

# NROs UPDATE

## National Reporting Obligations

*Protecting the world's plant resources from pests*



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### Statistics on reports regarding Description of the NPPO on the IPP (data valid 30 April 2015)

Description of the NPPO				January-April 2015	
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports	New	Updated
Africa	48	26	39	2	0
Asia	25	12	18	0	0
Europe	45	31	40	0	0
Latin America & Caribbean	33	18	46	1	0
Near East	15	2	3	0	0
North America	2	2	3	0	0
South West Pacific	13	2	17	4	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

Description of the NPPO		April 2015	
Region	Contracting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	-	0	0
Latin America & Caribbean	-	0	0
Near East	-	0	0
North America	-	0	0
South West Pacific	Fiji	2	0

### Did you know?

The IPPC Secretariat is preparing the manual and training kit on NPPO Establishment and NPPO Operations. When they are ready they will become available on the Phytosanitary Resources Page ([www.phytosanitary.info](http://www.phytosanitary.info)). Right now [a fact sheet](#) is available.



## Summary of the pre-CPM training session on NROs

held on 15th March 2015

On March 15th 2015 at FAO Headquarters in Rome the IPPC Secretariat held a pre-CPM training session on National Reporting Obligations (NROs). The training session was held in English while discussion was facilitated in French, Spanish, Russian and Arabic. The training was attended by 93 participants, including representatives from 63 countries and 2 RPPOs.

The general overview of NROs, as provided for in the IPPC, and the related CPM-10 paper (CPM 2015/22) were presented to the participants together with the results of the NRO survey sent to participants before the training. The delegates were divided into working groups to consider different aspects of NROs and share experiences and good practices.

The group work ensured:

- a) NPPOs think about the NRO system they have,
- b) participants learn from each other's experiences, and
- c) participants understand what can be improved or needs to be done on return to their countries after the CPM.

The presentation of the work done in groups was made in plenary and a fruitful general discussion took place. Participants reported on constraints to fulfill National Reporting Obligations which included: lack of human and financial resources (including problems with pest diagnostics and conducting PRAs), frequent changes of Official Contact Points and NPPOs structures.

It was pointed out that more hands-on training should be held for Contact Points and IPP editors and NRO e-learning options should be developed. In general, more guidance on NROs is needed together with advocacy material to promote the importance and potential impact of NROs among policy makers. The awareness raising campaigns on NROs should be undertaken at all levels.

### **The Year of “the Organization of the NPPO”**

This series of newsletters Vol. 2 (01 – 12) will be published from April 2015 to March 2016 and will focus on the objectives and functioning of NPPOs. Please make sure you read them all.

## **Best practices for preparing a report on the description of the NPPO**

While preparing a report on the description of your country's NPPO the following best practices should be followed:

- ✓ The report should relate to the NPPO general structure.
- ✓ Ideally it should have the form of an organogram.
- ✓ The report needs to clearly identify the NPPO, the head of the NPPO and should also identify units or organizations that act under the authority of the NPPO in relation to:
  - the issuance of phytosanitary certificates,
  - the surveillance of growing plants and plants and plant products in storage and in transportation,
  - the inspection of consignments of plants, plant products and other regulated articles moving in international traffic to meet phytosanitary requirements,
  - the disinfection and disinfestation of consignments,
  - the endangered areas, pest free areas and areas of low prevalence,
  - the conduct of pest risk analyses.
- ✓ The report should be provided in at least one of the official languages of FAO (Arabic, English, French, Russian or Spanish).
- ✓ The report could be uploaded or a link provided to the relevant national website [on the IPP](#) by the Official Contact Point (OCP) or IPP editor (nominated by the OCP) of the country, which is a single action that replaces the multi-task of sending them by mail to the Secretariat, NPPOs and RPPOs as detailed by the IPPC.
- ✓ The report should be updated regularly whenever changes to the NPPO structure occur – please do not upload every new report separately but replace the existing old file or link.
- ✓ If a link to a national website is provided instead of an uploaded file, it should be checked regularly if it is still accessible (a website address might change more often than the description of the NPPO).

## **Changes among the OCPs in April 2015**

In April 2015, the following contracting parties nominated new OCPs:

- Japan
- Senegal
- Republic of Korea

## Think before your travel – understand the consequences of your actions.



How often do we travel and buy wooden curios, flowers or agricultural products to take home to your friends and family? **THINK** before you do this – you could be taking pests back to your country that could result in a very significant negative economic, food security or environmental impact.

***Prevention is better than cure***

**Be responsible for your actions!**

The acronym finder:

CP	IPPC Contracting Party
CPM	Commission on Phytosanitary Measures
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IPP	International Phytosanitary Portal ( <a href="http://www.ippc.int">www.ippc.int</a> )
IPPC	International Plant Protection Convention
NPPO	National plant protection organization
NROs	National Reporting Obligations
NROAG	National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group
OCP	Official Contact Point of a Contracting Party to the Convention
RPPO	Regional plant protection organization



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