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Stink bug discovered in the UK

英国萨里郡发现害虫“臭屁虫”



为辅助一项监测研究，专家在英格兰萨里郡捕捉了一只会危害庄稼、侵扰房屋的“臭屁虫”。

Brown **marmorated** stink bugs are tiny dull shield-shaped insects which get their name from the strong odour they **emit** when threatened. They've become a **nuisance** in the US, invading homes in their hundreds and destroying farmers' crops.

茶翅蝽是一种体型很小的褐色盾形昆虫，因受威胁时会发出恶臭而得名“臭屁虫”。它们已经成为了美国的一大公害，数以百计的虫子侵入家园，还毁坏农民的庄稼。

The lone adult male stink bug was discovered at Wisley Gardens in Surrey. The insect's been found in the UK only a **handful** of times before, and there's concern it could become established here.

这个单只的成年雄性蝽是在英格兰萨里郡的威斯利花园被发现的。此前，这种昆虫在英国只被发现过寥寥几次，如今有人担心它们会在这里繁衍。

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专家认为，这种虫子可能是通过进口商品传入英国的，或者是本地尚未发现的一批蝽虫的一部分。

The government said the insect was not a significant threat to British crops. But as with all pests and diseases, it would continue to monitor any threats closely.

政府表示，这种昆虫并不会对英国农作物造成重大威胁。但与对待所有病虫害一样，政府将密切监测任何威胁。

1. 词汇表

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emit	发出
nuisance	讨厌的事物，公害
handful	少数
imported	进口的
undiscovered	尚未被发现的

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

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