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SHARKA CONTAINMENT IN VIEW OF EU-EXPANSION



**The global cost associated with sharka management, are evaluate at 10 000 million euros over the last 30 years**

**What is**

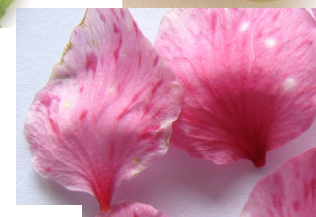
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**The most devastating viral disease worldwide of stone fruits including peach, apricot, plum, nectarine, almond, sweet and sour cherry caused by *Plum pox virus***

**Specific Symptoms Plum**



**Peach**

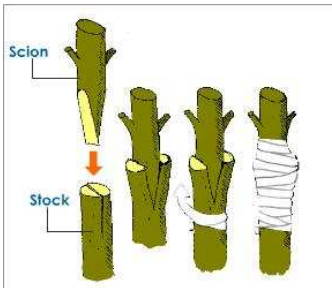


**Apricot**



## How it is spread?

By the use of infected propagative material (grafting and budding)



By aphid vectors



Sharka disease is very difficult to be controlled.

The best method for sharka control is to prevent sharka spread by:

- Use of only certified virus-free planting stock
- Visual inspections and surveys in nurseries and orchards followed by the removal and destruction of any infected tree
- Weed control (including wild *Prunus* species) in and around orchards and nurseries