



# NROs Update

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## NPPO: legal aspects

The NPPO should be defined by national legislation as the official service established by the government to perform the functions specified by the IPPC. The national legislation (including law and regulations) should give the NPPO the legal authority and sole responsibility for its functions, as outlined by the IPPC. That legislation should be consistent with the national constitution and guided by regional and international treaties, in order to function properly in a global trading environment.

The legislation should, among other things:

- ◆ be independent and accountable in function, creating predictability and certainty through good governance and respect for the rule of law;
- ◆ have a clear definition of functions and powers, and clarify the roles, responsibilities and rights of stakeholders;
- ◆ establish a clear hierarchical relationship with subnational authorities;
- ◆ provide for implementation of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures.

You can find more information on the legal provisions connected with an NPPO in a new manual: "Establishing a National Plant Protection Organization" available in English at: <http://www.phytosanitary.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.



## Effective operation of an NPPO

A fully functioning NPPO safeguards agriculture and the environment from the negative impact of pests. By working closely with other relevant stakeholders (including government and the private sector) it maintains an effective national system to prevent the introduction and spread of pests. Achieving these goals requires a strategic plan and the necessary technical, legal and managerial capacity, as well as the ability to mobilize resources.

### Strategic planning

The plan should include a clear vision, mission statement, strategic objectives and organizational culture, as well as detailed action items. At the same time, the planning process provides an opportunity for partners and staff to establish a common language and engage in the NPPO's work to achieve its goals.

### Phytosanitary capacity

In general it includes the policies, laws, regulations and operational procedures that provide the framework for plant protection, as well as the mechanisms for management, communication and coordination among the different organizations involved. At the individual level, it includes knowledge, skills, competencies, experience and ethics.

### Legal capacity

The legal capacity should include, among others, sound primary and secondary phytosanitary legislation based on the IPPC provisions; clear written procedures and administrative support for enforcement of legal provisions; ability to develop manuals and operational procedures based on phytosanitary regulations.

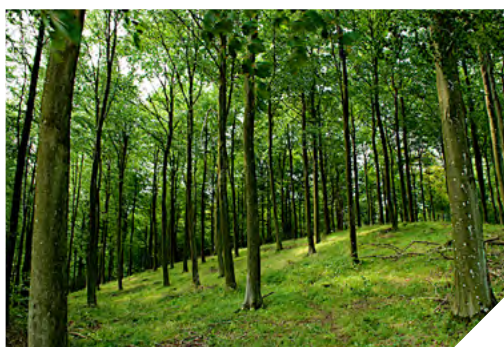
### Management capacity

All programmes (e.g. pest surveillance, import regulation, export certification, regionalization, treatment and diagnostics) need to be managed properly by qualified personnel prepared according to their responsibilities.

### Resource mobilization

The NPPO should ensure that adequate and sustainable resources are available. In many cases, government budgetary provisions to NPPOs are insufficient and can change yearly with changing governmental priorities.

You can find more information on the effective operation of an NPPO in a new manual: "[Operation of a National Plant Protection Organization](#)" available in English at: <http://www.phytosanitary.info/>.



## Did you know?

This year's pre-CPM Capacity Development Training Session will be held on 3rd April 2016 (Sunday before the CPM-11) in Rome, Italy and will concentrate on the ISPM 32: Categorization of commodities according to their pest risk.

It will include the introduction, practical examples and exercises useful in understanding this standard.



### Statistic on reports regarding the Description of the NPPO on the IPP (date valid: 31 January 2016)

Description of the NPPO				January 2015 - January 2016	
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	8
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>31</b>

Description of the NPPO		January 2016	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	Turkey	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 January 2016

In January 2016, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:  
Honduras.



## 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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