBC Act* before the biological control agent can be released.

The final report has identified no significant off-target effects or potential consequences that would be associated with the release of *Plectonycha correntina*. The risk is estimated to be negligible, which meets Australia's appropriate level of protection (ALOP).

In accordance with the IRA handbook 2007 (updated 2009), this risk analysis has been undertaken as a non-regulated analysis of existing policy.

The final risk analysis report for the release of *Plectonycha correntina* for the biological control of *Anredera cordifolia* (Madeira vine) is available at [www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au](http://www.biosecurityaustralia.gov.au).

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