

International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) country report by the National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of South Africa: Notification on the change of status of *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Oriental Fruit Fly) in Sunday's River Valley, Eastern Cape Province of South Africa

Pest	<i>Bactrocera dorsalis</i> (Oriental Fruit Fly or OFF)
Status of pest	Present
Host or articles concerned	<i>Citrus</i> spp. and other commodities that are exported and considered hosts of this pest and produced or present in this area in South Africa are under threat.
Geographic distribution	A number of <i>B. dorsalis</i> specimens were collected from the Sarah Baartman District and the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipalities of the Eastern Cape Province, between the month of May to August 2021.
Nature of immediate or potential danger	Potential spread or establishment of <i>B.dorsalis</i> into other production areas where its presence may impede the export potential of the relevant host commodities affected.
Summary	After several detections of <i>B. dorsalis</i> in the Sunday's River Valley area of the Eastern Cape Province of South Africa and delimiting surveys, it has been decided that continuous eradication of the pest is no longer feasible within the affected area in spite of low number of overall detections. A cost benefit study has indicated that the pest population can be suppressed in the area and contained. The feasibility to develop and declare the area as an area of low pest prevalence will be investigated. The area will be managed as a quarantine area for this pest. The spread of the pest to other areas of the Eastern Cape, which are still pest free of OFF , will be regulated in terms of Regulation 110 of the Agricultural Pests Act 36 of 1983 which restricts the movement of affected host material from the quarantine area to free areas.