



# NROs Update

NATIONAL REPORTING  
OBLIGATIONS' NEWSLETTER

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## Pest reporting through Regional Plant Protection Organizations

In accordance with Article VIII.1(a) of the IPPC, Contracting Parties cooperate in the exchange of information on plant pests. CPs may also undertake their pest reporting through their RPPOs. Already in 2009 CPM-4 endorsed reporting through an RPPO. CPs need, however, to liaise with their RPPO first to ensure that they have a mechanism to allow pest reporting in this way.

Should a CP wish to provide pest reports through its RPPO, the CP needs to provide the Secretariat with a signed form notifying that they are using this possibility/option for reporting. The CP can withdraw from pest reporting through RPPO and continue reporting directly to the Secretariat. The Secretariat needs to be informed about this change. The form for contracting parties to provide legal authority to RPPOs to undertake pest reporting on their behalf is available on the [IPP](#).

Regarding the current status of a possibility to pest report through RPPOs, the IPPC Secretariat has been working with EPPO for the past few years to create this mechanism and it is intended to have this completely operational (out of the pilot phase) in the next few months. The IPPC Secretariat has also been working more recently with PPPO on this issue and NAPPO will consider this in the second half of 2016.

## 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 continued

**NRO Procedures adopted by CPM-11 in April 2016 following the recommendations of National Reporting Obligations Advisory Group:**

1. Art. VIII 1(a) of the International Plant Protection Convention sets out that the reporting of pests will be undertaken "... in accordance with such procedures as may be established by the Commission ...". The responsibilities of and requirements for Contracting Parties in reporting the occurrence, outbreak and spread of pests in areas for which they are responsible are set out in [ISPM No.17 "Pest reporting"](#), as adopted by ICPM-4 in 2002.

2. All reporting requirements established under [ISPM No.17 "Pest reporting"](#) are fully met when pest reports are published through [the International Phytosanitary Portal](#).

3. Pest reports can also be made through existing RPPOs on condition that a CP signs an appropriate form to satisfy the legality of that action and the technical mechanism exists for the exchange of such data.

4. A pest report should contain important information that allows Contracting Parties to adjust as necessary their phytosanitary import requirements and to take actions taking into account any changes in pest risk.

5. When in doubt as to the qualification of a pest as a "pest of immediate or potential danger" and therefore its reporting, the reporting of any pest is desirable.

### **Main constraints encountered by Contracting Parties in pest reporting:**

- ◆ A large number of Contracting Parties do not have the capacity to undertake pest reporting in a sustainable manner.
- ◆ Political commitment to pest reporting is required. The awareness on this issue should be increased to achieve this goal.
- ◆ National surveillance systems need to be strengthened. Capacity development for surveillance and pest identification is needed for some Contracting Parties.

### Did you know?

The IPPC Secretariat has been working on a new NRO manual which will be available soon. It is based on the NRO Procedures adopted during CPM-11.



## Statistics on Pest Reporting on the IPP (data valid: 30 April 2016)

Pest Reports			
Region	Number of contracting parties	Number of reporting parties	Number of reports
Africa	49	12	46
Asia	25	8	40
Europe	45	15	143
Latin America & Caribbean	33	16	81
Near East	15	0	0
North America	2	2	118
South West Pacific	13	9	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>525</b>



Pest Reports		April 2016	
Region	Reporting party	New	Updated
Africa	-	0	0
Asia	-	0	0
Europe	Lithuania, Turkey	2	0
Latin America & Caribbean	-	0	0
Near East	-	0	0
North America	USA	1	0
South West Pacific	-	0	0



## Changes among Contact Points in April 2016

In April 2016, the following countries nominated new Contact Points:  
Benin, Brazil, Czech Republic, Japan, Saint Kitts and Nevis.





## 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/>

#### 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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