

SPECIES COMMITTEES

ITAC

Species Committee, Purpose & Objectives

1. Connect breeders, seed producers and seed users to openly discuss current issues with tree seed and achieving FGC objectives.
2. Review assumptions in species plans in light of changes in where we are logging, new reforestation programs and current orchard production.
3. Review impacts of Climate Based Seed Transfer (CBST), identify areas of concern/gaps in seed orchard coverage and develop plan to shift our programs and communicate to others.
4. Discuss forest health issues - what are main concerns, what agents are on current radar to incorporate into breeding program
5. Identify gaps in information and opportunities
6. Provide recommendations for Species Plans

Species Committee, Action Items:

- Review species program categories and rankings at next ITAC business meeting.
- Develop strategy / options with where CBST results in a shortage or absence of Class A seed.
- Provide input into CBST seed supply analysis and criteria
- Add kgs of seed to species plans.
- Update expected annual seedling production per ramet – range, seeds/kg and production forecast by orchard in kgs
- To prioritize forest health issues, vet data through and seek input from foresters with local experience before priorities are set by breeders. Foresters should connect with District and Regional Forest Health specialists as they create maps, analyze data which are used to set priorities.
- Update SPAR query to find resistant seed.
- Confirm with Susan if seedlots have been updated with new BEC and understand how changes in seedlot BEC will be tracked over time considering impacts on seed transferability.