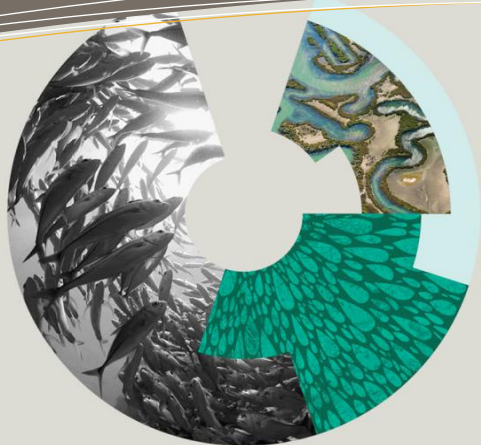




Important Changes!

- The Risk Branch has merged into the Biosecurity Strategy Branch. Michelle Lauder is the new Assistant Secretary
- Our team will remain Research & Intelligence Strategy Management Team (RISM)
- Melissa Brown has moved as Director of the Onshore Biosecurity & Response Team
- Fiona Lam will be on long service leave from August 2013 - February 2014
- RISM welcomes Leisa Porter, Director and Rob Moore, Assistant Director



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CEBRA Biosecurity Research Projects 2013-14

A total of 10 CEBRA projects were endorsed by the Biosecurity Research Steering Committee (BRSC) to commence work in 2013-14.

The BRSC met on 24 June 2013 to discuss and endorse the Project Business Cases that would form the CEBRA 2013-14 work plan. Thank you to all staff that submitted their project ideas and have been involved in this process.

The table below lists the endorsed projects in order of priority.

#	CEBRA Project Title	Sponsor & Project Leaders
1	Data mining to improve Biosecurity risk profiling (including 7 case studies)	S - Tim Chapman PL - Greg Hood
3	Intelligence gathering and analysis – International Biosecurity Intelligence System (IBIS)	S – Andrew Cupit PL – Geoff Grosseil, Neil Grant, Sam Hamilton
7	Ornamental fish import reform project – Building the Surveillance System	S – Andrew Cupit PL – Ramesh Perera
5	Analytical assessment of leakage surveys in airports and mail centres	S – Andrew Paterson PL - Matt Chisholm
15	Sustainable risk return across the DAFF biosecurity business	S – Tom Aldred PL – Louise Van Meurs
16	Sticks and Carrots: on influencing importer choices	S – Vanessa Findlay PL – Louise Van Meurs
10	Improving the methods used for constructing ballast water risk tables	S – Jenny Cupit PL – Matt Gregg
9	The value of early detection and cost effective surveillance measures against FMD in Australia	S – Karen Schneider PL – Graeme Garner
2 & 6	Evaluation of arrival pathways for Biofouling Species of Concern	S – Karen Schneider PL – Paula Brown
	Surveillance where it matters – a tool to enable cost effective pest surveillance	S – Jeanine Baker PL – Johanna ten Have
12	Developing an approach for handling uncertainty in the Risk-Return Resource Allocation (RRRA) model	S – Greg Williamson PL – Jean Chesson

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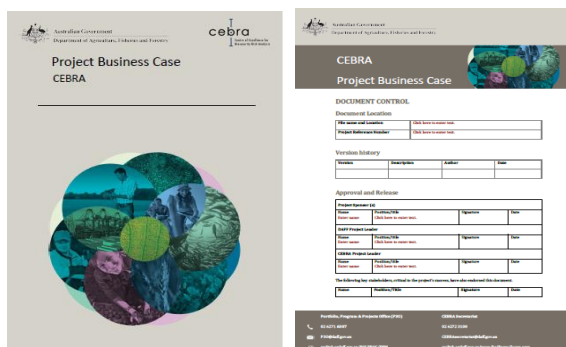
What's new?



Project Leader Workshops

Seven key recommendations were identified by the attendees of both Project Leader Workshops and our team have begun implementing changes.

In March and April 2013, our team hosted two workshops in preparation for the closure of ACERA II and the establishment of CEBRA to seek your valuable feedback! We asked attendees to review current processes and governance to provide continuous improvement of the new centre. Below are some recommendations we have begun implementing.



CEBRA Project Business Case

A new and improved template has been developed utilising the P3O templates to ensure a comprehensive planning process from the outset with a focus on uptake, adoption and impact on DAFF business.

Stronger Alignment

Sponsors are now assigned to individual CEBRA projects rather than at the theme level. This will provide better alignment and ensure Sponsors can support Project Leaders. It also ensures Sponsors are either the end user or the project holds significant importance to their work.



Project Leader Induction

The development of a Project Leader Induction Package has begun. It is anticipated that the Induction Package will be piloted with Project Leaders in the coming months.



A new CEBRA Website

We are collaborating with CEBRA to develop a comprehensive new CEBRA Website which will move current sources of information from three various locations into one central location. Feedback from the Project Leaders Workshop is being considered by CEBRA in its development.



OUR EMAIL HAS CHANGED!

Our new email is biosecurity_research@daff.gov.au

Upcoming Meetings



ACERA 1102C

Plant import inspection and auditing across the biosecurity continuum

This ACERA project extends on the previous work of ACERA to identify characteristics and patterns that might provide a good match for the Continuous Sampling Plan (CSP).

Key outcomes

- Development of an automated back end system that will go live on 15 July 2013. Dried apricots, dates, hulled sesame seed and green coffee beans will be assessed and directions applied automatically, significantly reducing the document assessment time for officers.
- The inspection of fresh and dried dates can be managed using the CSP under the single tariff for dates.
- Pathways such as medium-risk nursery stock and medium risk plant-based stockfeed contained confounding factors and are not suitable for CSP.
- Simple data mining tools can identify several low and high risk products in the fruit chapter.



What next?

- The distinction between actionable and non-actionable contamination is still blurry. This will become clearer with the innovations being developed by ACERA Project 1101E, Sampling for Invasives, which is underway.
- A new CEBRA project 1304C, Carrots and sticks, has been approved to analyse the impacts the CSP will have on changing client behaviour, among other things.
- Another new CEBRA project 1305B, Sustainable risk return across the DAFF biosecurity business, has been approved to develop further tools and metrics that will support the use of CSP by the Department.



Thank you Party!

The University of Melbourne hosted an ACERA 'Thank you' Party at The Lobby in Canberra on 28 June 2013. The purpose of the event was to thank all staff for their support over the years and to celebrate the achievements of ACERA II. Dr Colin Grant presented his original poem titled 'Farewell Friend, ACERA'. You can find this on MyLink at [About DAFF](#). Thank you to all who attended!

