

Principle 7: Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) is here to stay and farmers and other stakeholders must learn to live with the pest.

CBB arrived in PNG in 2017, and since then it has devastated many coffee growing areas as it spreads throughout the highlands and other coffee growing regions of PNG. Eradication of the pest has proven impossible in other coffee growing countries. However, coffee production can continue successfully if basic CBB control measures are implemented.

There is no doubt CBB has created a challenging situation for the smallholder farmer, but the implementation of CBB sanitation strategies may improve coffee yields and quality in the long-term. As well as a module devoted to CBB management developed with Ian Newton, Jonah Aranka, Donna Chambers and Mark Kenny through ACIAR project HORT/2018/194, strategies designed to minimise the impact of this pest are incorporated throughout the training package.



The coffee berry borer (CBB)
(Credit: Andrew Johnson(UF/IFAS))



Damage to coffee cherry caused by CBB
(Credit: Donna Chambers).