



NROs Update

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Pest reporting and pest surveillance

Pest reporting is frequently the product of pest surveillance which is one of the responsibilities of a NPPO of an IPPC CP. In particular, pest surveillance should cover:

- ◆ growing plants, including both areas under cultivation (inter alia fields, plantations, nurseries, gardens, greenhouses and laboratories) and wild flora,
- ◆ plants and plant products in storage or in transportation

with the object of reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests, and of controlling those pests. The IPPC IRSS has spent considerable efforts in recent years addressing national surveillance needs, the relevant IPPC standards and implementations challenges.

Given the importance of surveillance to the IPPC, an IPPC Expert Working Group (EWG) for the Revision of the ISPM No. 6: *Guidelines for Surveillance* met in October in New Zealand. The EWG analyzed, among others, the findings from the IPPC's IRSS questionnaire, reviewed the issues discussed at the Global Symposium on Plant Pest Surveillance, and considered the content of the IPPC draft manual on surveillance. The EWG proposed to add new sections to the ISPM to explain more clearly how and why to perform general and specific surveillance, and details were added with the aim to provide guidance to NPPOs on the establishment of dynamic and efficient pest surveillance systems. The revised draft ISPM will be presented to the SC in May 2016 for possible member consultation in 2016.

The outcome of discussions will be presented to CPM-11 (2016) at a side session on "standard setting and surveillance".

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.



Reporting on emergency action

The IPPC Convention text stipulates an obligation to report emergency action (Art VII paragraph 6):

Nothing (...) shall prevent any contracting party from taking appropriate emergency action on the detection of a pest posing a potential threat to its territories or the report of such a detection. (...) The action taken shall be immediately reported to contracting parties concerned, the Secretary, and any regional plant protection organization of which the contracting party is a member.



According to ISPM No. 5:

- ◆ emergency action: a prompt phytosanitary action undertaken in a new or unexpected phytosanitary situation;
- ◆ phytosanitary action: an official operation, such as inspection, testing, surveillance or treatment, undertaken to implement phytosanitary measures.



Since the year 2002 only 23 reports on emergency action were made available by 16 countries on the IPP. To date, 6 reports have been reported since the beginning of 2015, while no reports at all were made in 2014. At the same time, according to an analysis of pest reports available on the IPP – about 30% of pest reports out of 479 uploaded by countries have elements of emergency action embedded in them.

During the NROAG meeting in July 2014 the underreporting of emergency action was one of the subjects discussed. One of the short term goals established by NROAG in regard to an emergency actions was to request a study for IRSS to explore constraints to meet emergency action reporting. However, in June 2015 during the Bureau meeting it was decided that such an analysis should be done within the NRO framework.

Therefore, a questionnaire to explore constraints to meet emergency action reporting prepared by the Secretariat with advice from NROAG will soon be sent to the CPs. Having collected the responses, the Secretariat will prepare the summary analysis with the aim of having it available before CPM-11 2016. OCPs are kindly asked to participate in that survey. The more response the Secretariat will receive from CPs the more accurate and useful the analysis will be.

Did you know?

The "NROs UPDATE" is now available in a new format in 5 FAO languages: Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish. You can find all the previous editions [here \(Volume 1 Issue 1-6\)](#) and [here \(Volume 2 Issue 1-7\)](#).



Statistic on reports regarding the Description of the NPPO on the IPP (date valid: 31 October 2015)

Description of the NPPO	January-October 2015				
	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports	New	Updated
Africa	49	26	39	3	3
Asia	25	15	20	2	2
Europe	45	30	39	2	5
Latin America & Caribbean	33	21	48	5	5
Near East	15	2	3	0	0
North America	2	2	3	0	0
South West Pacific	13	14	24	8	7
Total	182	110	176	20	29

Description of the NPPO		October 2015	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	Singapore	1	0
Europe	Sweden	1	0
Latin America & Caribbean	Chile, Ecuador	1	2
Near East	-	0	0
North America	-	0	0
South West Pacific	-	0	0

Changes among Contact Points in October 2015

In October 2015, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:
Turkey, Yemen.



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

USEFUL LINKS

The role of the IPPC Contact Point

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/role-ippc-official-contact-points/>

A nomination form for the IPPC Contact Point

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ippc-official-contact-point-notification-form/>

A nomination form for the IPP editor

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ipp-editor-nomination-request-nppos/>

"User and Editor Guide to the IPP" (2013) and Guide to the IPP (Module IV) NEW VERSION (February 2015)

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/user-and-editor-guide-international-phytosanitary-portal/>
<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/80405/>

General info on NROs

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/>

NROs UPDATE: previous editions

<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-official-contact-point/>
<https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/information-exchange/nro/the-year-of-the-organization-of-the-nppo/>

Summary of NRO reports provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/>

List of IPPC Contact Points

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/contactpoints/>

Summary of pest reports provided by countries

<https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/all/pestreport/>



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