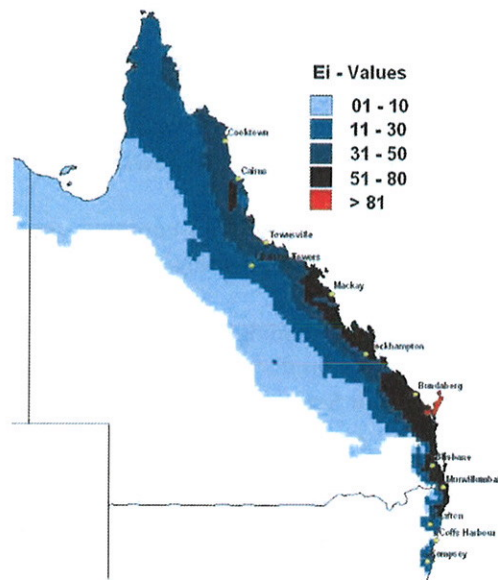


Biological control updates from NSW Dept of Primary Industries and Biosecurity Queensland (BQ)

Lantana

A small *lantana* rust, *Prospodium tuberculatum*, program has been maintained at Grafton Primary Industries Institute (PII) with releases being targeted for locations where the rust hasn't previously established. There have been a few requests for rust in recent months and a small number of infested plants are maintained together with 30 grams of rust spores stored in liquid nitrogen. This is sufficient for more than 20 releases next spring/summer with a reserve supply to ensure the continuation of the culture.

Lantana budmite, *Aceria lantanae*, has been approved for release. It was officially released from BQ quarantine by AQIS on 18th July 2012 and culture increase and field releases will commence shortly. A CLIMEX model of its predicted preferred range is given below.

Damage caused by lantana budmite, *Aceria lantanae*, in South Africa

BQ have also received the final report on the host testing of the rust *Puccinia lantanae*. They are currently considering the recommendations contained in this report before a final decision is made on the project.