

# NROs UPDATE

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### Statistics on reports regarding the Description of the NPPO on the IPP (data valid 31 July 2015)

Description of the NPPO				January-July 2015	
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports	New	Updated
Africa	49	27	40	3	2
Asia	25	13	18	0	2
Europe	45	29	38	1	5
Latin America & Caribbean	33	20	47	4	4
Near East	15	2	3	0	0
North America	2	2	3	0	0
South West Pacific	13	12	22	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>

Description of the NPPO		July 2015	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	Kenya	0	1
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	Slovenia	0	1
Latin America & Caribbean	Costa Rica, Guyana, Mexico	2	4
Near East	-	0	0
North America	-	0	0
South West Pacific	Kiribati, Tuvalu	2	0

### Did you know?

In order to take a full advantage of [the IPP](#) features and options while editing the NROs of your country it is advisable to use the latest version of your internet browser.

For example, all features and options work well in Internet Explorer 9 (but not in Internet Explorer 8). All features work well in Chrome.



## 2015 Mid-year Meeting of the IPPC Secretariat: Strategic Planning on IPPC and Renewing of its Secretariat

The 2015 Mid-year meeting of the IPPC Secretariat was held on 28 July at the HQ-FAO in Rome. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Jingyuan Xia, the IPPC Secretary, with participation of all Secretariat staff. Team Leaders, Brent Larson, David Nowell and Orlando Sosa, made presentations of their work in the respected teams, and Craig Fedchock, the IPPC Coordinator, delivered a report on the important Secretariat issues. All staff in the Meeting actively shared their review and put forward valuable suggestions on the Theme of the Meeting. At the end, The Secretary made concluding remarks, highlighting three important points as follows:

**1. Main Achievements of the First Semester**, including six highlights: (1) In Governance/strategy, the CPM-10 was successfully held, with new standards adopted, the IPPC Secretariat Enhancement Evaluation taken into consideration and the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH) promoted; the Bureau endorsed the implementation of the IPPC Secretariat Enhancement Evaluation; and the Finance Committee identified resource mobilization as an urgent priority. (2) In Standard setting, a successful SC meeting ensured that 9 draft ISPMs are out for member consultation and good progress is being made in the area of new treatments and diagnostic standards. (3) In Implement, facilitation and support, new projects are being initiated and older projects completed; IRSS becomes more important to increase capacity and to support surveillance pilot project; and there is increasing engagement from contracting parties to meet their NROs and in the area of dispute avoidance. (4) In Communication and advocacy, the revised IPP was launched; and a wider range of IPPC stakeholders are being reached with an increase in the frequency and timeliness of news. (5) In Partnerships and liaison, a Task Force Team for Resource Mobilization has been established; and the Secretariat is engaging and renewing a range of partnerships (internal and external). (6) In Internal management, a series of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) have been established for the Meetings, Seminar, Minutes and Chronicles; and the team/culture building has been strengthened toward One IPPC.

**2. Core Activities for the Next Semester**, covering six tasks: (a) planning and organizing CPM-11 (2016), Bureau, SPG, SC, SBDS and the TC of RPPOs; (b) implementing standard setting work programs, and stressing expert input and consultation; (c) carrying out pilot surveillance project and PCE training of trainers, and organizing the ePhyto global workshop, NRO quality control and dispute avoidance; (d) re-designing IPPC homepage, developing more advocacy materials, and completing seven IPPC regional workshops; (e) stressing resource mobilization by effectively replenishing the IPPC Trust Fund, and underscoring the internal coordination within the Secretariat and FAO as well as the external cooperation with a range of international organizations; (f) laying out and implementing of Action Plan on the IPPC Enhancement Evaluation.

**3. The Theme of the Meeting.** In terms of Strategic Planning on IPPC, the Secretary highlighted four aspects, (a) increasing in overall capacity to implement the Convention; (b) strengthening internal coordination within IPPC and external cooperation with relevant international organizations (professional and financial); (c) focusing on Standard Setting, Implementation Facilitation, and Integration and Support; and (d) providing better service and support to Food Security, the Protection of Biodiversity, Environment Safety, and Trade Safety. Regarding Renewing of the IPPC Secretariat, the Secretary stressed four elements: (1) moving towards ONE IPPC; (b) increasing in internal cohesion and external influence; (c) taking the actions of reshaping the structure, regrouping the responsibilities, and renewing the operational mechanism; (d) showcasing the new structure, new mechanism, new performance, and new image.

**Finally**, Dr. Xia urged all staff of the IPPC Secretariat to work hand in hand and side by side in order to move IPPC and its Secretariat towards a bright future.

### **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.

## The links used in NROs

Sometimes links to national websites are provided when reports are uploaded on the IPP. If not checked regularly these links often stop working with time. In June this year, the IPPC Secretariat contacted (by email) IPPC Contact Points regarding links used in NROs which became obsolete requesting their update. The update can be done by either providing a new working link or replacing a link with a new file. 30 countries were contacted about 110 obsolete links. So far only 19 links were adjusted.

If you have not done so yet, please check the links used in your country's NROs and update them accordingly if needed. In future, please check the links used in NROs regularly.

## The IPP editors' verification exercise

The role of the IPP editor is to manage the country's information, including the uploading of reports on National Reporting Obligations, on the International Phytosanitary Portal on behalf of the Contact Point.

In August this year the IPPC Secretariat has contacted (by email) IPPC Contact Points who appointed the IPP editor or editors in the past requesting them to confirm their validity and their email addresses. In cases where the Contact Point wished to appoint a new editor (as a replacement of the previous one or a new one), they were asked to provide the IPPC Secretariat with [the completed nomination form](#).

Please check the email of the Contact Point or login to the IPP website to check the details regarding the IPP editors of your country. Then, if it has not been done already, confirm the existing editor/s or inform us about the change or a need to register a new IPP editor by writing to [ippc@fao.org](mailto:ippc@fao.org) or [dorota.buzon@fao.org](mailto:dorota.buzon@fao.org).

## Changes among Contact Points in July 2015

In July 2015, the following entities nominated new Contact Points:

OCP	Information Point	Local Contact	RPPO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Saudi Arabia</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nauru</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• French Guiana</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NAPPO</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tajikistan</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guadeloupe</li></ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Martinique (continuation)</li></ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mayotte</li></ul>	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Réunion</li></ul>	



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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