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Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3131)

1 General information	
1.1 Title	Confirmed presence of *Anoplophora chinensis* in Germany (North Rhine-Westphalia)
1.2 Executive summary	A beetle was found in a private garden in North Rhine-Westphalia and the owner reported the finding to the regional plant protection service. A male *Anoplophora chinensis* was identified in the official laboratory. The beetle most probably hatched from an *Acer* bonsai plant in the immediate vicinity of the garden. Feeding damage to the leaves was detected on the young twigs of the *Acer*. The *Acer* plant was confiscated and destructive sampling was used for further inspection. An exit hole was found at the stem ground and trace-back investigations have been started. The bonsai plant was purchased in spring 2025 from an operator in North Rhine-Westphalia. The *Acer* was planted in April 2025. The affected area was immediately inspected intensively but no further signs of infestation could be found during visual inspections in the garden and its vicinity. Due to the finding of one beetle from one recently planted *Acer* tree no area was demarcated and the pest status can be classified as absent, eradicated.
2 Information concerning the single authority and responsible persons	
2.1 Notification from	Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), Institute for National and International Plant Health, Germany
3 Location	
3.1 Location	In North Rhine-Westphalia

4	**Reason of the notification and the pest status**	
4.1	First finding in Germany or in the area	Confirmed appearance of the pest in part of the territory of Germany, in which its presence was previously unknown.
4.2	Pest status of the area where the harmful organism has been found present, after the official confirmation.	Absent: pest found present but eradicated
4.3	Pest status in Germany before the official confirmation of the presence, or suspected presence, of the harmful organism.	Absent: pest eradicated
4.4	Pest status in Germany after the official confirmation of the presence of the harmful organism.	Absent: pest eradicated
5	**Finding, sampling, testing and confirmation of the harmful organism**	
5.1	How the presence or appearance of the harmful organism was found.	Information submitted by professional operators, laboratories or other persons. The garden owner reported the finding to the plant protection service.
5.2	Date of finding:	28-07-2025
5.3	Sampling for laboratory analysis.	Date of sampling: 29-07-2025
5.4	Name and address of the Laboratory	Landwirtschaftskammer Nordrhein-Westfalen Pflanzenschutzdienst Gartenstraße 11 50765 Köln-Auweiler Germany
5.5	Diagnostic method	Morphological identification of the male adult beetle, ongoing PCR-test (result still pending).
5.6	Date of official confirmation of the harmful organism's identity.	29-07-2025
6	**Infested area, and the severity and source of the outbreak in that area**	
6.1	Characteristics of the infested area and its vicinity.	Open air – other: private garden Plant already planted, not to be reproduced or moved
6.2	Host plants in the infested area and its vicinity	*Acer*

6.3 Infested plant(s), plant product(s) and other object(s).	*Acer* (1 pce) The infested *Acer* is a bonsai plant. The private garden is in a housing area.
6.4 Severity of the outbreak.	Only 1 beetle was found so far. Currently, it is assumed to be an isolated finding.
6.5 Source of the outbreak	The beetle most probably hatched from an *Acer* bonsai that was purchased in spring 2025 and showed an exit hole. Trace-back investigations are ongoing.
7 Official phytosanitary measures	
7.1 Adoption of official phytosanitary measures.	Official phytosanitary measures have been taken. No demarcated area established. The infested plant was destroyed.
7.2 Date of adoption of the official phytosanitary measures.	29-07-2025
7.3 Objective of the official phytosanitary measures.	Eradication
7.4 Measures affecting the movement of goods.	Measures do not affect import into or movement within the Union of goods
7.5 Specific surveys.	Yes, according to the requirements of regulation (EU) 2022/2095 (Art. 6) the housing garden and its vicinity will be subject to official visual inspections, including destructive sampling in cases of suspicion.
8 Pest risk analysis/assessment	Pest risk analysis is not required (harmful organism is listed in Annex II B of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072.