

Mini data sheet on *Puccinia distincta*

Added in 1998 - Deleted in 2000

Reasons for deletion:

The pest *Puccinia distincta* is widespread in the EPPO region. It has limited impact and could be easily controlled. In 2000, it was therefore removed from the EPPO Alert List.

Puccinia distincta (a new and severe rust of daisies)

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| Why | <i>P. distincta</i> came to our attention because this new rust on daisies was first reported in UK and France in 1996, and also in Italy. |
| Where | UK in gardens, France and Italy (in Friuli-Venezia Giulia - described as <i>P. lagenophorae</i> but most likely to be <i>P. distincta</i>). May also be present in Austria, Germany and Switzerland (but this has not been confirmed). |
| On which plants | <i>Bellis perennis</i> . |
| Damage | Typical rust symptoms which seriously impairs the growth. |
| Note | It may have been introduced from Australia, or it may derive from a related fungus <i>P. obscura</i> (recorded in Europe and North America). |
| Pathway | Daisy plants for planting from infested countries. |
| Possible risks | Cultivated forms of <i>B. perennis</i> are widely grown as ornamentals, but the economic impact is small. |
| Source(s) | Gullino, M.L.; Bertetti, D.; Luongo, I.; Arbusti, M.; Garibaldi, A. (1999) [Rust on common daisy (<i>Bellis perennis</i>): appearance in Italy and chemical control trials.] <i>Informatore fitopatologico</i> no.1/2, 52-55. Scholler, M. (1997) Rust fungi on <i>Bellis perennis</i> in Central Europe: delimitation and distribution. <i>Sydowia</i> , 49, 174-181. Weber, R.W.S.; Webster, J.; Al-Gharabally, D.H. (1998) <i>Puccinia distincta</i> , cause of the current daisy rust epidemic in Britain, in comparison with other rusts recorded on daisies, <i>P. obscura</i> and <i>P. lagenophorae</i> . <i>Mycological Research</i> , 102(10), 1227-1232. Weber, R.W.S.; Webster, J.; Wakley, G.E.; Al-Gharabally; D.H. (1998) <i>Puccinia distincta</i> , cause of a devastating rust disease of daisies. <i>Mycologist</i> , 12(2), 87-90. |

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