

Minutes of the (web) meeting of the Working Group on Small Hive Beetle – subgroup on soil temperature modelling

Held on 12 August 2015 (web)

(Agreed on 12 August 2015)

Participants

- **Working Group Members:**

Josef ETZINGER

- **EFSA:**

ALPHA Unit: Ciro Gardi

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

The EFSA member welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence and Scientific Decision-Making Processes¹ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Declarations of Interest², EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of Interest and the Specific Declaration of Interest filled in by the working group members invited for the present meeting. No Conflicts of Interest related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the Oral Declaration of Interest at the beginning of this meeting.

¹ <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencypolicy.pdf>

² <http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/keydocs/docs/independencerules2014.pdf>

4. Agreement of the minutes of this Working Group meeting

The minutes of this Working Group meeting held on 12 August 2015 were agreed at the end of the meeting.³

5. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The working group (WG) discuss the status of the modeling activity.

Three equations, derived by multiple regression, were tested and validated for modeling soil temperature under different land cover types.

The next step will include the evaluation of the main soil types.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting will be at the end of September – to be confirmed – at EFSA in Parma.

³ Please add here the link to the respective minutes published on the EFSA website