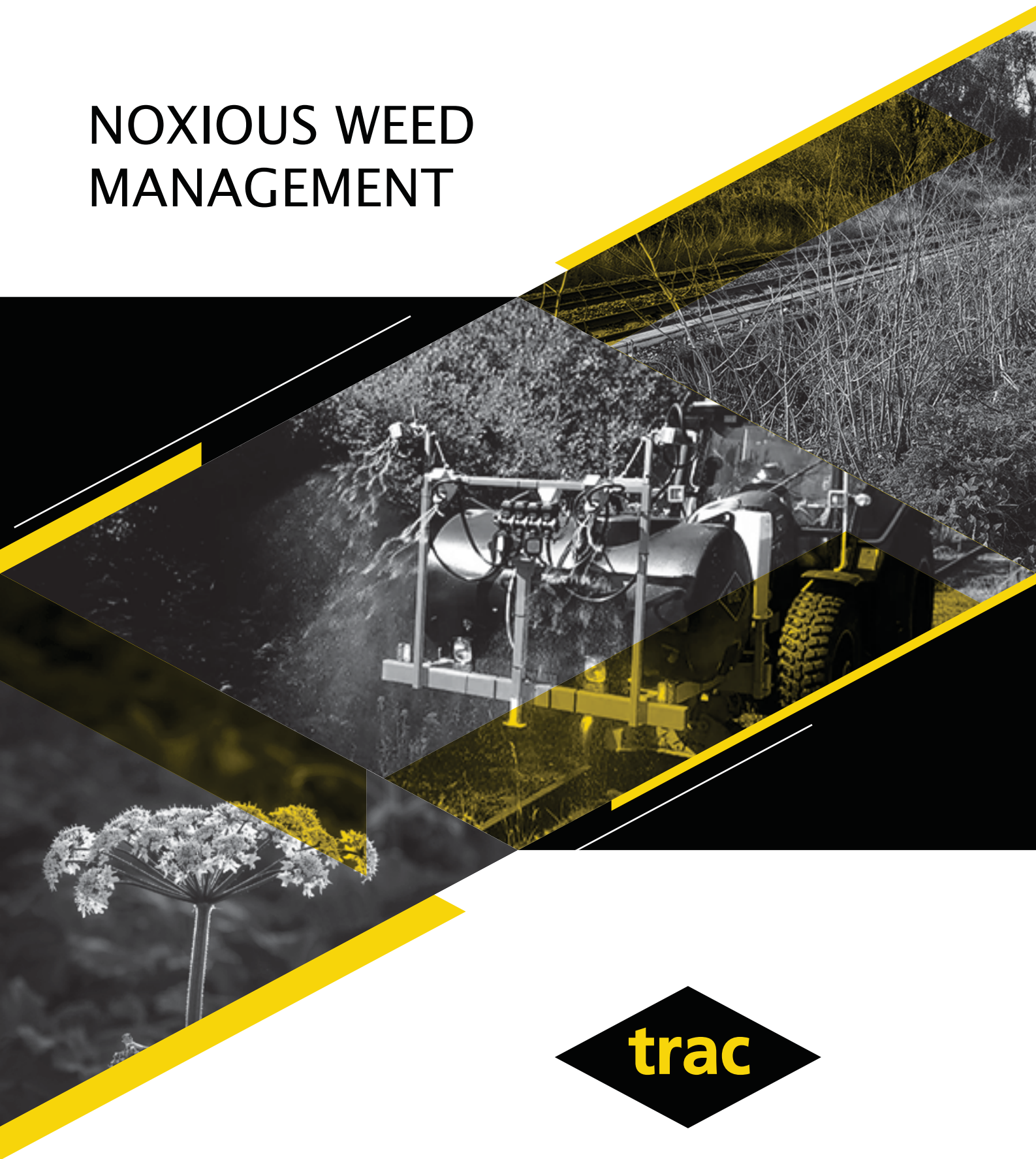


TRAC Vegetation Management

NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT



SERVICES

TRAC Vegetation Management have carried out numerous site visits to manage noxious weed sites within Scotland's rail infrastructure ensuring that the correct treatment for Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Giant Hogweed to name a few, is carried out to help prevent and eradicate them from the infrastructure.



NOXIOUS WEEDS CAN:

- Effect residential property/land value
- Cause structural damage to bridges, culverts and retaining walls
- Restrict access to line
- Present fire risk
- Cause significant harm to grazing animals
- Cause flooding by blocking drainage
- Cause injury to the workforce eg giant hogweed contains poisonous sap that, on contact with the skin and in the presence of sunlight can cause severe irritation, swelling and painful water blisters



TREATMENT PROCESS

- Scope site to measure m² to determine chemical requirement
- Initial spot/blanket spray of systemic weed killer during March - April
- Second spray during August - September

- TEF 3069 form submitted to NWR
- If treatment is done twice annually over 5 years this should eradicate the weeds



RISK FACTORS

During application full PPE must be worn to prevent injury:

- Coveralls
- Chemical disposable paper suit
- Face-shield
- Nitrile gloves
- Waterproof footwear
- Respirator

Application is dependent on the weather:

- High winds can cause drifting of the spray to surrounding area
- Heat can cause evaporation and therefore reduce effectiveness
- Heavy rain will wash away the spray again reducing effectiveness

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