

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS VISIT FABI BIOCONTROL CENTRE

As part of their course in Crop Protection, second and third year students from the University of Pretoria visited the FABI Biological Control Centre. This formed one of their practical sessions and involved four stops where the students were exposed to different aspects of biological control of forest insect pests. The aim of the visit was for the students to gain an understanding of the research required to support a biological control programme. The stops were:

- Insect pests of plantation forests in South Africa
- Biological control of eucalypt insect pests
- Biological control using entomopathogenic nematodes (EPNs)
- Biological control of the *Sirex* woodwasp using parasitic nematodes

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