

Notification of the presence of a harmful organism (3527)

Title:
Confirmed finding of <i>Popillia japonica</i> in Germany (Baden-Wuerttemberg)
Executive summary:
On July 13th 2026, a single male Japanese beetle (<i>Popillia japonica</i>) was captured in a pheromone trap in a vineyard during surveys conducted by the plant protection service of Baden-Wuerttemberg. The following day, 10 additional pheromone traps were installed within a 1 km radius of the discovery site. To date, no further beetles have been caught. The traps are checked weekly. Unless more beetles are captured, the plant protection service assumes this was a "hitchhiker". The surveys will continue until the end of September 2026.
Pest status in Germany
Present: under eradication, only in some parts of Germany, at low prevalence
Adoption of official phytosanitary measures
No official phytosanitary measures. Due to the fact that there was another trap located 1,5 km away without any finding and there was only one individual male beetle the plant protection service assumes that the beetle arrived as a hitchhiker. Intensified surveys are ongoing and 10 more traps were installed in a radius of 1 km around the finding.