



# NROs Update

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## NPPO objectives

The objectives of an NPPO within the context of national development plans may be translated into three broad areas of responsibility:

- ◆ to protect plant resources (including cultivated, wild and aquatic plants) through implementation of appropriate phytosanitary measures;
- ◆ to support national food security and a healthy environment through effective pest exclusion procedures;
- ◆ facilitate market access and safe international trade in agricultural commodities by establishing effective phytosanitary certification systems and procedures.

The fulfilment of these objectives requires a well-organized, fully functional NPPO with appropriate national, regional and international networks.

You can find more information on the key factors contributing to the establishment of such an NPPO in a new manual that became recently available: "[Establishing a National Plant Protection Organization](#)". It is available in English at: <http://www.phytoprotective.info/>.

## 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.



## Structure of the NPPO

Having a robust structure of the NPPO that would cope with all the IPPC responsibilities over time is essential in keeping an appropriate level of phytosanitary protection in a country.

The Chapter 6 (page 19) of in a new manual that became recently available: "Establishing a National Plant Protection Organization" describes in more detail principles regarding the required infrastructure and organizational structure of an NPPO that should be followed while establishing such an organization.

You can find there (page 21) an Organogram of the functions that should be fulfilled by an NPPO (an example for an autonomous NPPO) where the NPPO is organized by branches (technical management, pest diagnostics and operational services) required to perform the basic functions (national programmes) in PRA, import verification, export certification, pest surveillance, regionalization (including containment, control, eradication and freedom from pests) and phytosanitary training and promotion.

You can also familiarize yourself in the manual with 5 models of an NPPO illustrating institutional arrangements which you might find helpful:

- ◆ Model 1: Plant protection and quarantine sections or departments of the Ministry of Agriculture functioning as the NPPO;
- ◆ Model 2: The Ministry of Agriculture as the designated NPPO;
- ◆ Model 3: NPPO with some key functions delegated to third parties;
- ◆ Model 4: Semi-autonomous or autonomous organization;
- ◆ Model 5: Integrated institution.

The NPPO institutional structure varies from country to country and is influenced by policy and legal considerations, availability of resources and national competencies. More recently, models with greater autonomy or an integrated approach (associating plant health competencies, as well as animal health and food security ones) have been adopted, as they are more appropriate to fulfilling broader functions.

All models have strengths and weaknesses and only after a careful analysis a country should take decision about the most appropriate model for its use.

### Did you know?

The next meeting of the Commission on Phytosanitary Measures (CPM-11) will take place in Rome, Italy from 4th until 8th of April 2016.



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

Description of the NPPO				January-December 2015	
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports	New	Updated
Africa	49	26	38	3	3
Asia	25	14	20	2	2
Europe	45	32	39	2	7
Latin America & Caribbean	33	22	49	5	12
Near East	15	3	5	2	0
North America	2	2	3	0	0
South West Pacific	13	12	24	8	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>



Description of the NPPO		December 2015	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	Ukraine	0	1
Latin America & Caribbean	-	0	0
Near East	-	0	0
North America	-	0	0
South West Pacific	-	0	0



### Changes among Contact Points in December 2015

In December 2015, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:  
Jordan, Mauritania.





## 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

### 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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