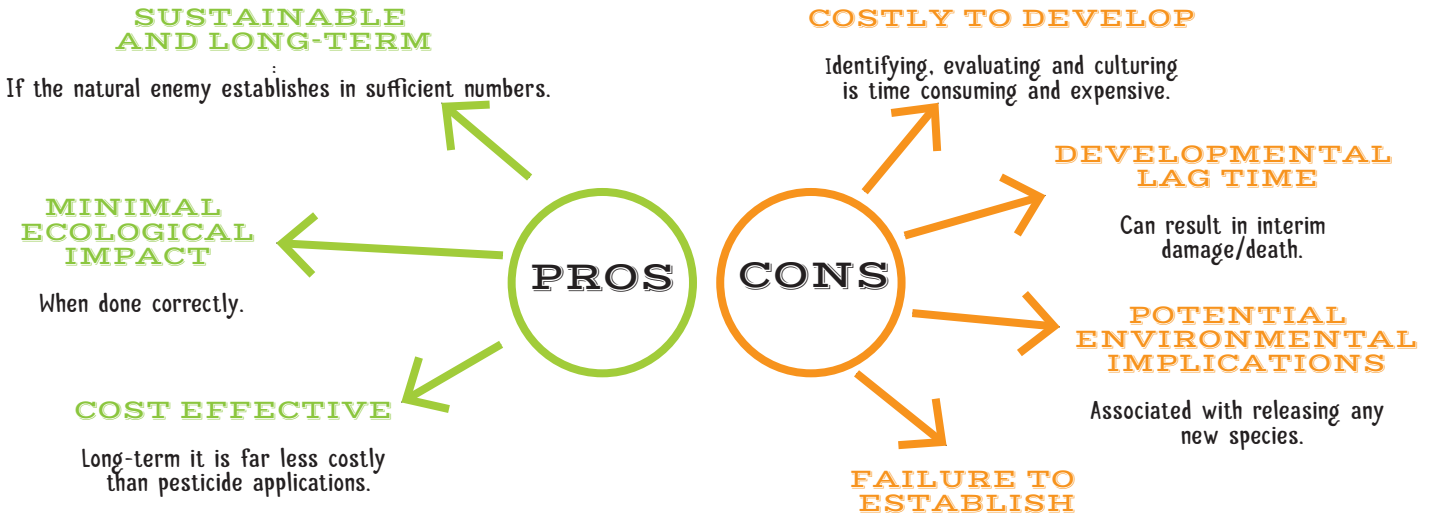


BIOCONTROL

WHAT IS IT? It is the introduction, or population boosting, of a pest's natural enemy.

WHY USE IT? Using natural enemies is an incredibly effective control for non-native, accidentally introduced pests that don't have any natural enemies in their new environment.



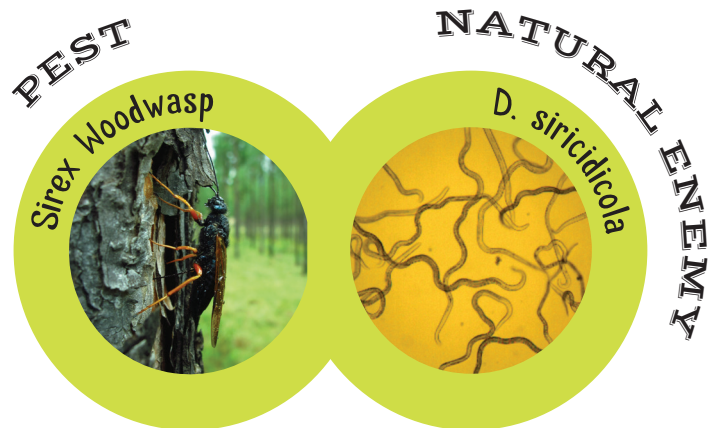
BIOCONTROL is considered to be the most effective solution for non-native pests and has worked successfully for **nine major forestry pests**.

BIOCONTROL IN ACTION

SIREX SUCCESS STORY

The Sirex wood wasp was a serious pine pest, attacking the trunk (wood) of the tree and ultimately leading to tree death. In **2007**, before biocontrol was initiated, the estimated cost to the timber industry in South Africa was **R780 million!**

Now the damage caused is minimal, thanks to a tiny nematode that attacks the Sirex eggs and costs a fraction of the damage cost, **R3 million** a year, to implement.



Biocontrol actively used by the industry

