



Peppertreeduplicateballs PTDB-Tree Virus

Smell-installation with intensive peppermint smell. Visitors start to cry by entering the smell-installation

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Peter De Cupere made especially for this exhibition a new smell-installation, 'PTDB - Tree Virus'. The main fragrance is an intense mix of peppermint in combination of black pepper. The whole installation is presented in a hemisphere ( $\varnothing 7\text{ m}$  and  $H 3,70\text{ m}$ ). The PTDB- Tree Virus exists of one big peppermint ball which has a dimension of  $\varnothing 150\text{ cm}$ . On this peppermint ball grows an old tree. The smell is so intensive that it could be possible that visitors starts to cry by the scent reaction of these excellent mix of fresh peppermint concentrate with the black pepper species. In the tree grows little PTDB - Tree Viruses. The idea is a reflection about half-parasites (cfr. the plant: maretak).





This image shows the tree virus exhibit at the exhibition "EXOTEN" in the Botanical Garden of the University of Bonn. The tree is infected with the PTDB virus, which causes galls on the branches. The virus is transmitted by the European hornbeam moth, which lays its eggs in the bark of the tree. The gall wasps then hatch and feed on the tree, causing the galls to form. The tree is currently in a glass enclosure to protect it from further damage.