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PEST REPORT

Darna trima on palm trees (Thrinax parviflora)

In 2005, during follow-up inspections after import, palm trees of the species *Thrinax parviflora* were found infested with *Darna trima* (Lepidoptera). The palms were imported from Indonesia and the infestation was most likely introduced with these plants. The infested plants were present in a greenhouse where ornamental plants were grown. All plants in the greenhouse were chemically treated according to a schedule in order to eradicate the insect. The progress of the eradication was monitored with light traps in the greenhouse. The treatments were effective in eradication of the organism.

Darna trima is not listed as a quarantine organism in the EU, and its harmfulness was not assessed either by the EU. In an initial assessment carried out by the Netherlands Plant Protection Service this insect was considered to be a possible phytosanitary risk. It is the intention to carry out a full PRA.

Officially declared pest status: absent, eradicated

Reference: NPPO of the Netherlands