



## UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES OF THE TECHNICAL PANEL ON PEST FREE AREAS AND SYSTEMS APPROACHES FOR FRUIT FLIES (TPFF) FROM MAY 2014 TO APRIL 2015

### PRESENTED TO THE 4-8 MAY 2015 STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SC) MEETING

(Prepared by the IPPC Secretariat)

[1] The IPPC Secretariat support for the Technical Panel on Pest Free Areas and Systems Approaches for Fruit Flies (TPFF) are:

- Ms Céline Germain (lead)
- Mr Rui Cardoso Pereira (technical expert)
- Ms Eva Moller (support)

#### Membership update:

[2] The detailed TPFf membership list can be found on the [IPP](#). Table 1 below is a simplified version.

**Table 1.** TPFf membership (as of April 2015) and terms

Participant role	Name (country)	Term expires
Steward	Ms Ana Lilia MONTEALEGRE LARA (Mexico)	
Assistant steward	Ms Julie ALIAGA (USA)	
Member	Ms Mary BAHDOUSHEH (Jordan)	2016
Member	Mr Robert DUTHIE (Australia)	2016
Member	Mr Rui CARDOSO PEREIRA (IAEA)	2016
Member	Mr Keng Hong TAN (Malaysia)	2016
Member	Mr Kenji TSURUTA (Japan)	2016
Member	Ms Alies VAN SAUERS-MULLER (Suriname)	2016
Member	Mr Jan Hendrik VENTER (South Africa)	2016
Member	Mr José Luis ZAVALA LÓPEZ (Mexico)	2016

[3] It is to be noted that the Assistant Steward, Ms Julie ALIAGA, is no longer a member of the Standards Committee (SC) and that Mr. Aldo MALAVASI (Brazil) left the TPFf.

#### Volume of work for the TPFf from May 2014 to April 2015:

[4] During that period, the following two fruit fly standards were still under development in the latest stages of development and were presented to CPM-10 (2015) for adoption:

- Draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031)
- Annex 3 to ISPM 26 on *Phytosanitary procedures for fruit fly (Tephritidae) management* (2005-010).

[5] There was no need for the TPFf to meet, but the Panel was involved in several e-mails discussions as mentioned below.

#### Highlights on the work:

- **Draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031):**

[6] In May 2014, the SC reviewed the draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031) which had received a formal objection 14 days prior to CPM-9 (2014) in

relation to the use of *conditional host* instead of *non-natural host*. The steward presented a revised version of the draft where reference to *conditional host* had been modified to *host under the conditions specified in this standard* and, as compromise, the concept did not have a term and definition.

- [7] Following the request from the 2014 May SC, the TPFf reviewed the revised draft ISPM in relation to the concept *host under the conditions specified in this standard*. They observed that the concept was clear independently of the proposed terms or wording used after the May 2014 SC meeting, and did not propose further modifications. The TPFf felt that the issue was merely one of terminology and it would up to the SC to decide.
- [8] The issue was reconsidered in November 2014 by the SC who agreed on the use of the term *semi-natural host* to replace *conditional host*.
- [9] The draft ISPM as modified in the November 2014 SC meeting was presented to CPM-10 (2015) for adoption by a vote with no option of a formal objection. During CPM-10 (2015), one contracting party stated there were serious shortcomings in the draft ISPM that resulted from the use of the term *semi-natural host* to replace *conditional host*. They further noted that this draft had been substantially modified by the SC in November 2014 and that contracting parties had no opportunity to review the draft before it was presented to CPM-10 (2015). In order to address these concerns, the CPM agreed by consensus not to vote on this standard and returned it to the SC for further consideration (see agenda item 7.1 of the May 2015 SC meeting).
- [10] The Steward consulted the TPFf on a revised version trying to address the concerns raised at CPM-10 (2015), before presenting it to the May 2015 SC meeting. The TPFf e-mail consultation took place after a conference call was organized between the countries and organizations mainly concerned about the issue (COSAVE, NAPPO, Argentina, Uruguay, USA and Australia).

- **Annex 3 to ISPM 26 on Phytosanitary procedures for fruit fly (*Tephritidae*) management (2005-010)**

- [11] The Steward reviewed the member comments which were submitted during the Substantial Concerns Commenting Period (1 June – 30 September 2014). At their November 2014 meeting, the SC reviewed the Steward's responses to the comments and the draft Annex to ISPM 26. Following the recommendation from the SC, CPM-10 (2015) adopted Annex 3 to ISPM 26 (*Establishment of pest free areas for fruit flies (Tephritidae)*) on *Phytosanitary procedures for fruit fly (Tephritidae) management* (2005-010).

**Tentative work plan for the period May 2015-April 2016:**

- [12] As previously noted by the SC, the TPFf will be convened to harmonize and reorganize the adopted fruit fly ISPMs. The Secretariat has tentatively scheduled a face-to-face meeting of the TPFf on 19-23 October 2015 in Vienna, Austria, to be hosted by the Joint Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency (FAO/IAEA) to conclude this work. It is proposed that the TPFf also considers at that meeting the text from the draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031) in their discussions on the harmonization and reorganization of the fruit fly standards.
- [13] In addition, if the draft ISPM on *Determination of host status of fruit to fruit fly (Tephritidae)* (2006-031) is sent to another round of substantial concerns commenting period (1 June to 30 September 2015), the TPFf could, during their October 2015 meeting, review member comments prior to the November 2015 SC meeting and give advice to the Steward.