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GEN level



KEY OUTPUTS

- Sequencing and publication of the genome of the European spruce bark beetle (*Ips typographus*, L.).
- Successful use of two distinct systems for heterologous expression. Identification of pheromone receptors and host odour receptors.
- Uncovering mechanisms of host defence breakthrough in selected bark beetles of the *Ips* genus.
- Creation of complex facilities for the deorphanization of insect olfactory receptors.



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TREE level



KEY OUTPUTS

- Selection of new substances from the bark beetle olfactory environment, its symbiotic fungi, and the host spruce with biological activity.
- Presentation of a new method for the early detection of trees attacked by bark beetles based on the principle of searching for attacked trees by dogs trained to recognize the aggregation pheromone of bark beetle.
- Presentation of new methods of genomic evaluation for spruces differently resistant to the bark beetle.
- Exposure of spruce to stress by drought in a controlled large-scale experiment in a real environment in the context of susceptibility of such stressed trees to bark beetle attack – a world-unique large-scale experiment.
- Creation of complex facilities for laboratories of chemical ecology of forest pests with global significance.



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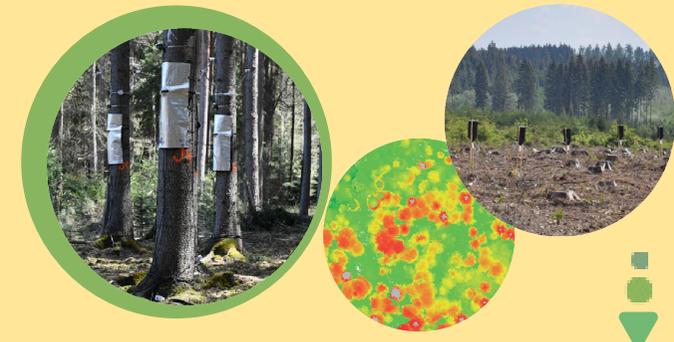
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LANDSCAPE level



KEY OUTPUTS

- Clarification of the main factors influencing the emergence and development of the current bark beetle increase in Central Europe.
- Finding procedures for the identification of spruces predisposed to bark beetle attack, using satellite images with a short temporal resolution.
- Testing the protection of forest stands against bark beetle attack using a mixture of anti-attractants covered by a Czech patent and an international application.
- Determination of factors influencing the survival of spruce during large-scale forest dieback during bark beetle increase.



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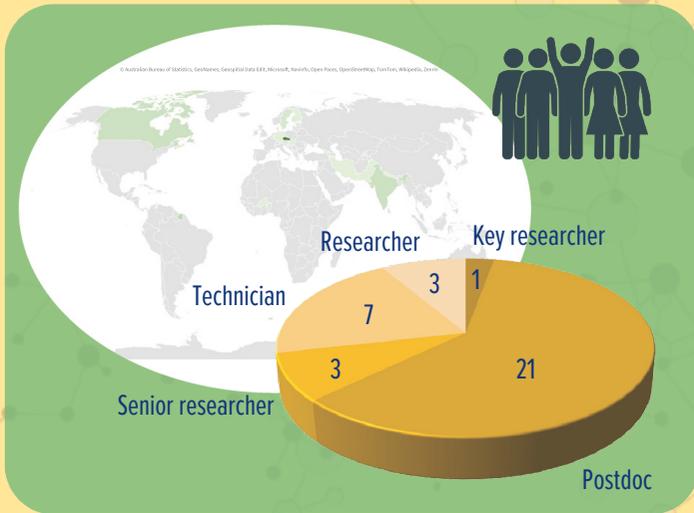
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The excellent team members



Selected indicators

Professional publications
created by supported entities



115

Professional publications
with foreign co-authorship



88

International patent application
created by supported entities



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Centre of Excellence
newly built



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Modern infrastructure

As part of building modern infrastructure, laboratories were renovated between 2016 and 2023 to a value of 11.2 million CZK and state-of-the-art equipment and machines were purchased to a value of 57.2 million CZK.

Among the most important equipment can be mentioned e.g. a two-dimensional gas chromatograph with a special mass spectrometer with a time-of-flight analyser valued 10.6 million CZK.



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