



NROs Update

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Emergency action and emergence measure

According to the Glossary of phytosanitary terms (ISPM No. 5) an emergency action and emergency measure are interlinked but not synonymous operations.

- ◆ An **emergency action** is described as a prompt phytosanitary action undertaken in a new or unexpected phytosanitary situation.

While as a phytosanitary action the following is understood: an official operation, such as inspection, testing, surveillance or treatment, undertaken to implement phytosanitary measures.

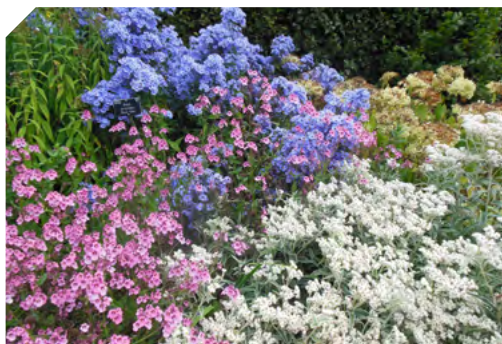
- ◆ An **emergency measure** is described as a phytosanitary measure established as a matter of urgency in a new or unexpected phytosanitary situation. An emergency measure may or may not be a provisional measure.

While as phytosanitary measure the following is understood: any legislation, regulation or official procedure having the purpose to prevent the introduction or spread of quarantine pests, or to limit the economic impact of regulated non-quarantine pests.

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

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.



New manuals on a NPPO: its establishment and operation

The new manuals concerning the establishment and operation of a NPPO became recently available: "[Establishing a National Plant Protection Organization](#)" and "[Operation of a National Plant Protection Organization](#)". They are available in English at: <http://www.phytopsanitary.info/>.

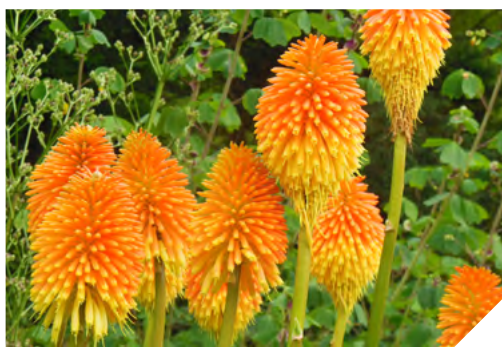
The IPPC Technical Resources are developed by the IPPC Secretariat under the direction of its Capacity Development Committee (CDC). They support the implementation of the IPPC and its standards and are intended to be globally-relevant, and available for adaption for country and regional needs.

"[Establishing a National Plant Protection Organization](#)" presents a guide to understanding the principal requirements for establishing an organization to protect national plant resources from pests. This manual aims to provide information to support the establishment of a functional NPPO as the competent and legally responsible body for regulatory plant protection functions, as outlined in the International Plant Protection Convention.

It acknowledges that most countries already have an organization in place and that the choice of a new or updated model for that organization is the responsibility of the contracting party. The guide therefore addresses the key elements and considerations that contracting parties may use to review and upgrade their NPPOs with respect to fulfilling the functions outlined by the IPPC.

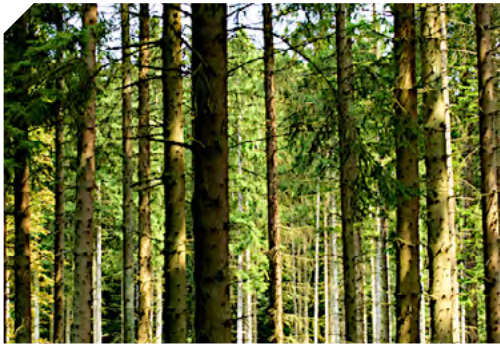
"[Operation of a National Plant Protection Organization](#)" presents a guide to understanding the principal requirements for operating an organization to protect national plant resources from pests. This manual provides information on the operational procedures and actions required of a functional NPPO.

It suggests an overall strategic framework and outlines the main areas to consider when operating and managing core programmes. In addition, the guide describes the supporting environment (including the stakeholders) needed by an NPPO to maintain the required level of efficiency, effectiveness and acceptability of phytosanitary activities.



Did you know?

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. OCPs are kindly asked to participate in that survey.



Statistic on reports regarding the Description of the NPPO on the IPP (date valid: 30 November 2015)

Description of the NPPO				January-November 2015	
Region	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	6
Latin America & Caribbean	33	21	48	5	11
Near East	15	3	5	2	0
North America	2	2	3	0	0
South West Pacific	13	14	24	8	7
Total	182	111	178	22	29

Description of the NPPO		November 2015	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	-	0	0
Latin America & Caribbean	-	0	0
Near East	Iran, Yemen	2	0
North America	-	0	0
South West Pacific	-	0	0

Changes among Contact Points in November 2015

In November 2015, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:
Burkina Faso, Mali, Sri Lanka.



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-ipcc-official-contact-points/>

A nomination form for the IPPC Contact Point

<https://www.ippc.int/en/publications/ipcc-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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