

NROs UPDATE

National Reporting Obligations

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

Description of the NPPO				January-June 2015	
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports	New	Updated
Africa	49	26	39	2	0
Asia	25	12	18	0	0
Europe	45	33	41	2	4
Latin America & Caribbean	33	18	46	1	1
Near East	15	2	3	0	0
North America	2	2	3	0	0
South West Pacific	13	2	17	4	2
Total	182	95	167	9	7

Description of the NPPO		June 2015	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	Cyprus, Slovenia, United Kingdom	0	4
Latin America & Caribbean	Panama	0	1
Near East	-	0	0
North America	-	0	0
South West Pacific	French Polynesia	0	2

Did you know?

The Official Contact Points and their IPP editors have a right to add or update (replace all files with new files) NROs on the IPP. However, only administrators of the IPP positioned within the IPPC Secretariat can delete files but only in exceptional circumstances.

If you need to have a file deleted in case of an erroneous upload please contact the IPPC Secretariat:

(ippc@fao.org).



Check your report on the Description of the NPPO
(a reminder letter from the IPPC Secretariat)

In the end of May 2015 the IPPC Secretariat sent out an official letter to IPPC Official Contact Points regarding the National Reporting Obligation: a description of the NPPO. The purpose of the letter was to remind OCPs of their obligation towards this NRO and recall that in March 2015 during the CPM-10, it was announced that the period leading up to CPM-11 would become the NRO Year of the “Organization of the NPPO”.

Therefore, the IPPC Secretariat would like to remind you that contracting parties should at least report on a description of its official national plant protection organization (as prescribed in Art. IV 4 of the IPPC). This can be done by either providing it for the first time on the IPP, or updating the existing record to reflect the current status.

Please take your time and consult the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) by going to your country’s home page (<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/list-countries/>) and checking if the NRO report on the description of the NPPO is there and is correct.

The screenshot shows a web interface for a country's profile. At the top, it says 'Country' followed by a flag icon. Below this is a yellow box titled 'IPPC Official Contact Point' containing fields for 'Name of Contact Point', 'address', 'Phone:', 'Email:', and 'Nomination received:'. Below the yellow box is a section titled 'National Reporting Obligations' with a list of links: '+ Add new Description of the NPPO', '+ Add new Legislation: Phytosanitary Requirements/Restrictions/Prohibitions', '+ Add new Entry Points', '+ Add new List of Regulated Pests', and '+ Add new Official Pest Reports'. A red arrow points to the 'Description of the NPPO' link.

Once your country has uploaded any of the NROs on the IPP, the information should be updated regularly as the information changes, and in a timely manner, by the contracting party. The IPP data entry manual has been prepared by the Secretariat to assist you in reporting issues and is available in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish. It can be downloaded from the IPPC website: <https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/80405/>.

In case you experience problems or have queries while uploading the information, please do not hesitate to contact the IPPC Secretariat (ippc@fao.org).

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.

“Guidelines for the NRO quality control programme”

In 2014, the NROAG recommended that the IPPC Secretariat should initiate a quality control programme to provide guidance on data uploaded by contracting parties. It is not the intention of the IPPC Secretariat to verify or make recommendations on the technical content of the NROs. However, the Secretariat will give advice on the placement of information or on NRO-related procedures agreed by CPM. This is why the IPPC Secretariat elaborated a draft “Guidelines for the NRO quality control programme”.

In the June 2015 Bureau meeting these guidelines were presented by the Secretariat recalling that the purpose of quality control is to provide administrative support to CP to help ensure that the reports they upload are easily located by the IPP users, correctly found when the IPP search tool is used and that the title reflects their content adequately.

The Bureau discussed the guidelines finding them to be clear. The guidelines will be presented to the Bureau October 2015 meeting for approval after their update taking into an account any comments received.

The following points would be included in guidance to the Secretariat on what can be communicated to contracting parties to improve the quality of the NROs on the IPP:

- Information has been misplaced on the IPP, e.g. a description of an NPPO has been reported as a pest report.
- Clarity can be improved regarding the title of the document, e.g. key information may be missing that would improve search results or understanding.
- Missing or corrupt files that are identified.
- Missing or dead links that are identified.
- Information was misplaced within the report form that causes confusion and/or makes files or links non-functional.
- New reports were added instead of updating the old (existing) report.
- Generic links were identified that do not provide the relevant information.
- Non-functional e-mail addresses were provided.
- Duplicate of reports or text in a report are identified.
- The layout of the report can be improved for clarity and understanding.
- Typing errors, punctuation and spelling mistakes affecting searches or usability of data that are identified.

Changes among the OCPs in June 2015

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

- Egypt,
- Syrian Arab Republic.



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 (www.ippc.int)
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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