



NROs Update

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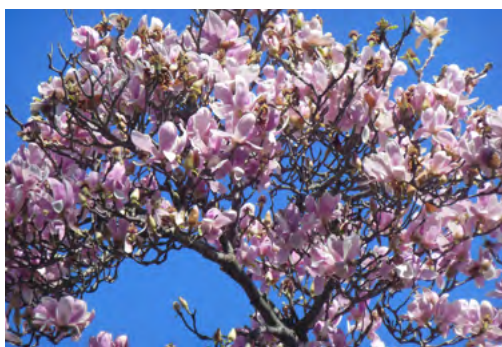
In July 2014, during the first meeting of the National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group (NROAG), it was agreed that every year would be dedicated to a different national reporting obligation.

The period up to CPM-10 in 2015 became the NRO Year of the IPPC Official Contact Point focusing on Official Contact Points' awareness raising and increasing their activity in general. The period up to CPM-11 (April 2015 / March 2016) became the NRO Year of the Organization of the NPPO focusing on different aspects of the functioning of National Plant Protection Organization. Both campaigns raised awareness and contributed into the increased reporting in both areas by Contracting Parties.

In April 2016, during CPM-11, IPPC Contracting Parties agreed pest reporting was a priority, therefore the period leading up to CPM-12 will become the NRO Year of Pest Reporting (April 2016 to March 2017). The "NROs UPDATE" will provide general information about pest reporting, related standards and recommendations, technical advice for IPP editors, statistical information and the latest developments in that area. The objective is to increase general awareness of this NRO ensuring there is an increase in number and a better quality of pest reports uploaded by CPs on the [International Phytosanitary Portal](#).

The Year of Pest Reporting

This series of newsletters Vol. 3 (01-12) will be published from April 2016 to March 2017 and will mainly focus on issues relevant to national pest reporting. Please make sure you read them all.



Pest Reporting – general overview

The references to pest reporting in the IPPConvention:

Article IV.2(b): „*The responsibilities of an official national plant protection organization shall include (...): the surveillance of growing plants, including both areas under cultivation (inter alia fields, plantations, nurseries, gardens, greenhouses and laboratories) and wild flora, and of plants and plant products in storage or in transportation, particularly with the object of reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests, and of controlling those pests, including the reporting referred to under Article VIII paragraph 1(a).*”

Article VIII.1(a): „*The contracting parties shall cooperate with one another to the fullest practicable extent in achieving the aims of this Convention, and shall in particular (...) cooperate in the exchange of information on plant pests, particularly the reporting of the occurrence, outbreak or spread of pests that may be of immediate or potential danger, in accordance with such procedures as may be established by the Commission.*”

Type of reporting: Event driven = triggered by a specific event

Method of reporting: Public = made available by Contracting Parties through the International Phytosanitary Portal (www.ippc.int)

Entity responsible for pest reporting: NPPO and Contracting Party

Languages in which reporting should be conducted (according to Article XIX of the IPPC): Art XIX 3 (d) sets forth that notes giving bibliographical data and a short summary of relevant documents on information provided according to Article VIII paragraph 1(a) shall be in at least one of the official languages of FAO.

Reasons why pest reporting is important:

- ◆ It forms a basis for cooperation among CPs.
- ◆ It contributes towards the identification of phytosanitary risks.
- ◆ As mentioned in the preamble of IPPC, avoidance of spread and introduction of pests of plants.

Relevant International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures:

The responsibilities of and requirements for CPs in pest reporting are set out in ISPM No.17 "Pest reporting", as adopted by ICPM-4 in 2002.

Did you know?

Pest reports is the NRO category with the highest number of reports available on the IPP - 524 reports so far. It also shows the most stable improvement every year, which has ensured over 50 reports each year since 2012.



Statistics on Pest Reporting on the IPP (data valid: 31 March 2016)

Pest Reports (state until December 2015)			
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	12	45
Asia	25	8	40
Europe	45	13	133
Latin America & Caribbean	33	16	81
Near East	15	0	0
North America	2	2	113
South West Pacific	13	9	97
Total	182	60	509

Pest Reports		January - March 2016	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	South Africa	1	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	France, Netherlands	8	0
Latin America & Caribbean	-	0	0
Near East	-	0	0
North America	USA	4	0
South West Pacific	-	0	0

Changes among Contact Points in March 2016

In March 2016, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:
Algeria, Bhutan, Paraguay.



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/>

Guide to the IPP (Module IV) NEW VERSION (February 2015)

<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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