

# The International Plant Protection Convention

## IPPC Regional Workshop 2016

IRSS Helpdesk and studies, the Phytosanitary Resources webpage and IPPC technical resources



# Outline

**IRSS Helpdesk**

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# Implementation Review and Support System (IRSS)

- The IRSS is a mechanism to:
  - provide key strategic and analytical support to the units of the IPPC Secretariat and the implementation pilot on surveillance
  - conduct case studies on emerging plant health issues
  - define future implementation priorities
  - provide support and assistance to contracting parties seeking help in implementation of the Convention and ISPMs, through management of the *IRSS Helpdesk*

# IRSS Helpdesk

The IRSS Helpdesk aims to provide support and assistance to contracting parties by providing general and specific help services, including:

- Question and Answer (Q&A) Forum
- A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Links to the Phytosanitary Resources webpage

The IRSS Helpdesk is located on the International Phytosanitary Portal (IPP) at <https://www.ippc.int/en/irss/>

# IRSS Helpdesk

## *Question and Answer Forum (Q&A)*

**An interactive question and answer forum providing support to contracting parties and offers opportunities for collaboration and greater efficiency in access to and exchange of information.**

**To facilitate use of the Q&A Forum posts are requested to be made in English to increase the widest audience understanding and response.**

**The Q&A forum has previously been accessible to contracting party Official Contact Points, Editors and the IPPC Secretariat, however it is now open to any registered IPP user.**

# IRSS Helpdesk exercise

## Using the Q&A Forum

Log into the IPP with your username and password

Go to the IRSS Q&A Forum page and select the 'Ask a Question' box

Fill in the question fields and select the submit box

- Question title
- Optional background information

Your question will be sent to the IPPC Secretariat for moderation and then will be made live for response

**Try accessing the Q&A forum to ask a question!**

# IRSS studies

## IRSS studies on emerging plant health issues

The IRSS conducts case studies on emerging plant health issues to identify the challenges and opportunities for contracting parties implementation of the Convention and ISPMs.

Recent IRSS case studies include:

- **Diversion from Intended Use: Consideration of the extent of the issue**
- **The Biosecurity Approach: A review and evaluation of its application by FAO, internationally and in various countries**

The IPPC Secretariat welcomes your thoughts on implementation topics to study under the IRSS project.

# Phytosanitary Resources webpage

Technical resources available for your use

**The Phytosanitary Resources webpage now contains:**

- over 330 contributed resources that have been reviewed for relevance to the Convention and ISPMs
- 20 technical resources developed under the project STDF 350: Global Phytosanitary Manuals, Standard Operating Procedures and Training Kits
- Roster of experts
- Events calendar
- Photographic resources from IPPC Photo Contests
- IPPC Advocacy material



# Phytosanitary Resources webpage

Technical resources available for your use

Technical resources available include manuals, training kits and e-learning to support implementation of the core functions of national plant protection organizations (NPPOs)

All resources are technically compatible with the Convention and ISPMs and are globally relevant so can be adapted by contracting parties to their country's phytosanitary system needs

- Surveillance
- Diagnostics
- CPM participation
- Market access
- Transit
- NPPO Establishment
- NPPO Operations
- Stakeholder management
- Import verification
- Export certification

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